

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1300

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:** Ware

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; costs of primaries; reimbursement to localities.

**5. Summary:** Requires the proper political party committee to reimburse in full each county and city conducting a primary election at the direction of the Commonwealth. The bill also shifts payment of the costs of a presidential primary election from the Commonwealth to the proper political party committee.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** HB1300 states that each county and city shall be reimbursed in full by the proper political party committee for the costs of the presidential primary. The bill does not state whether the Department of Elections will be reimbursed for the costs it incurs during the presidential primary. For the 2012 presidential primary, Item 470 J. of Chapter 2, Special Session I, 2012 Acts of Assembly provided up to \$3.0 million to reimburse localities and the State Board of Elections for the presidential primary expenses. Out of that amount, up to \$270,000 was allocated to reimburse the State Board of Elections.

The presidential primary is held the first Tuesday in March preceding the November election (§ 24.2-544, *Code of Virginia*). Political party chairmen must notify the State Board of Elections of their party's intention to hold a primary 90 days before the primary.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

C: Secretary of Administration

Date: January 20, 2015

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