

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB686

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: Petersen

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Presidential primary; voter pledge prohibited; emergency.

5. Summary: Prohibits a political party holding a presidential primary from requiring voters to sign any pledge when offering to vote in that primary. Current law allows the political party to determine the requirements for participation in its primary, including the requirement that a voter sign a pledge of his intention to support the party's candidate. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Elections has printed the pledge forms for voters participating in the March 1st presidential primary and is not expected to incur any additional expenses as a result of the proposed legislation. Item 468, N. of HB/SB 29, 2016 Session, provides \$3.8 million in FY 2016 to reimburse the Department of Elections and localities for expenses incurred from the presidential primary, pursuant to § 24.2-545 (F), Code of Virginia.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections and localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None