

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2213

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

**2. Patron:** Morrissey

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Candidate petitions; requirements, review of signatures, appeals.

**5. Summary:** Provides that independent candidates for office and groups of qualified voters seeking to have slates of electors placed on the presidential ballot have a right to appeal a determination by the State Board of Elections or local electoral board, as the case may be, that their petitions lack the minimum number of signatures of qualified voters required for the particular office. Notice of disqualification must be provided by regular mail or email, and the candidate or group has seven calendar days from the issue of the notice to file an appeal. The State Board is to develop procedures for the conduct of appeals. The bill also reduces the required number of petition signatures from 10,000 statewide and 400 per congressional district to 5,000 statewide and 200 per congressional district for candidates in presidential primaries, independent groups seeking to have slates of electors placed on the presidential ballot, and independent candidates for statewide offices

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that localities and SBE bear the cost of conducting the appeals. This legislation could potentially save in litigation expenses from both the Virginia Division of Risk Management and for the localities for appeals that run their course and do not require formal litigation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** General Registrar's offices, Electoral Board members, State Board of Elections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** n/a

**11. Other Comments:** None

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