

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB956

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Chafin

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; filings by candidates and political parties.

**5. Summary:** Elections; filings by candidates and political parties. Streamlines the processes by which candidates and political parties file various required filings. The bill also requires that candidates for the General Assembly file electronically the reports required by the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006; currently, filing these reports electronically is optional.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that local electoral boards will save money by no longer being required to receive and maintain General Assembly candidate statements and reports. Clerks of local governing bodies will no longer have to send notifications to SBE for incumbent candidate Statement of Economic Interests filings. There will be additional cost reductions by ending the requirement for SBE to handle the receipt and distribution of the Statements of Economic Interests for local incumbent candidates. In order to implement the requirement for party chairs to notify SBE of nomination method, SBE will need to update forms, but these costs can be absorbed into the agency's normal annual update of all of its forms and guidance.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections, all localities

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

Date: January 17, 2014

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