

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB534

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

**2. Patron:** Freitas

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Method of nominating party candidates; repeal of incumbent selection.

**5. Summary:** Removes the power of General Assembly incumbents seeking reelection to determine the method of nomination. The bill also removes the requirement that a primary be the nomination method for incumbent officeholders, other than incumbent members of the General Assembly, under certain circumstances. The bill does not affect the current power of duly constituted authorities of the political party to determine the method of nominating party candidates.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – no state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 2/5/2018