

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

**1. Bill Number:** SB423

House of Origin    ☐   Introduced    ☒   Substitute    ☐   Engrossed  
Second House      ☐   In Committee   ☐   Substitute    ☐   Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Puckett

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

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

**5. Summary:** The substitute 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:** Preliminary. 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