

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Natwar M. Gandhi
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

THROUGH: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: April 27, 2001

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2001"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-137 as Introduced

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2001 budget and the proposed FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan because additional resources will be required to implement the proposed legislation. **The proposed legislation will result in additional unbudgeted costs to the Board of Elections and Ethics totaling over \$100,000 in the proposed FY 2002 budget.**

Anti-deficiency laws, 31USCA § 1341 (2000), prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year. Should the Board of Elections and Ethics determine that funding is available to absorb the additional costs in FY 2001, then the net fiscal impact would be zero for this year. For subsequent years, the additional expenditures need to be included as budgeted expenditures.

Background

The proposed legislation redefines the election ward boundaries for the City of the District of Columbia. The new configuration is the result of a periodic review of the City in conjunction with the release of data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are not sufficient in the FY 2001 budget and the proposed FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan to offset the costs required by the proposed legislation. The Board of Elections and Ethics will be required to have a topographer generate the new configuration and have a printer make new maps. The Board of Elections and Ethics is charged to provide maps that indicate the election ward boundaries. The Board of Elections and Ethics has determined that the resulting costs are over \$100,000.