

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB199

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Blevins

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: **Compensation and expenses of clerks of certain circuit courts; Virginia Beach.**

5. Summary: Requires the City of Virginia Beach to assume the salaries and expenses of the circuit court clerk's office and allows the City to retain the funds the office collects.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 422.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Compensation Board, the fiscal impact resulting from the proposal could be \$1.67 million to the general fund. This potential fiscal impact is based upon estimates of FY10 clerks' fees, FY11 expenditures as proposed in HB30, and the currently retained level of two-thirds of excess fees to the Commonwealth's general fund. Based upon fee collections and expenditure amounts in FY07 through FY09, the excess fee amounts ranged from \$1.5 to \$2.5 million.

The Board further stated that this bill seeks to have the City of Virginia Beach retain all Clerks' fees and pay all expenses of the Clerk's office, as is currently the case for the City of Richmond and the City of Newport News. The City of Roanoke also does this, but by City charter and not by the same Code section as is being amended in this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Compensation Board, circuit court clerks statewide.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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