

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB744

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

2. Patron: Jill Holtzman Vogel

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Elections Commission; establishment; purpose.

5. Summary: Establishes the Virginia Elections Commission as an advisory commission in the legislative branch for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on matters related to the administration and conduct of elections in the Commonwealth in order to ensure the accessibility, integrity, efficiency, and security of elections in the Commonwealth. The Commission will be composed of 15 members, including members of local electoral boards, general registrars, and members of the General Assembly, and shall employ an executive director and other persons as it deems necessary to assist in carrying out its duties.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings and staffing the Commission. The House and Senate indicate this bill presents no fiscal impact to their offices as legislative members will not receive compensation for serving. The Division of Legislative Services indicates travel expenses for fifteen members attending four meetings per year is expected to be \$18,900.

The Commission may appoint staff. It is unknown how many staff members the Commission may hire and the anticipated salaries.

In terms of providing legal, research, and policy analysis support, this bill does not have a fiscal impact on the Division of Legislative Services (the Division). There is an impact on the Division, however, for the provision of payroll and fiscal support to the Commission. Currently the Division's fiscal office provides payroll or fiscal support for 33 legislative branch agencies. While adding a single entity to the workload of the fiscal office has a manageable fiscal impact, there are other bills that would require the Division to provide payroll and fiscal support to new legislative branch entities. If the aggregate number of bills providing for such support pass, there will be a fiscal impact related to the need for an additional staff person.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Division of Legislative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments:

Date: 2/11/2022