

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB553

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

2. Patron: Minchew

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Congressional and state legislative districts.

5. Summary: Provides criteria for the General Assembly to observe in drawing districts, including respect for political boundaries, equal population, racial and ethnic fairness, contiguity, compactness, and communities of interest. The bill provides that the failure or inability to maintain strict conformance to these criteria in the drawing of any legislative or congressional district shall not be a basis for invalidating the plan establishing such district. If any legislative or congressional district is not drawn in conformance to the criteria, the bill requires that findings of fact shall be made in writing, outlining and explaining the points of nonconformance, and adopted concurrently with the adoption of the plan establishing such district.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 24.2-404, Code of Virginia, requires the Department of Elections to provide general registrars voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters and notice to registered voters on the system changes and corrections in their registration records and polling places. The Department of Elections cannot estimate the number of voters affected by this bill; therefore, the fiscal impact for the Department of Elections cannot be determined at this time.

The proposed legislation is expected to have a local fiscal impact because localities are responsible for mailing voter information letters, for which mailing costs are estimated to be \$0.49 per voter.

This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact for the Division of Legislative Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections, Division of Legislative Services, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This legislation is similar to HB26 (Sullivan), HB555 (Landes), SB59 (Howell), and SB495 (Sturtevant).