

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB742

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| 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: Miller, J.C.

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Virginia Redistricting Commission created.

5. Summary: Establishes a five-member commission to prepare redistricting plans for the House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. Appointments to the Commission shall be made one each by the four majority and minority party leaders of the House and Senate. Those four appointees shall appoint the fifth member and chair of the Commission. If they cannot agree on the fifth member by a majority of at least three members, they shall submit the names of the two persons receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court of Virginia for the Court to select the chairman. The Commission will prepare plans and submit them as bills to the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall then proceed to act on the bills in the usual manner. The bill provides for Commission comments on plans as they change in the legislative process. The bill also spells out the standards and process to be followed by the Commission in preparing plans, including limitations on the use of political data and opportunities for public comment on the plans.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation is silent as to whether members of the Commission shall receive compensation or reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses. The legislation is also silent as to whether the members of the Commission can be members of the Virginia General Assembly.

If it is anticipated that Commission members are members of the General Assembly, and are eligible to receive compensation, the fiscal impact would constitute \$200 a day, plus reasonable and necessary expenses estimated at \$75 a day. The Commission will have a total of five members.

The legislation does indicate that the Commission must hold at least three public meetings in a different congressional district upon release of the redistricting plan, but is silent to a mandatory number of meetings.

Staff support is to be provided by the Division of Legislative Services and it is reasonable to expect they will incur cost in providing staff support.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: n/a

11. Other Comments: none

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