

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2075

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

**2. Patron:** Cole, J.G.

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** U.S. Route 1; Emancipation Memorial Highway.

**5. Summary:** Renames any section of U.S. Route 1 in Virginia that is designated as "Jefferson Davis Highway" to "Emancipation Highway." Repeals Chapter 286 of the 1922 General Assembly, which named this highway as Jefferson Davis Highway. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would rename any section of U.S. Route 1 in Virginia that is designated as "Jefferson Davis Highway" to "Emancipation Memorial Highway" and require the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to place and maintain appropriate markers indicating the designation. The bill also repeals Chapter 286 of the 1922 General Assembly, which named this highway as Jefferson Davis Highway.

Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia provides that while VDOT will “place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the Board or by the General Assembly”, it also provides that “the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located”. VDOT indicates that the number of signs needed for this designation would be dependent on highway segment locations, but generally would be at least two signs per locality and an additional eight signs along the designated route for a total of at least 16 signs at an estimated a cost of \$1,100 per sign. The total estimated cost for commemorative naming signs is approximately \$17,600. The localities impacted include the counties of Stafford, Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Chesterfield.

Since the bill repeals the naming of the highway as Jefferson Davis Highway, additional signage beyond the commemorative naming signs would need to be replaced. According to VDOT, the estimated costs associated with replacement of VDOT-maintained signs, such as overhead guide signs at interchanges, street-name signs attached to traffic signal support structures, and other miscellaneous post-mounted signs, impacted by this legislation total \$587,000. These costs would also be the responsibility of the locality in which the signs are located. The estimated costs by locality are as follows:

- Chesterfield County: \$373,000.
  - Chesterfield County is more impacted than the other localities because there are 17 overhead signs on Routes 288 and 150 at their respective US 1 interchanges that bear the name “Jefferson Davis Hwy”.
- Caroline County: \$18,000
- Spotsylvania County: \$94,000
- Stafford County: \$102,000

Additional signage, including post-mounted street name signs, city-maintained signs, and overhead signs on the Pocahontas Parkway toll road, would need to be replaced as a result of this legislation. However, VDOT does not have sufficient information to provide an estimate of replacement costs. As such, the additional fiscal impact on affected localities is indeterminate.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation, the counties of Stafford, Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Chesterfield.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This FIS has been revised to update the costs for commemorative signs and localities that would be impacted by the bill.