

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1424

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Simon

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Recounts; number permitted; tie votes.

**5. Summary:** Provides that if, after a recount of an election, the recount court finds that each party to the recount has received an equal number of votes, it shall direct a determination by lot, but that no right to a recount shall be permitted. A candidate who loses a determination by lot following a recount may contest the election. The bill prohibits more than one recount of any election.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** As stand-alone legislation, ELECT considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. However, the agency will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources. If so, ELECT will identify the costs at that time.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/24/2018