

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Patron** M. Keith Hodges

2. **Bill Number** HB 951

3. **Committee** House Finance

House of Origin:

 X **Introduced**

 Substitute

 Engrossed

4. **Title** Real property tax; Assessment cycles

Second House:

 In Committee

 Substitute

 Enrolled

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill would authorize any county with a total population of 50,000 or less to elect by majority vote of its board of supervisors to conduct its general reassessments of real estate at three-year intervals.

Under current law, counties must generally conduct a general reassessment every four years. Augusta and Bedford Counties and counties with 50,000 or fewer people may elect by majority vote of their board of supervisors to conduct reassessment at five or six year intervals. Counties having at least one full-time real estate appraiser or assessor qualified by the Tax Commissioner may provide by ordinance for the biennial assessment of real estate.

If enacted during the regular session of the 2022 General Assembly, this bill would become effective July 1, 2022.

6. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Not available. (See Line 8.)

8. Fiscal implications:

Administrative Costs

This bill could have an unknown impact on the administrative costs of the counties that choose to exercise the authority granted by this bill. This bill would have no impact on state administrative costs.

Revenue Impact

This bill could have an unknown impact on local revenues. This bill would have no impact on state revenues.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

All counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer people

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments:

Current Law

Article X of the *Constitution of Virginia* requires that all assessments of real estate and tangible personal property shall be at fair market value to be ascertained as prescribed by law.

Counties are generally required to conduct a general reassessment of real property every four years. The counties of Augusta and Bedford and counties of 50,000 or fewer people, may elect by majority vote of their respective board of supervisors to reassess at five or six year intervals. Counties having at least one full-time real estate appraiser or assessor qualified by the Tax Commissioner may provide by ordinance for the biennial assessment of real estate.

Proposal

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Similar Legislation

Senate Bill 77 would authorize counties to reassess real estate every three years if determined by a majority vote of the county's board of supervisors.

cc : Secretary of Finance

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