

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

**1. Bill Number:** HB540

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Freitas

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; definition of party or political party.

**5. Summary:** Changes the definition of "party" or "political party" to mean an organization of citizens of the Commonwealth that, at either of the two preceding statewide general elections, received at least three percent of the total vote cast for any statewide office filled in that election. Currently, to be defined as a party or political party, such an organization must receive at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for any statewide office filled at either of the two preceding statewide general elections.

**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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/31/2018