

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB556

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: Ruff

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: State Board of Elections; membership.

5. Summary: Increases the membership of the State Board of Elections from five to six members and provides that any third party or recognized political party whose candidate received greater than 20 percent of the votes in the Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election shall have representation on the Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

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.

This bill would increase membership of the State Board of Elections (the Board) from five to six members. The Department of Elections estimates an annual cost of \$3,104 per additional Board member. This estimate is based on the following annual cost for a new member at current rates: four days of lodging and per diems at a cost of \$836.00 (lodging \$580, per diem \$256), \$63 for parking, and \$245 for travel per meeting for the nine meetings currently held each year. The average assumed travel distance is 418 miles and was calculated based on the average distance to the State Board of Elections’ office from the following three locations: the valley region’s Winchester City in the valley region, Accomack County in the eastern region, and Bristol City in the southwestern region of the Commonwealth. Actual travel costs depend on the distance traveled by an individual member. The total estimated cost for fiscal year 2023 is \$1,552 for two additional members due to the delayed effective date, with ongoing annual costs of \$3,104 thereafter.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/24/2022