

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB427

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

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Redistricting process.

5. Summary: Provides a new method for the preparation of state legislative and congressional redistricting plans. The bill specifies standards for developing plans, including population equality, compactness, maintenance of cores of existing districts, and respect for locality boundaries, and precludes consideration of incumbency and political data in developing plans. The bill assigns responsibility to the Division of Legislative Services (the Division) to prepare plans for submission to the General Assembly and establishes a temporary redistricting advisory commission to advise the Division, disseminate information on plans, and hold hearings for public comment on plans. The bill provides that the General Assembly may reject the Division's plans and may ultimately amend the plans. The bill is patterned after the Iowa redistricting process.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	-	-	-
2019	\$45,712	-	General Fund
2020	-	-	-

8. Fiscal Implications: The Division of Legislative Services (DLS) will need additional one-time general fund appropriation of \$45,712 in FY 2019 to pay for all expenses presented by the bill, primarily for preparing the initial plan and for efforts to establish the temporary redistricting advisory commission. DLS states that subsequent expenses after the first year are expected to be minimal and can likely be absorbed within existing appropriations.

No fiscal impact is expected to the Department of Elections.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/16/2018