

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1102

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

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Campaign finance disclosure; where and how to file candidate reports.

5. Summary: Requires candidates, beginning January 1, 2010, for local or constitutional offices in counties and cities with a population greater than 100,000 to file campaign finance disclosure reports electronically with the State Board of Elections. Present law gives local candidates the option to file electronically with the State Board. The bill applies to the Counties of Fairfax, Prince William, Henrico, Chesterfield, Arlington, and Loudoun and the Cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Richmond, Newport News, Hampton, Alexandria, and Portsmouth.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$0	
2010	\$15,000	General
2011	\$15,000	General
2012	\$15,000	General
2013	\$15,000	General
2014	\$15,000	General
2015	\$15,000	General

6b. Revenue Impact is indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 89.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections will incur costs of on-going maintenance and support for campaign finance applications due to the large volume increase in campaign finance report filings from local candidates. Local candidates currently have the option to file with the local electoral board or with the State Board of Elections. Savings to local electoral boards may result if expenses associate with local candidate filing are no longer necessary.

The agency modified its campaign finance software in 2006 at cost of \$42,000 to accept optional filings by local candidates. The agency did not include on-going maintenance and support costs resulting from the upgrade. This legislation will result in additional costs to process a greater number of reports.

Implementation of campaign finance report filing fees through the State Board of Elections was a strategy approved in the Governor's December 2008 Reduction Plan, so revenue to offset the need for additional general fund dollars may be realized if such legislation is approved.

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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