

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1237-ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Reeves

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Senate districts; adjustments.

**5. Summary:** Changes district assignments of census blocks in Albemarle County between Districts 17 and 25 in order exchange two precincts and to reunite two split precincts. The district population deviations remain at less than two percent from the ideal district population.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final; 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. The Department of Elections cannot estimate the number of voters affected by this bill at this time because it does not maintain data that ties precinct boundaries to census blocks, which are the basis of redistricting adjustments in this bill.

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

Another bill, HB2062, is currently pending 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.

This bill is not expected to impact 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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