

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB539-E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" 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 general registrars.

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.

As engrossed, the bill no longer authorizes the State Board to develop and implement a certification program for general registrars, as was provided in the introduced version of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Elections is expected to meet the bill's requirements within its existing resources and elections oversight-related activities. The bill requires the Department of Elections (ELECT) to ensure that major risks to election integrity are identified and assessed and addressed as necessary to promote election uniformity, legality, and purity in its supervision of the work of local electoral boards and general registrars.

Current statute requires the State Board of Elections, through Department of Elections, to supervise and coordinate the work of local electoral boards and general registrars to obtain uniformity in their practices and proceedings and legality and purity in all elections and to ensure they are properly trained to carry out their duties. Members of local electoral boards and general registrars are also required 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.

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: 2/11/2020