

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1425

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

**2. Patron:** Deeds

**3. Committee:** House committee assignment pending

**4. Title:** **Conflict of interests; establishment of disclosure database.**

**5. Summary:** SB 1425, as engrossed, provides that the information contained in the disclosure of personal interests statements filed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, any candidate for these offices, the Governor's Secretaries, members and members-elect of the General Assembly shall be entered into a searchable electronic database that is available to the public through the Internet. The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House are responsible for establishing and maintaining the database for the members and members-elect of the appropriate house and the Secretary of the Commonwealth is responsible for establishing and maintaining the database for the other officials.

**6. Fiscal impact:** Minimal.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the offices of the Clerks of the House of Delegates and the Senate were contacted about the fiscal impact of this bill. The office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth reported the bill has no fiscal impact.

The offices of the Clerks of the House and Senate indicate that staff resources and training will be necessary. Also, both offices anticipate the need for additional computer software to accomplish the task required by the bill. However, they can't be certain until the specifics of the system are decided. For example, the timeframe for creating the database is not clear. Both offices believe they can absorb the costs with current appropriations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Clerk of the House of Delegates  
Clerk of the Senate of Virginia  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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