

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB173

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

**2. Patron:**        Deeds

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**        **Bipartisan Redistricting Commission created.**

**5. Summary:** Establishes a seven-member temporary commission to prepare redistricting plans in 2011 and each tenth year thereafter for the House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. Appointments to the commission shall be made one each by the four majority and minority party leaders of the House and Senate and by the state chairmen of the two major political parties. Those six appointees shall appoint the seventh member and chairman for the commission. If they cannot agree, they shall submit the names of the two persons receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court for the court to select the chairman. The commission will prepare plans and submit them as bills to the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall then proceed to act on the bills in the usual manner. The bill provides for commission comments on plans as they change in the legislative process. It also spells out the standards and process to be followed by the commission in preparing plans, including limitations on the use of political data and opportunities for public comment on the plans.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See #8 below

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. Funding for redistricting was provided during the 2009 General Assembly Session.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Staff at the Division of Legislative Services report that during the 2009 General Assembly Session \$180,600 was allocated for redistricting efforts. In addition, they report that both houses are considering an amendment providing an additional \$41,000, which will be used to purchase a more powerful server and related computer equipment to analyze census data and outfit eight additional workstations for legislators and citizens to query the redistricting efforts.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Division of Legislative Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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