

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB744

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

**2. Patron:** Jill Holtzman Vogel

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Virginia Elections Commission; created, adoption of recommendations, report.

**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 13 members, including members of local electoral boards, general registrars, and members of the General Assembly, and may employ staff 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 Senate of Virginia anticipates their portion of member compensation for two legislative members will be \$2,400. The House of Delegates anticipates their portion of member compensation for four legislative members will be \$4,800. Although this bill indicates members receive no compensation for their services, Item 1 of Senate Bill 30 indicates House and Senate members receive interim meeting compensation. If House Bill 30/Senate Bill 30 is enacted as currently written the Appropriation Act will override the Code of Virginia and require members receive interim meeting compensation. The Division of Legislative Services (DLS) indicates travel expenses for thirteen members attending four meetings per year is expected to be \$16,380.

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

Legal research, policy analysis, and other services for this Commission will be provided by the DLS. There are other bills that require DLS to provide such staff support and if the aggregate number of bills providing for staffing by DLS pass, it is possible that there will be a fiscal impact related to the need for an additional staff person.

The Department of Elections indicates this bill presents no fiscal impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** House of Delegates, Senate of Virginia, Division of Legislative Services, Department of Elections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:**

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