

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB3157H1

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Wardrup

**3. Committee** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title** Elections; candidate filing requirements.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires independent and primary candidates to pay a filing fee for expenses equal to the greater of \$50 or two percent of one year's minimum annual salary for the office unless a candidate provides an affidavit that he is indigent. Provides a formula for calculating signatures required on candidate petitions for the House of Delegates and local elections of 0.25 percent of registered voters or 50 registered voters, whichever is greater. Retains exceptions for certain small towns and soil and water conservation districts.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** See item 8

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This proposal will not change the current fee structure for federal or statewide elected officials. Current law, §24.2-524A, requires that candidates for all federal and statewide elected offices must pay a state a primary fee to State Board of Elections for deposit into the "state primary fee fund" where it is to be used to help defray the Commonwealth's expenses for the primary. The section authorized refunds of the fee in the event the prospective candidate does not become a candidate. In FY2006 a total of \$59,472 was deposited to the fund out of which \$39,648 was refunded.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Election, local electoral boards

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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c: Secretary of Administration