

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB71

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

2. Patron: Miyares

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Constitutional amendment; real property tax exemption for spouse of disabled veteran.

5. Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 6, 2018, election to approve or reject an amendment to the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different principal place of residence. Similar real property tax exemptions provided in the Constitution of Virginia to (i) the surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action and (ii) the surviving spouses of certain emergency services providers killed in the line of duty allow the surviving spouse to move to a different principal place of residence and still claim the tax exemption.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 83 (Electoral Services)

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$0	-
2019	\$158,517	General
2020	\$0	-
2021	\$0	-
2022	\$0	-
2023	\$0	-
2024	\$0	-

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.

The referendum, if approved, would allow for the exemption of real property for certain surviving spouses from taxation. The Department of Taxation indicates the impact to local revenues is currently unknown.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB900.

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