

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1399-E

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections, State Board of, and local electoral boards; appointments, proportion of political party.

5. Summary: Provides that in the appointment of members to the State Board of Elections, one Board member shall be of the political party having the highest number of members in the House of Delegates, one Board member shall be of the political party having the highest number of members in the Senate of Virginia, and one Board member shall be of the political party of the Governor. If all three members are of the same political party, one Board member shall be of the political party having cast the next highest number of votes in the Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. The bill also provides that in the appointment of members to each local electoral board, one member shall be of the political party having the highest number of members in the House of Delegates, one electoral board member shall be of the political party having the highest number of members in the Senate of Virginia, and one electoral board member shall be of the political party of the Governor. If all three members are of the same political party, one electoral board member shall be of the political party having cast the next highest number of votes in the Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. However, if the Governor is not elected as a candidate of a political party, the bill provides that representation shall be given to each of the political parties having the highest and next highest number of members of the General Assembly at the time of the appointment and two board members shall be of the political party having the highest number of members in the General Assembly. Representation on both the State Board of Elections and each local electoral board is to be given to each of the political parties having the highest and next highest number of votes in the Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, local electoral boards, Virginia House of Delegates, and Virginia Senate.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The House amendment did not change the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation.