

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1003

House of Origin	<input checked="" 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:** Chase

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Congressional & state legislative districts; criteria for General Assembly to observe in drawing.

**5. Summary:** Provides criteria for the General Assembly to observe in drawing districts, including equal population, racial and ethnic fairness, contiguity, compactness, and respect for political boundaries communities of interest. The bill prohibits use of political data when drawing districts, except as may be necessary to ensure that racial or ethnic minorities are able to elect a preferred candidate of choice in a district drawn pursuant to applicable federal and state laws and judicial decisions addressing racial and ethnic fairness.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections 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, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

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 changes in their registration records and polling places. The number of voters that may be affected by the standards and criteria for drawing districts pursuant to this bill cannot be determined.

The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Division of Legislative Services.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/21/2019