

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB44

**Patron:** Krizek

**Bill Title:** Elections; campaign finance disclosure reports, searchable electronic database.

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Department of Elections to provide an interface for the campaign finance database maintained by the Department that allows users to easily search for and sort information by individual candidates and types of elections, offices, committees, other spenders, and contributors; contributions, receipts, disbursements, expenditures, loans, and other categories of information included in campaign finance reports; and late filings, incomplete filings, and other violations. The bill specifies that the interface shall also provide users tools for manipulating and exporting data. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** N/A

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact if the Introduced 2026 - 2028 Biennial budget keeps the proposed funding for the campaign finance system.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Department of Elections (ELECT) does not require additional funding for this bill if the final approved Biennial budget keeps funding to replace the campaign finance system that was introduced by Governor Youngkin for the 2026 - 2028 Biennial budget. If funding for the replacement of the campaign finance system is not included in the biennial budget ELECT will need approximately \$519,179 to meet the objectives of the bill by July 2027. ELECT will supplement its workforce with contract employees to implement the requirements of the bill as current staff and contractors are implementing the new state voter registration system. Changes will have to be made to the current campaign finance system that would require a Business Analyst, Cloud Developer and Data Warehouse/Business Intelligence Developer for approximately 1920 hours each at an average hourly cost of \$70.17. In addition to the supplemental staff the agency anticipates additional VITA cost of \$115,000.

**Other:** N/A