

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB539

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Freitas

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Costs of primary elections; payment by the proper political party.

5. Summary: Requires the proper political party committee to reimburse each county and city conducting a primary election at the direction of the Commonwealth. The bill also provides that the costs of presidential primary elections are to be paid by the proper political party rather than by the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill provides that the costs of presidential primary elections are to be paid by the proper political party rather than the Commonwealth. This would be expected to avoid costs of approximately \$3.8 million in presidential primary years based on the amount funded in fiscal year 2016 for the dual presidential primary. Funding for a presidential primary is not included in HB/SB 30 as introduced; therefore, a budget amendment is not needed.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/31/2018