

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1213

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

2. Patron: Head

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Constitutional amendment (ballot bill); powers of General Assembly; suspension or nullification.

5. Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 6, 2018, election to approve or reject an amendment that would permit the General Assembly to suspend or nullify any or all portions of any administrative rule or regulation by a joint resolution agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each house. The amendment would also grant the General Assembly the authority to authorize a legislative committee or legislative committees acting jointly or a legislative commission to suspend any or all portions of any administrative rule or regulation while the General Assembly is not in a regular session. Such suspension would continue until the end of the next regular session.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 83.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2018 | - | - | |
| 2019 | \$158,517 | - | General Fund |
| 2020 | - | - | |

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 \$158,517, which is based on the cost of advertising and printing proposed 2016 constitutional amendments. This amount consists of approximately \$135,873 in newspaper advertising costs and \$22,644 for printing of pamphlets and posters.

If the referendum is approved, any resulting fiscal impact is indeterminate and would depend on factors such as the number and extent of any administrative rules or regulations that are suspended or nullified as well as the specific rules or regulations affected.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/29/2018