

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1587

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

**2. Patron:**    Convirs-Fowler

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**    Redistricting; State Board of Elections to ensure correct district assignments of voters.

**5. Summary:** Provides that the State Board of Elections is responsible for ensuring that voters are assigned to the correct districts throughout the Commonwealth. The bill requires the State Board to promulgate instructions and guidelines for a periodic review conducted by the electoral boards or general registrars of the district assignments of voters within their localities, including a timeline for conducting the review and directions for making necessary corrections. The bill also requires the State Board to direct the Department to conduct an annual review of the district assignments of voters in the Commonwealth and to make any necessary corrections. In conducting this review, the Department shall review the reapportionment ordinances and maps sent to the State Board pursuant to law and compare the boundaries contained within with the information in the voter registration system. The State Board may require the Department to submit a report on the results of the annual review.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 83

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary. See Item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	-	-	
2019	\$195,500	1	General Fund
2020	\$195,500	1	General Fund
2021	\$195,500	1	General Fund
2022	\$195,500	1	General Fund
2023	\$195,500	1	General Fund
2024	\$195,500	1	General Fund

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the proposed legislation is expected to have an ongoing annual fiscal impact of \$195,500 beginning in fiscal year 2019. The fiscal impact includes one full-time program coordinator at an annual cost of \$135,500, in addition to hardware, licensing, and data storage costs. The bill requires ELECT to conduct an annual review of voter district assignments, including a comparison of

the boundaries contained within reapportionment ordinances and maps sent to the State Board of Elections pursuant to law with the information in the voter registration system.

ELECT does not normally conduct systematic reviews of voter district assignments or maintain maps of local election districts capable of doing so. 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 \$60,000 for one server with disaster recovery and data storage in order to utilize and maintain geospatial information system (GIS) maps to compare boundaries with voter district assignments. Estimated IT costs are based on the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) fiscal year 2018 rates. The impact estimate also includes \$135,500 in salary and benefits for a new program coordinator position at a base salary of \$85,000. According to ELECT, additional costs may be incurred for software licenses for the server, which is currently undetermined.

**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.

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