

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB265

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: Simon

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Removal of public officers from office; petition requirements, procedure.

5. Summary: The proposed bill requires the signatures collected on a petition for removal of certain public officers to be collected within 90 days of the first signature being collected and provides that no signatures gathered after such period shall count toward the required number. A petition for the removal of an elected official from office is not sufficient and shall not be certified by the general registrar when the grounds or reasons stated for removal of such official have been the basis for a previously filed petition against the same official that was dismissed for a failure to state valid grounds or did not result in the subject's removal from office at trial pursuant to law. The bill also provides that, in proceedings to remove a public officer from office, if the attorney for the Commonwealth who would be responsible for reviewing a removal petition and determining whether valid grounds for removal exist or for representing the Commonwealth at a removal proceeding has a conflict of interest or is otherwise unavailable, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall appoint an alternate attorney for the Commonwealth. Lastly, the bill provides that discovery shall not be permitted in any removal proceeding.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8 below.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8).

8. Fiscal Implications: The Compensation Board is still assessing the fiscal impact the bill may have on agency operations. If additional information becomes available, this statement will be revised.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Compensation Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.