

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB106

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: Suetterlein

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Congressional and state legislative districts; compactness standard.

5. Summary: Requires congressional and state legislative districts to be composed of compact territory, meaning districts are not to be oddly shaped or have irregular or contorted boundaries, unless justified because the district adheres to political subdivision lines. Fingers or tendrils extending from a district core are to be avoided, as are thin and elongated districts and districts with multiple core populations connected by thin strips of land or water. The bill requires the General Assembly to employ one or more standard numerical measures of individual and average district compactness to provide an objective assessment of a districting plan's compactness, both statewide and district by district.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. The Department of Elections 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 that the Department of Elections will require additional resources. If so, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

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), Citizen Portal, poll book software, 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.

The Division of Legislative Services does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/16/2018