

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB233S1

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

**2. Patron:** Bell, Robert B.

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Sex offenders; grants circuit court discretion to accept name change applications.

**5. Summary:** Provides that applications for a change of name by persons for whom registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is required pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1 may only be accepted by a court after a finding that good cause exists for such application. The bill also provides a mechanism for the attorney for the Commonwealth to bring an independent action to have an order granting a change of name voided.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final (see Item #8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on the operations of the court system. In the event the attorney for the Commonwealth seeks to have an order granting a change of name voided, the clerk of the court is required to transmit a certified copy of the new order to impacted state agencies. Although some agency processes and procedures may need to be modified, it is anticipated that the process changes can be implemented utilizing existing agency resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, court clerks, Department of Motor Vehicles, State Board of Elections, Department of Health and Worker's Compensation Commission

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None