

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB779E

**Patron:** Obenshain

**Bill Title:** Eminent domain; condemnation proceedings; entry of order and recordation of certificate; disbursement of funds by circuit court clerk.

**Bill Summary:** Provides that the clerk of a circuit court shall, upon entry of an order in a condemnation proceeding and unless otherwise directed, promptly and in accordance with the provisions of this section, disburse any just compensation in the amount specified in such order and any interest accrued. The bill provides that the clerk shall disburse such funds no later than seven business days after the entry of the order or the receipt of the sum that such order directs the clerk to disburse, whichever is later. The bill also provides that counsel in a condemnation action may request, and the clerk, sheriff, or other person responsible for notifying jurors to appear in court for a trial shall make available, a copy of the jury panel to be used for such trial. The bill also requires that on the same day that the certificate is recorded in the land records, the certificate be filed with the clerk and the clerk assign it a single case number for the certificate that is to be used for all related subsequent filings, including a petition for condemnation filed pursuant to § 25.1-206 of the Code of Virginia.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Unknown

**Items Impacted:** None.

**Explanation:** See below.

**Fiscal Summary:** At this time, any impact on Clerks of the Circuit Courts is unknown.

**Fiscal Analysis:** At this time, there are no known impacts on Clerks of the Circuit Courts. This fiscal impact statement may be updated if any additional information is provided by the Compensation Board regarding this proposal.

**Other:** None.