

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB459

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Chase

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; administration; registrars; certain prohibitions.

**5. Summary:** Requires the State Board of Elections to establish and the Department of Elections to conduct a program for the evaluation of the performance of general registrars. Under such evaluation program, general registrars with below satisfactory performance are subject to remedial requirements and possible removal. The bill prohibits general registrars from conducting the duties of officers of election. The bill also provides that no general registrar may have a spouse, relative, or person with whom he resides who serves as the chairman of a political party or other officer of a state, local, or district level political party committee nor a spouse, relative, or person with whom he resides who serves as a paid or volunteer worker in the campaign of a candidate for nomination or election to an office filled by election in whole or in part by the qualified voters of the registrar's jurisdiction. The bill also applies certain prohibitions on registrars and their spouses to all assistant registrars, some of which only apply to paid assistant registrars under current law.

**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.

**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: 1/24/2022