

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB522

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: Barker

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Election district boundaries not to split precincts.

5. Summary: Requires county and city governing bodies in each year ending in one, immediately after the completion of decennial redistricting, to establish precinct boundaries so that no precinct is split between two or more congressional, state Senate, House of Delegates, or county or city election districts. If it is impossible to meet this requirement the governing body is given authority to request a waiver from the State Board of Elections to establish a split precinct. The State Board may either grant the waiver or, if the Board finds it more appropriate, approve an exception to the minimum size requirements for precincts.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

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

This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Division of Legislative Services.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/30/2018