

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1146

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: Petersen

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Campaign contribution limits; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Prohibits persons, other than political party committees, and political action committees from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds \$10,000 to any one candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the General Assembly in any one election cycle, of which no more than \$5,000 may be contributed for the primary election or other nominating event for the office the candidate is seeking. Contributions made on or prior to the date of the primary election or nominating event shall be subject to the contribution limits for the primary election or other nominating event, unless designated by the contributor as a contribution for the general election. No limits are placed on contributions made by political party committees, the candidate, or the candidate's family to the candidate's campaign. Civil penalties for violations of the limits may equal up to two times the excess contribution amounts.

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.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB 2732.

Date: 1/24/2019