

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB900

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

2. Patron: Stuart

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); real property tax exemption for surviving spouses.

5. Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 6, 2018, election to approve or reject an amendment to the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different principal place of residence. Similar real property tax exemptions provided in the Constitution of Virginia to (i) the surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action and (ii) the surviving spouses of certain emergency services provider skilled in the line of duty allow the surviving spouse to move to a different principal place of residence and still claim the tax exemption.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary:

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$0	-
2019	\$158,517	General
2020	\$0	-
2021	\$0	-
2022	\$0	-
2023	\$0	-
2024	\$0	-

8. Fiscal Implications: Section 30-19.9, Code of Virginia, requires the State Board of Elections to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about constitutional amendments. The estimated one-time cost relating to one amendment is \$158,517, which is based on the cost of advertising and printing proposed 2016 constitutional amendments. This amount consists of approximately \$135,873 in newspaper advertising costs and \$22,644 for printing of pamphlets and posters.

The referendum, if approved, would allow for the exemption of real property for certain surviving spouses from taxation. The Department of Taxation indicates the impact to local revenues is currently unknown.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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