

Commission on Local Government
Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact

2018 General Assembly Session

Bill: HB1216

Patron: Sickles

Date: 1/19/2018

In accordance with the provisions of §30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced legislation:

Bill Summary:

Requires the clerk of the county, city, or town to send a Geographic Information System (GIS) map, along with the ordinance containing a description of the boundaries, to the local electoral board, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Department of Elections, and the Division of Legislative Services when redistricting local election districts or making any changes to the local election districts or precincts. The bill requires the Department to review any ordinance and GIS map received and compare the boundaries contained within with the information in the voter registration system to ensure voters have been assigned to the correct districts and to direct any corrections to be made if necessary. The Department is further required to maintain and make available on its official website maps showing the current election district and precinct boundaries of each county and city.

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**Executive Summary:**

A majority of localities noted that the bill would have little to no fiscal impact, and noted that their GIS is already providing this services according to existing law. Only one locality responded with an impact, and indicated that the additional cost would be for printing and postage.

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**Local Analysis:**

**Locality:** City of Danville

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

The City of Danville does not foresee any significant increase in expenses. The GIS division has already worked with our registrar to create an interactive polling/precinct map that is available on our website during elections. Any changes to districts would require an update to the boundary data.

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Locality: City of Roanoke

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

At face value, this bill would have no immediately financial impact on the Department of Voter Registration and Elections. However, if any of the responsibility for ordinance and map review were to fall to our department, additional financial impact would occur.

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**Locality:** City of Winchester

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

Based on the City's current boundaries, minimal impact

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**Locality:** County of Henrico

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$100.00

Current law already dictates that the clerks of local governing bodies send a description of the redistricting boundaries to these four agencies. The addition of a GIS map would add minimal costs, since one is already created for Henrico's internal purposes. The only additional costs would be printing and postage, which would not exceed \$100.

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**Locality:** Fairfax County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

No fiscal impact. GIS already provides this service.

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**Locality:** Town of Marion

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

The Town of Marion SUPPORTS this bill. Providing a GIS map along with the defining ordinance will allow all parties to clearly distinguish boundaries, and will provide clarity to voters seeking information on the Department website.

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