

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB649H1

Patron: Hayes

Bill Title: Removal of certain signs and advertisements within the limits of highways; agreements with local governing bodies; requirements.

Bill Summary: Requires any agreement entered into by the Commissioner of Highways with any locality located in Planning District 23 authorizing the removal of signs and advertisements within the limits of a highway to provide that the locality will only authorize designated employees of the locality acting in their official capacity to remove any signs or advertisements that constitute an "advertisement," as defined by current law related to political campaign advertisements. It would prohibit the locality from authorizing volunteers, contractors, or compensated non-employee individuals to act on behalf of such locality for the removal of any such signs or advertisements.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this will not have a state fiscal impact to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Other: Planning District 23 includes the cities of Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg and the Counties of Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, and York.