

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1206

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Lewis

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Redistricting process.

5. **Summary:** The bill provides a new method for the preparation of state legislative and congressional redistricting plans. The bill spells out standards for developing plans, including population equality, compactness, maintenance of cores of existing districts, and respect for locality boundaries; precludes consideration of incumbency and political data in developing plans; assigns responsibility to the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) to prepare plans for submission to the General Assembly; and establishes a temporary redistricting advisory commission to advise DLS, disseminate information on plans, and hold hearings for public reaction to plans. The bill provides that the General Assembly may reject DLS's plans and may ultimately amend the plans. This bill is patterned after the Iowa redistricting process.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, see Items 7 and 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2017			
2018	\$45,712	0	General
2019	0	0	General
2020	0	0	General
2021	0	0	General
2022	0	0	General
2023	0	0	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:** DLS states that it currently has \$180,600 appropriated each year of the current biennium for redistricting. The agency will need an additional \$45,712 in the first fiscal year to pay for all expenses presented by the bill, primarily for preparing the initial plan and for efforts to establish the temporary redistricting advisory commission. DLS states that appropriations in beyond the first year are expected to be minimal and can likely be absorbed within existing appropriations.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Division of Legislative Services.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.