

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB174

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: Bloxom

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Campaign finance; out-of-district contribution limits, civil penalty.

5. Summary: Prohibits contributions to a candidate's campaign from persons that are not residents of the Commonwealth and limits to 75 percent of total contributions to a candidate's campaign contributions from persons and committees with a candidate, treasurer, or custodian of books who are not residents of the district served by the office to which the candidate is seeking election. The bill provides that contributions made by a candidate or a candidate's family to the candidate's campaign do not count toward such contribution limits. The bill also provides that penalties for violations of such contribution limits may equal up to two times the excess contribution amounts.

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 allows civil penalties for violations of the contribution limits of up to two times the excess contribution amounts, 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: 1/31/2022