

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1862

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Sullivan

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Electors for President and Vice President; binding of electors; vacancies.

5. Summary: Provides that an elector who is selected by the state convention of any political party and who, at the convening of the electors after the election, refuses to present a ballot, presents an unmarked ballot, or presents a ballot marked in violation of his oath stating that he would, if elected, cast his ballot for the candidates for President and Vice President nominated by the party that selected the elector, or as the party may direct in the event of the death, withdrawal, or disqualification of the party nominee, is deemed to vacate the office of elector. The bill provides that the other electors present shall immediately fill such vacancy in the same manner as a vacancy due to an elector's death or failure or inability to attend. The bill applies the same provisions to electors who are named in a petition of qualified voters not constituting a political party. The bill contains technical amendments that consolidate into a single chapter the provisions of Title 24.2 relating to presidential electors.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, no state fiscal impact expected.

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as routine and does not require additional funding.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes, Title 24.2.

11. Other Comments: None.

January 31, 2023