

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB125

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

**2. Patron:** Davis

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; political campaign advertisements, illegal negative ads, civil penalties.

**5. Summary:** Provides that sponsors violating political campaign advertisement disclosure laws with advertisements or campaign telephone calls that expressly advocate against a clearly identified candidate shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; 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.

The bill provides for civil penalties of \$10,000 for disclosure violations that expressly advocate against a clearly identified candidate, which shall be deposited in the general fund. Any potential revenue impact from the assessment of civil penalties is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/25/2022