

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB276

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

2. Patron: Rasoul

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Virginia Interim Redistricting Commission; criteria for remedial redistricting plans.

5. Summary: Provides for the establishment of the Virginia Interim Redistricting Commission (the Commission) when any congressional or state legislative district drawn as required by Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia is declared unlawful or unconstitutional, in whole or in part, by order of any state or federal court. The Commission is tasked with determining and submitting to the General Assembly and the Governor a redistricting plan remedying such unlawful or unconstitutional district. The bill also provides criteria by which the Commission is to draw remedial districts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill does not create an immediate or definitive state fiscal impact, as the Commission is only established in the event that one or more of Virginia's congressional or state legislative districts is declared unconstitutional or unlawful in a court.

In the event the Commission is established, impacts are anticipated for the provision of office space and staffing support of the Commission to perform assigned duties. The bill is silent to the delivery of these services. Traditionally, these services (to include general administrative support, legal counsel, and demographic expertise) and associated funding for legislative commissions are assigned to the Division of Legislative Services (DLS). In the bill's current form, DLS states these costs are indeterminate.

The Department of Elections does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation. However, there would be an indeterminate cost associated with the provision of office space and staffing support of the Commission if so required.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Division of Legislative Services, Virginia Department of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB 19 and SB 598, as introduced.

Date: 1/16/2018