

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB799

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Englin

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; information to be provided to voters.

5. Summary: The bill requires the State Board of Elections to mail a voter guide to all registered voters in advance of the November general election with information on pending constitutional amendments, statewide referenda, and candidates for statewide or General Assembly office. The bill also authorizes localities to provide voter guides for local elections.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are tentative.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2008	\$0		
2009	\$9,000,000		General
2010	\$9,000,000		General
2011	\$9,000,000		General
2012	\$9,000,000		General
2013	\$0		
2014	\$0		

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 89 HB/SB 30.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections would be required to print and mail materials to approximately 4.5 million registered voters in Virginia in every year in which a statewide general election is to be held. The estimated cost to print and mail materials is two dollars per voter. Voter population for each year is based on number of registered voters as of January of FY 2008.

Calculations

4.5 million voters x \$2 estimated material and shipping cost per voter

Local electoral boards would also authorize, but not require, localities to provide voter guides for local elections. The local fiscal impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local electoral boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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