

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB193

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Minchew

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; participation in meetings, emergency or personal matters.

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill removes the requirement that a public body approve by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting the remote participation in the meeting by one of its members. The substitute bill instead requires the public body to adopt a written policy allowing for and governing participation of its members by electronic communication. Once adopted, the public body shall apply this policy uniformly to its entire membership, without regard to the identity of the member requesting remote participation or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The substitute bill's changes are policy in nature and present no fiscal impact to state government operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Any local governing body, school board, or any local authority, board, or commission.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The bill is similar to House Bill 789.

2/7/2014.