

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB178

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: Levine

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Determination of tie votes; recounts; special elections.

5. Summary: Provides that, in elections for the General Assembly and local offices, if two or more persons have an equal number of votes, and a higher number than any other person, there shall be a recount of the vote without any action being required by any of the candidates receiving the equal number of votes. The bill also provides that, except in the case of a recount of an election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General, if the recount court finds that each party to the recount has received an equal number of votes, there shall be a special election held to determine which candidate is elected to the office. Only one recount of any election is permitted.

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.

Any potential impact to localities for the administration of recounts or special elections to determine the elected candidate after a tie vote is indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/30/2020