

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB824

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

**2. Patron:**        Miller, Y.B.

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**        **Presidential elections; enters compact Agreement Among States to Elect Pres. by Nat'l Popular Vote.**

**5. Summary:** Enters Virginia into an interstate compact known as the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. Article II of the United States Constitution gives the states exclusive and plenary authority to decide the manner of awarding their electoral votes. Under the compact, Virginia agrees to award its electoral votes to the presidential ticket that receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The compact goes into effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes have joined the compact. A state may withdraw from the compact; however, a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of a President's term shall not become effective until a President or a Vice President has qualified to serve the next term.

**6. No fiscal impact.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Current state election systems would not be affected should Virginia change the way in which electoral college votes are awarded.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Administration