

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1233

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

2. **Patron:** Petersen

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Campaign contribution limits; civil penalty.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits persons from making any single contribution, or any combination of contributions, that exceeds \$20,000 to any one candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, or the General Assembly in any one election cycle. No limits are placed on contributions made by political party committees, the candidate, or the candidate's family to the candidate's campaign. Civil penalties for violations of the limits may equal up to two times the excess contribution amounts.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item 8

8. **Fiscal Implications:** As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. However, the agency will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources. If so, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None