

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB312

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

**2. Patron:** Ward

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** Special joint reapportionment committee; public hearings in 2018 on the redistricting process.

**5. Summary:** Requires a special joint reapportionment committee to be appointed to hold in 2018 a series of public hearings throughout the Commonwealth in order to encourage public input into and facilitate public participation in the redistricting process. The committee shall consist of eight members, reflecting equal membership from the political parties having the highest and next highest numbers of members in the General Assembly. The committee is required to submit to the General Assembly a summary and report of the public comment received at the hearings.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Indeterminate – see Item 8.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings and staff support. The bill is silent as to member compensation, reimbursement of expenses, and staff support. Assuming members will be compensated and reimbursed and that staffing support costs will be shared between the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia, the Senate anticipates their portion of such costs will be \$7,440, while the House of Delegates' costs are estimated at \$8,190. Estimated costs are based on the four public hearings at the specified regions in the bill. The bill requires all hearings to be completed and a report of the public comment received at the hearings to be submitted on or before November 1, 2018. However, it is unclear if committee activities will continue and require funding in years thereafter.

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 staffing and administrative support of the Committee if so required.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, and the Virginia Department of Elections

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 2/1/2018