

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB770

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: Suetterlein

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Compactness standard for congressional and state legislative districts.

5. Summary: The bill requires congressional and legislative districts to be composed of compact territory, meaning districts are not to be oddly shaped or have irregular or contorted boundaries, unless justified because the district adheres to political subdivision lines. Fingers or tendrils extending from a district core are to be avoided, in addition to thin and elongated districts and districts with multiple core populations connected by thin strips of land or water. The General Assembly is required to employ one or more standard numerical measures of individual and average district compactness to provide an objective assessment of a districting plan's compactness, both statewide and district by district.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Division of Legislative Services states that the bill is not expected to present a fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: General Assembly; Virginia localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.