

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1362

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Aird

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: General registrars; certification requirement; removal from office.

5. Summary: Provides for a certification program to be conducted by the State Board of Elections for the general registrars. The bill requires each general registrar to complete the certification program and receive certification within the 12 months following initial appointment or any subsequent reappointment; failure to do so shall result in removal from office. The State Board is authorized to grant a waiver requested by a local electoral board to extend, on a case-by-case basis, the 12-month deadline. The State Board is required to develop a training curriculum for the certification program and standards for completing the program and maintaining certification, including required hours of annual training. No fees shall be charged to a general registrar for any required training as part of the certification program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No; sufficient funding is included in Item 86 of HB/SB30 as introduced.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation requires the Department of Elections (ELECT) to develop and conduct a certification program for general registrars.

Current statute requires general registrars to attend an annual training provided by ELECT. The Department of Elections received additional funding of \$405,000 in FY 2020 in Chapter 854, 2019 Acts of Assembly, from the general fund along with two training positions to develop and maintain an enhanced and more robust training program for local election officials, including general registrars. Additional funding and another position was subsequently provided in HB/SB30, bringing the total additional ongoing annual funding to \$525,399 and three training positions in HB/SB30 from the general fund for such purposes, and is expected to be able to support the development and continuation of a general registrar certification program, as required by the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, local general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 3/6/2020