

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB718

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Chase

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Congressional and state legislative districts.

5. Summary: Provides criteria for the General Assembly to observe in drawing districts, including respect for political boundaries, equal population, racial and ethnic fairness, contiguity, compactness, and communities of interest. The bill prohibits use of political data or election results unless necessary to determine if racial or ethnic minorities can elect candidates of their choice.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 24.2-404, Code of Virginia, requires the Department of Elections to provide general registrars voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters and notice to registered voters on the system changes and corrections in their registration records and polling places. The number of voters affected by this bill cannot be determined.

The proposed legislation should not have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Elections. The additional costs the agency may incur include updating instructions and guidance documents to include translation, and, if needed, changes to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS), changes to web materials, printing and distribution of forms, additional support for staff to research Code sections and update forms impacted by the legislation, and training to assure officers of election and voters are aware of any changes.

The Division of Legislative Services does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, Division of Legislative Services, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB 740 and SB 752.

Date: 1/16/2018