

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB216-H1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Helmer

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Nomination of candidates for elected offices; primary election or partisan nomination process.

5. Summary: Provides that a political party committee may not select a nomination method that will have the practical effect of excluding participation in the nominating process by qualified voters who are unable to attend meetings because they are (i) a member of a uniformed service, as defined in § 24.2-452, on active duty; (ii) temporarily residing outside of the United States; (iii) a student attending a school or institution of higher education; or (iv) a person with a disability. However, such restriction shall not apply when selecting a candidate for a special election or nominating a candidate to fill a vacancy if the nominee of any party dies, withdraws, or have his nomination set aside, or in the event that no candidate files the required paperwork for his candidacy by the deadline prescribed.

The second enactment clause of the substitute bill provides that its provisions shall become effective January 1, 2023.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: February 6, 2020