

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB539

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:** Carr

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** State Board of Elections; activities related to the supervision of local electoral boards and gene

**5. Summary:** Requires that the State Board of Elections' supervision of the work of the local electoral boards and general registrars ensure that major risks to election integrity are identified and assessed and addressed as necessary to promote election uniformity, legality, and purity. The bill authorizes the State Board to develop and implement a certification program for general registrars to ensure that the general registrars are sufficiently trained to effectively administer elections

**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 and that its supervision of the work of the local electoral boards and general registrars ensure that major risks to election integrity are identified and assessed and addressed as necessary to promote election uniformity, legality, and purity.

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, general registrars, and localities.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/27/2020