

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1485

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

**2. Patron:** Sullivan

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Congressional and state legislative districts; standards and criteria.

**5. Summary:** Provides criteria for the General Assembly to observe in drawing districts, including respect for political boundaries, equal population, racial and ethnic fairness, contiguity, compactness, and communities of interest. Use of political data or election results is prohibited unless necessary to determine if racial or ethnic minorities can elect candidates of their choice.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Fiscal impact is indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Elections is currently required to purchase and mail card stock to localities in order to print voter cards for voters affected by redistricting. The cost of providing card stock is estimated to be \$20,000 for every 66,667 voters affected; however, the number of voters that may be affected by the bill is indeterminate, as it is dependent on the lines established during the redistricting process.

Localities are normally responsible for mailing voter cards, for which mailing cost is estimated to be \$0.49 per voter.

A currently pending bill, HB2062, was introduced in the 2015 General Assembly Session, which would no longer require the Department of Elections to provide voter cards. If HB2062 is passed, the Department would not incur the cost of card stock for voters affected by redistricting. Localities would likely still bear mailing costs to provide confirmation documents to voters affected by redistricting.

There is no expected fiscal impact to the Division of Legislative Services.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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