

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB496

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: Sturtevant

3. Committee: Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee; Virginia State Bar

5. Summary: Codifies the procedures used by the Virginia State Bar to evaluate and recommend candidates for election by the General Assembly to the appellate courts, the federal courts, and the State Corporation Commission.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 52

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would require the Virginia State Bar Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee (JCEC) to evaluate candidates for every judicial vacancy. Further, the bill requires the JCEC to evaluate vacancies that occur within the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Currently, the JCEC does not evaluate candidates for SCC vacancies.

In FY 2015, the Supreme Court spent \$6,000 evaluating candidates for a vacancy on the Supreme Court of Virginia. Based on the best available information, the Virginia State Bar (VSB) estimates the non-general fund fiscal impact of this bill could be between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia State Bar, State Corporation Commission, and Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None