

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB423

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Puckett

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses

**4. Title:** **Department of Environmental Quality; State Air Pollution Control Board and State Water Control Board**

**5. Summary:** The bill outlines the qualifications of the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and members of the State Air Pollution Control Board and Virginia Waste Management Board. It establishes a process to provide for public hearings when there is substantial public interest in the permit, and the factors for board consideration in making a permit decision. Additionally, the membership of the State Air Pollution Control Board is increased from five to seven.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Environmental Quality, the increase of two additional Air Pollution Control Board members will result in an annual cost increase of \$3,000 per year for travel and per diem expenses. These and other incremental costs will be absorbed in the existing agency operating budget.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality, State Air Pollution Control Board and Virginia Waste Management Board.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The bill includes enactment clauses which exempt permit action prior to July 1, 2008, exempt regulatory action necessary to implement the provisions from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act, and sets the term for the additional board positions.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources