

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1463

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

**2. Patron:** Rasoul

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; definition of 'party' or 'political party'.

**5. Summary:** Changes the definition of "party" or "political party" to mean an organization of citizens of the Commonwealth that, at either of the two preceding statewide general elections, received at least four percent of the total vote cast for any statewide office filled in that election. Currently, the threshold is 10 percent of the total vote cast for any statewide office filled at either of the two preceding statewide general elections.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would lower the threshold for an organization to qualify as a political party. Current state law requires the Commonwealth to reimburse localities for the costs of presidential primary elections. The Department of Elections (ELECT) indicates that there may be additional marginal costs as more parties participate in the presidential primaries. Please note that pending legislation (HB1300) would shift the reimbursement requirement to the respective political parties, rather than the Commonwealth.

**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 21, 2015

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