

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1216

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

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Redistricting; Geographic Information System maps required; review by the Department of Elections.

5. Summary: Requires the clerk of the county, city, or town to send a Geographic Information System (GIS) map, along with the ordinance containing a description of the boundaries, to the local electoral board, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Department of Elections, and the Division of Legislative Services when redistricting local election districts or making any changes to the local election districts or precincts. The bill requires the Department to review any ordinance and GIS map received and compare the boundaries contained within with the information in the voter registration system to ensure voters have been assigned to the correct districts and to direct any corrections to be made if necessary. The Department is further required to maintain and make available on its official website maps showing the current election district and precinct boundaries of each county and city.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 83.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2018 | - | - | |
| 2019 | \$255,500 | 1 | GF |
| 2020 | \$255,500 | 1 | GF |
| 2021 | \$255,500 | 1 | GF |
| 2022 | \$255,500 | 1 | GF |
| 2023 | \$255,500 | 1 | GF |
| 2024 | \$255,500 | 1 | GF |

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the proposed legislation is expected to have an ongoing annual fiscal impact of \$255,998 beginning in fiscal year 2019. The fiscal impact includes one full-time GIS coordinator at an annual cost of \$135,500, in addition to hardware, licensing, and data storage costs. The bill requires ELECT to maintain and make available on its website maps showing the current election district and precinct boundaries of each locality. ELECT is also required to review and

compare ordinances and GIS map boundaries with information in the voter registration system upon changes in local election districts or precincts adopted by localities.

ELECT does not currently maintain maps of local election districts and precincts or systematically compare information in the voter registration system using GIS when localities adopt changes to their boundaries. ELECT also currently has limited capacity to handle additional workload with its current staffing level. Therefore, an additional staff member is expected to be required to handle the additional workload and have the necessary expertise to fulfill the requirements of the bill.

The estimated impact includes information technology costs of \$120,000 for one production server with disaster recovery, one user acceptance testing server, and data storage, based on the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) fiscal year 2018 rates. It also includes \$135,500 in salary and benefits for a new GIS Coordinator position at a base salary of \$85,000. According to ELECT, additional costs may be incurred for software licenses for the servers that are currently undetermined.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/25/2018