

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB612

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

**2. Patron:** Lucas

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol; removal of Robert E. Lee statue.

**5. Summary:** This bill creates the Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol to provide for the removal of the Robert E. Lee statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol and to recommend to the General Assembly as a replacement a statue of a prominent Virginia citizen of historic renown or renowned for distinguished civil or military service to be commemorated in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

The Commission will consist of six members appointed as follows: one member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; two nonlegislative citizen members who are Virginia or American historians appointed by the Governor; one nonlegislative citizen member appointed upon the vote of the Commission members appointed by the Speaker, the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Governor; and the Director of the Department of Historic Resources, who serves ex officio with nonvoting privileges. The Department of Historic Resources will provide staff support to the Commission.

The Commission also will be required to (i) select a sculptor for the new statue, with preference given to a sculptor from Virginia; (ii) estimate the costs associated with the replacement of the Robert E. Lee statue, including costs related to construction and placement of the new statue, for the removal and transfer of the Robert E. Lee statue, and for any unveiling ceremony of the new statue; and (iii) recommend to the General Assembly a suitable state, local, or private nonprofit history museum in the Commonwealth for placement of the Robert E. Lee statue.

The bill requires the Commission to hold at least one public hearing prior to making any recommendation to the General Assembly on a new statue and requires the costs of the Commission's work to be borne by the Commission from such private funds as are collected by the Commission and general funds as are appropriated by the General Assembly.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item eight.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate, see item eight.

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, as expenditures would depend on the location and the number of meetings held each year. Based on the anticipated expenditures associated with the compensation of members and staff support for an assumed four meetings, which is the average number of meetings for a commission of this nature, the Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegates each anticipate that their respective portions of member compensation, meeting, and staffing expenditures each year will be \$1,200. The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) anticipates that expenditures associated with providing staff support to the Commission will be an estimated \$2,572 annually. In addition, DHR's expenditures to support the three nonlegislative members of the Commission will be an estimated \$1,800 each year and the expenditures to reimburse the two legislative members for their travel expenses will be an estimated \$1,320 each year.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The House of Delegates; The Senate of Virginia; Department of Historic Resources.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.
- 11. Other Comments:** This bill is the companion to HB1406 and HB181.