

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB323

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:** Peake

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Virginia Independent Redistricting Review Commission; split precincts.

**5. Summary:** Establishes the seven-member Virginia Independent Redistricting Review Commission for the purpose of reviewing redistricting plans adopted by the General Assembly to ensure that precincts are wholly contained within election districts at every level. A plan containing any precinct that is split among two or more election districts requires the approval of the Commission for its enactment. The bill requires that when reviewing such a plan, the Commission determine whether the precinct was split in an effort to ensure that the population of each district is as nearly equal to the population of every other district as practicable and whether population equality of the districts can be achieved to the extent necessary without splitting the precinct.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Indeterminate – see Item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill is silent as to the compensation and staffing of the Commission. Therefore, such costs are indeterminate. Traditionally, the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia cover member compensation and reimbursement of reasonable expenses. Assuming this is the case, the House estimates its proportion of such costs to be \$3,720 each year and the Senate estimates its proportion would also be \$3,720.

Services for legislative commissions are traditionally assigned to the Division of Legislative Services (DLS), which would include legal, research, policy analysis and other services that may be requested by Commission. Assuming DLS will be staffing the Commission, the fiscal impact is indeterminate. If the Commission's responsibility is solely limited to reviewing split precincts as part of the normal redistricting process, DLS can absorb any fiscal impact with current resources.

The Department of Elections does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** House of Delegates; Senate of Virginia, Division of Legislative Services, and Virginia Department of Elections.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/30/2018