

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB153

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 type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; form of ballot; order of independent candidates.

5. Summary: Clarifies the documents that independent candidates must file to appear on a ballot and requires the offices that receive the documents to record the time and date of the filing so as to establish a "time of filing for the office," defined in the bill. The bill specifies that a candidate is responsible for providing proof of the dates and times at which all relevant documents have been filed and that the general registrar or the Department of Elections is required to give to the candidate or candidate's designee a written receipt with the time and date of the completed filing. The general registrar or Department of Elections is also required to maintain a copy of the receipt until the election has been certified and there are no contests pending.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, ELECT considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. However, the agency will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources. If so, ELECT will identify the costs at that time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, Localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/22/2018