

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1996

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: Price

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Congressional and state legislative districts; standards and criteria.

5. Summary: Provides criteria by which congressional and state legislative districts are to be drawn, including equal population, compactness and contiguity, racial and ethnic fairness, protection of racial and language minorities to participate and elect a preferred candidate, and respect for existing political boundaries and communities of interest. The bill prohibits the use of political data when drawing districts, except as may be necessary to ensure that racial or language minority groups are able to elect a preferred candidate of choice. There is a delayed effective date of April 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: 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. 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, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

Section 24.2-404, Code of Virginia, requires the Department of Elections to provide general registrars voter confirmation documents for newly registered voters and notice to registered voters on changes in their registration records and polling places. The number of voters that may be affected by the standards and criteria for drawing districts pursuant to this bill cannot be determined.

The proposed legislation 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: This bill is a companion to SB 1327.