

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1524

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Rouse

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; filling vacancies in certain local offices.

5. Summary: Eliminates the option for a circuit court to appoint persons to temporarily fill vacancies on a local governing body in instances where the governing body fails to do so. The bill also clarifies that in instances where the circuit court is required to make such appointments due to vacancies in a majority of positions on the local governing body, those appointed shall hold office only until the vacancies are filled by special election.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation may have a fiscal impact; however, it is not possible for the Department of Elections (ELECT) to estimate the cost because it will be determined by the number and frequency of special elections.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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