

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1054

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Levine

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Standards and criteria for congressional and state legislative districts.

**5. Summary:** Provides criteria by which congressional and state legislative districts are to be drawn, including racial and ethnic fairness, protection of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect a preferred candidate, contiguity, statewide proportionality, equal population, protection of existing political boundaries, compactness, respect for communities of interest, and avoidance of irregular or contorted perimeters and split precincts.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Division of Legislative Services states that the district criteria described in the bill is new. The agency, who is staffed to support the Commonwealth's redistricting process, warns that the new criteria will likely present a fiscal impact since the bill presents a specialized skill set that is not currently on staff. The agency expects to have to hire and contract a software expert to assist in guiding the General Assembly's compliance required in the bill. The agency is not able to quantify the costs of the position at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The General Assembly; The Division of Legislative Services.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.