

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB311S1

Patron: Ebbin

Bill Title: Constitutional amendment (voter referendum); marriage between two adult persons; repeal of same-sex marriage prohibition.

Bill Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 3, 2026, general election to approve or reject an amendment that requires the equal treatment under the law of a lawful marriage between two adult persons regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. The amendment also repeals the current provision that defines marriage as only a union between one man and one woman.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 77

Explanation: See Below

Fiscal Summary: There is an anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections due to the provisions of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
The Department of Elections	-	\$205,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		\$205,000				

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Elections (ELECT) estimates the cost to meet the requirements of section 30-19.9 of the Code of Virginia is \$205,000. ELECT is required to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about statewide referendums.

Other: Similar legislation includes HB612.