

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB59-S1

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

**2. Patron:** Howell

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Congressional and state legislative districts; standards and criteria for drawing 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. Use of political data or election results is prohibited unless necessary to determine if racial or ethnic minorities are able to elect candidates of their choice. This bill incorporates Senate Bill 495.

**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:** The substitute version of Senate Bill 59 incorporates Senate Bill 495 (Sturtevant). The fiscal impact for the substitute version of Senate Bill 59 is identical to the fiscal impact of the introduced version of Senate Bill 59. This legislation is similar to HB26 (Sullivan), HB553 (Minchew), and HB555 (Landes).