

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2082

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Mark H. Levine

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Redistricting; Virginia Redistricting Commission; transparency in redistricting process.

5. **Summary:** Requires meetings and hearings of the Virginia Redistricting Commission to be livestreamed, whether held virtually or in person, and to allow for public comment. Meetings and hearings that are held in person are required to be conducted in different regions of the Commonwealth, including the Northern Virginia region, the Central Virginia region, the Hampton Roads region, the Southside region, and the Southwest region. An additional public hearing is required to be held in the event that the initial plan for districts submitted by the Commission is rejected by the General Assembly. If adjustments are made to a proposed plan at any stage in response to public comment, the adjusted proposed plan is required to be published on the Commission's website and a public hearing is required to be held. The bill subjects the Supreme Court of Virginia and the special masters appointed by the Court for the establishment of districts to the same requirements and restrictions to which the Commission is subject, including provisions related to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the ban on ex parte communications.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill is not expected to create an additional fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Redistricting Commission, Department of Corrections, Division of Legislative Services, Virginia Supreme Court

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

11. **Other Comments:**