

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB177

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Levine

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Presidential electors; National Popular Vote Compact.

5. **Summary:** Enters Virginia into an interstate compact known as the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. Article II of the Constitution of the United States gives the states exclusive and plenary authority to decide the manner of awarding their electoral votes. Under the compact, Virginia agrees to award its electoral votes to the presidential ticket that receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The compact goes into effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes have joined the compact. A state may withdraw from the compact; however, a withdrawal occurring within six months of the end of a President's term shall not become effective until a President or Vice President has qualified to serve the next term.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

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

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

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is similar or identical to HB199 and SB399.

Date: 1/13/2020