

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1182

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: Richard H. Stuart

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; meetings held through electronic communication means.

5. Summary: Clarifies that certain requirements of current law regarding participation in public meetings through electronic communication means do not apply to meetings held to address a state of emergency declared by the Governor, specifically the requirements that public bodies (i) adopt a written policy regarding participation by electronic communication, (ii) have a quorum of a public body physically assembled at a primary or central location, and (iii) make arrangements for the voice of any member participating from a remote location to be heard by all persons at the primary or central location. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact is expected to state agencies.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council; The Division of Legislative Services; All public bodies or entities with a public record.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: