

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB198-H1

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

2. Patron: Price

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Recounts; special election to be held in the case of a tie vote.

5. Summary: Provides that if, after a recount of an election, the recount court finds that each party to the recount has received an equal number of votes, there shall be a special election to determine which candidate is elected to the office. This provision would not apply in cases of recounts of elections for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General; the Constitution of Virginia sets out the process for determining a winner in the case of tie votes for statewide offices.

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 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: 2/10/2020