

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 129

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

2. **Patron:** Bell

3. **Committee:** Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

4. **Title:** HB 129 Local government; publication of notices for charter changes, referenda, and public hearings, etc.

5. **Summary:** Local government; publication of notices for charter changes, referenda, and public hearings, etc.; alternatives. Gives localities alternatives to publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality for legal ads and other notices of proposed action. These alternatives include publication in at least two of the following forms of publication: (i) in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, including such newspaper's online publication, if any; (ii) on the locality's website; (iii) on any public access channel operated by the locality, to be aired during prime-time programming and at least two other times during the day; (iv) using any automated voice or text alert systems used by the locality; or (v) posting at the local public library established pursuant to § 42.1-33, if any. In addition, the bill provides that any resident of the locality annually filing a written request for notification with the locality shall be provided notice by the locality in a manner mutually agreed upon by the locality and such individual. The request shall include the resident's name, address, zip code, daytime telephone number, and email address, if available. In selecting the methods of publication, the bill requires the locality to publish/advertise in a manner gauged to ensure that the maximum number of persons within the locality are likely to be informed of the existence and content of the proposed action. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Not Applicable

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016			
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			
2022			

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016		
2017		
2018		
2019		
2020		
2021		
2022		

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** Per § 30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission on Local Government has determined that this bill does not warrant preparation of a Fiscal Impact Statement because the bill does not require a net additional expenditure by an county, city, or town, nor does it require a net reduction of revenues by any county, city, or town.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** No
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No
- 11. Other Comments:** N/A