Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1598-E

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

2. **Patron:** Jones, S.C.

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Standards and criteria for congressional and state legislative districts.

5. **Summary:** Provides criteria by which congressional and state legislative districts are to be drawn, including equal population, racial and ethnic fairness, respect for existing political boundaries, contiguity, compactness, and communities of interest.

   As engrossed, the criteria set out would apply to congressional and state legislative districts drawn following the 2020 United States Census and thereafter.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Section 24.2-404, Code of Virginia, requires the Department of Elections to provide general registrars voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters and notice to registered voters on the system changes and corrections in their registration records and polling places. The number of voters that may be affected by this bill cannot be determined.

   The proposed legislation should not have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Elections. The additional costs the agency may incur include updating instructions and guidance documents to include translation, and, if needed, changes to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS), changes to web materials, printing and distribution of forms, additional support for staff to research Code sections and update forms impacted by the legislation, and training to assure officers of election and voters are aware of any changes.

   This legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Division of Legislative Services.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, Division of Legislative Services, and localities.

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

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/14/2018