

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2211

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ward

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Bipartisan Virginia Redistricting Commission.

5. Summary: Provides for a statewide referendum on the question of whether the General Assembly should adopt a resolution to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia that would establish an independent redistricting commission to create and propose redistricting plans for House of Delegates, state Senate, and congressional districts. The results would be advisory only and are intended only to demonstrate the preference of the citizens of the Commonwealth on the manner in which electoral districts are created. The referendum would be held at the November 2015 general election.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 83

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2016 | \$131,158 | 0 | GF |
| 2017 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2018 | 0 | 0 | |

7b. Revenue Impact: None

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections is required to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice of state referendums, per § 30-19.10, Code of Virginia. It is estimated that the cost of providing public notice for a referendum with question will be approximately \$131,158. This estimate is equal to the cost of providing public notice of a constitutional amendment on the ballot during the 2014 General Election, which included advertisements in 11 newspapers in addition to printing costs for pamphlets and posters.

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: This bill is identical to SB824.

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