

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2032

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

2. Patron: May, J

3. Committee: Science and Technology

4. Title: Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings.

5. Summary: This bill permits regional public bodies to conduct electronic meetings in the same manner as state public bodies. It also removes the requirement that public bodies hold at least one meeting each year at which no member participates using electronic means. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact estimates are not available.

8. Fiscal Implications: Both the proposal to allow regional public bodies to hold electronic meetings, and the proposal to eliminate the current requirement that public bodies hold at least one meeting each year at which no member participates using electronic means, would create some moderate cost savings through reduced travel cost reimbursement.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies except for the Virginia Parole Board and the Virginia State Crime Commission, and local governments which are part of regional public bodies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/15/13