

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB742

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Quinn

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: State Board of Elections; membership; appointment of Commissioner of Elections.

5. Summary: Exempts the Department of Elections from provisions allowing the Governor to appoint a chief deputy and a confidential assistant for policy or administration. The bill also gives the State Board the authority and duty to appoint the Commissioner of Elections of the Department of Elections and requires an affirmative vote of four of the State Board's five members for the appointment and removal of the Commissioner of Elections. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Commissioner of Elections, the bill provides that the Director of Operations of the Department of Elections will serve as the head of the agency until such vacancy is filled by the State Board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections and State Board of Elections.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

February 12, 2024