

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1644

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

2. Patron: Villanueva

3. Committee: House Transportation

4. Title: Commonwealth Transportation Board membership; align with congressional districts.

5. Summary: Replaces the current nine member citizen construction district alignment of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) with one based on congressional district representation, increasing membership from 18 to 20 members in total. The number of nonlegislative construction district citizen members will increase from nine to 11, and the number of at-large members and ex officio members will remain unchanged at five and four, respectively. The bill also stipulates that no existing CTB member's tenure will be affected if he or she was appointed before January 1, 2015, so long as each member is transitioned into a citizen member seat according to the congressional district for the rest of that member's term.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: If it is assumed that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will not have to discard its current structure based on nine construction districts, minor costs will be involved to reconfigure agency websites, maps, manuals, and other materials to reflect the changes provided by this bill, and recurring costs will be involved in making changes due to subsequent redistricting and covering any related costs with having two additional CTB members. However, if VDOT is forced to perform a full-scale realignment of its planning, financing, and construction programs to adopt the 11-district orientation, costs could be significant, including fabricating and installing new signage for its facilities, updating its financial and project management systems, and other administrative actions whose cost cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth Transportation Board, VDOT, and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None