

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1933

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

2. **Patron:** Carr

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Candidate withdrawal; notice of withdrawal; information to voters.

5. **Summary:** Requires any candidate who withdraws prior to the election for which he had qualified to have his name printed on the ballot to provide notice of his intent to withdraw. The bill states that notice may be provided by (i) a written and signed statement filed with the general registrar or (ii) a statement made by the candidate to a newspaper having general circulation in the jurisdiction, in an interview with news media broadcasted by a television station, or published on a website or social media account paid for or authorized by the candidate. If notice is provided by a statement made by the candidate to a newspaper having general circulation in the jurisdiction, in an interview with news media broadcasted by a television station, or published on a website or social media account paid for or authorized by the candidate, the general registrar is required to send a letter by certified mail to confirm the candidate's withdrawal, and the candidate is required to submit a written and signed statement to the general registrar confirming or denying the withdrawal. The bill also requires a List of Withdrawals to be posted in each polling place and distributed to the voters whenever a candidate withdraws and the ballots are not corrected to delete the candidate's name.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No Fiscal Impact**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, general registrars, and localities.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.