

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1333 – H1

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Campbell

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Polling places; designation of authorized representatives of political parties.

**5. Summary:** Provides that the state or district chairman of a political party may sign the written statement designating an authorized representative of the party. Such authorized representatives are allowed to remain in the room while the election is conducted and to be present when voting equipment is examined prior to the polls opening, when election results are ascertained, and when the validity of provisional votes is determined. Currently, only the county or city chairman may sign such a statement.

The substitute clarifies no written designations made by state or district party chairmen shall take precedence over those made by the relevant county, city or jurisdiction chairmen.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact. The Department of Elections expects the bill will require updates to educational and instructional documents, forms, and web materials. All such costs have been already been included in existing Department contracts and projects; therefore, this legislation is not anticipated to have a state fiscal impact. Training and information will also be provided to officers of election and voters regarding the new requirements as part of the officers of election required training.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, localities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** The amendments adopted by the House Privileges and Elections Committee did not change the fiscal impact of this legislation.

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