

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB840

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: Watkins

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Congressional and state legislative districts.

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: Preliminary - 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 number of voters that may be affected by the bill is indeterminate, as it is dependent on the lines established during the redistricting process.

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 card stock. If HB2062 is passed, the Department would not incur this cost for 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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