

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB247

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ward**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections**4. Title:** Voter referendum; independent redistricting commission.

5. Summary: Provides for a statewide referendum on the question of whether the General Assembly should adopt a resolution to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that would establish an independent redistricting commission to create and propose redistricting plans for House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, and congressional districts. The results would be advisory only and are intended only to demonstrate the preference of the citizens of the Commonwealth on the manner in which electoral districts are created. The referendum would be on the ballot at the next general election at which a proposed constitutional amendment or statewide referendum is being submitted to the voters.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 86 (Electoral Services).**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – see Item 8.**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$0	0.00	-
2017	\$131,158	0.00	GF
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-
2021	\$0	0.00	-
2022	\$0	0.00	-

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 30-19.9, Code of Virginia, requires the State Board of Elections to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about constitutional amendments. The estimated one-time cost relating to one amendment is \$131,158, which is based on the cost of advertising and printing for proposed 2014 constitutional amendments. This amount consists of approximately \$129,403 in newspaper advertising costs and \$1,755 for printing costs of pamphlets and posters. The newspaper advertising costs associated with this bill may be slightly mitigated since the bill includes a provision that it only be presented to voters alongside another constitutional amendment or statewide referendum.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This legislation is similar to SB191 (Miller).