

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1296-ER

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Vacancies in elected offices; term of office; special elections.

5. Summary: Requires that if the office filled at the November or May general election is vacant, then the term of office for the officer chosen at the November or May election shall begin when the officer has qualified and taken the oath of office, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of § 24.2-200, Code of Virginia. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no election to fill a vacancy shall be ordered or held if the general or special election at which it is to be called is scheduled within 75 days of the end of the term of the office to be filled for the United States Senate or House of Representatives. No special election to fill a vacancy in an office shall be held on the same day as the general election at which that office is regularly scheduled to be filled.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: House Bill 1296 is not expected to result in a state fiscal impact. The bill is not expected to generate any cost savings because the special election would run concurrent with the general election. The resulting change would be one less item on the ballot. This bill is also not expected to eliminate all special elections but only the special elections that are scheduled on the same day as a general election that are filling the same office.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This legislation is a companion to Senate Bill 1066 (Obenshain).

c: Secretary of Administration