

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB446

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Bipartisan Redistricting Commission created.

5. Summary: Establishes a seven-member temporary commission to prepare redistricting plans in each year ending in one for the House of Delegates, Virginia 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 of Virginia 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. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation is silent as to whether members of the commission or advisory council shall receive compensation or reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses. If it is anticipated that members will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses, you can estimate that cost at approximately \$75 per meeting, per member. This figure is an assumption based on the composition of the commission and where they are from. The commission will also incur costs for outside counsel or experts and public hearings.

Staff support is to be provided by the Division of Legislative Services and it is reasonable to expect they will incur cost in providing staff support.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: no

11. Other Comments: n/a

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