

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB534

House of Origin      X     Introduced                 Substitute                 Engrossed  
Second House                In Committee             Substitute                 Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Herring

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**            **Campaign finance disclosure; where and how to file candidate reports.**

**5. Summary:** Beginning January 1, 2009, requires candidates for the General Assembly and for local or constitutional offices in counties and cities with a population greater than 100,000 to file campaign finance disclosure reports electronically with the State Board of Elections. Present law gives General Assembly and local candidates the option to file electronically with the State Board. The bill applies statewide to the General Assembly candidates and to the Counties of Fairfax, Prince William, Henrico, Chesterfield, Arlington, and Loudoun and the Cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Richmond, Newport News, Hampton, Alexandria, and Portsmouth with respect to local candidates.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are minimal:**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	\$0		
2009	\$7,500		General
2010	\$0		
2011	\$0		
2012	\$0		
2013	\$0		
2014	\$0		

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There is no cost savings to the State Board of Elections for requiring General Assembly candidates and certain local candidates to file electronically. This bill simply expands the number of local candidates and General Assembly candidates that would file electronically with the Board.

The technology and infrastructure to file electronically is already set up, but there would be a small programming and system modification cost to allow local candidates to file electronically. This modification would capture the annual population estimates for counties and cities and cross-match the data to local candidates' filling records. Modification costs would be approximately \$7,500 (75 programming hours @ \$100 per hour). The State Board

of Elections would use its current information technology resources to make the appropriate changes to its databases, resulting in no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections, designated counties and cities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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