

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB88-ER

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: General registrars and members of electoral boards; annual training, office closures for training.

5. Summary: Requires each member of an electoral board to attend an annual training program provided by the State Board of Elections in the first year of his appointment and in the first year of any subsequent reappointment. The bill also requires the general registrars to attend an existing annual training program provided by the State Board; currently, a general registrar may designate a staff member to attend. If a general registrar is unable to attend the annual training program due to a personal or family emergency, he may designate one member of his staff to attend such training program. The bill also provides for the closure of the offices of the general registrars for training purposes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the legislation would increase the number of electoral board members who would attend the annual training program, which would also increase the number of people eligible for reimbursement for expenses under § 24.2-108, Code of Virginia. Expenses incurred for attending the annual training program, including mileage, are reimbursed by the localities, not the state. The agency expects that an increase in the number of attendees could increase other state expenses, including food and facility-related costs. However, due to the high level of attendance at the most recent annual training program, ELECT does not expect this bill would result in a significant state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections, electoral boards, general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The bill, as amended by the Senate, authorizes a general registrar to designate one member of his staff to attend the annual training program if he is unable to attend because of a personal or family emergency.