

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB913

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: Review of voter assignments in districts throughout the Commonwealth.

5. Summary: Directs each county, city, and town to review the assignment of voters within its jurisdiction to ensure that voters are assigned to the correct districts. The electoral board and general registrar of each county, city, or town shall conduct this review by comparing the information in the voter registration system with the boundaries of the districts and precincts set out in a Geographic Information System (GIS) map of the locality and shall make corrections to incorrect assignments as necessary, assisted by the State Board of Elections upon request. The bill requires this review to be completed not later than the 2018 November general election. After the conclusion of its review and after making any necessary corrections, each locality is required to submit to the State Board a report of the results of its review and any corrections to voter assignments that were made. The State Board is required to report the statewide results to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 2019 Session.

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

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The impact of the bill is indeterminate, as the Department of Elections (ELECT) does not have a base line to determine the frequency that it may be required to assist local registrars and electoral boards. The bill also directs ELECT to provide GIS maps to every electoral board and general registrar upon the request of the board and registrar.

ELECT does not currently maintain maps of each county, city, or town to make available to electoral boards and general registrars upon the request. To obtain this information the agency would need to develop GIS maps or obtain the information elsewhere. With the requirement that the review be completed prior to the November 2018 general election, ELECT anticipates it would have to obtain maps from a third party. ELECT also currently has limited capacity to handle additional workload with its current staffing level. Therefore, an additional staff member may be required on a temporary basis to handle the additional workload and have the necessary expertise to fulfill the requirements of the bill.

Additional information technology costs may also be incurred. Estimated information technology costs are unknown at this time.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/30/2018