

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB125

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

2. Patron: Davis

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

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

5. Summary: Provides that sponsors violating political campaign advertisement disclosure laws with advertisements or campaign telephone calls that expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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.

The bill provides for civil penalties not to exceed \$25,000 for disclosure violations that expressly advocate the election or defeat of 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: 3/8/2022