

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB846

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: Lucas

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Virginia Interim Redistricting Commission; criteria for remedial redistricting plans.

5. Summary: The bill provides for the establishment of the Virginia Interim Redistricting Commission (Commission) when any congressional or state legislative district drawn as required by Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia is declared unlawful or unconstitutional, in whole or in part, by order of any state or federal court. The Commission is tasked with determining and submitting to the General Assembly and the Governor a redistricting plan remedying such unlawful or unconstitutional district. The bill also provides criteria by which the Commission is to draw remedial districts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill does not create an immediate or definitive state fiscal impact, as the Commission is only established in the event that one or more of Virginia's congressional or state legislative districts is declared unconstitutional or unlawful in a court.

In the event the Commission is established, impacts are anticipated for the provision of office space and staffing support of the Commission to perform assigned duties. The bill is silent to the delivery of these services. Traditionally, these services for legislative commissions are assigned to the Division of Legislative Services (DLS). The bill is also silent as to the provision of funding to the Commission. DLS currently has \$180,600 appropriated each year of the current biennium for redistricting and states the costs of the additional support for legal counsel, demographic experts, and other necessary staff support are currently indeterminate.

The Department of Elections indicates that the agency does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation. However, they do state there would be an indeterminate cost associated with the provision of office space and staffing support of the Commission if so required.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.