

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB641

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

2. Patron O'Brien

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Elections; officers of election, use of poll books, etc.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that the electoral board may set the time or times for annual training of officers of election and delete the provisions specifying that training take place within the three to 30 days before each November general election. The bill also provides for statewide implementation for elections conducted after July 1, 2003, of a program to use a single list at precincts on election day that will show both the registered voters and persons voting. The combined list can be in a paper or electronic format. The later is contingent upon funding being appropriated. The State Board of Elections has been conducting pilot program testing the use of a combined list. This bill incorporates recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Virginia's Election Process and Voting Technologies (HJR 681/SJR 363 --2001).

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) anticipates the movement to a single poll book will have no immediate fiscal impacts since the pilot authorization covered three years and in November of 2001 went almost statewide with the pilot. Only a few localities did not want to try it. In the local elections planned for May 2002, all but one locality has agreed to use the new system.

The SBE believes that in the long run there will be savings in printing and shipping costs for the SBE and in storage costs for localities. The SBE does comment that any conversion to an electronic poll book will likely be expensive, however, at this time conversion is only an option and not a requirement.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local boards of election, general registrars and the State Board of Elections.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: SB 19 is companion legislation.

Amendments added by the House require the State Board of Elections, by November 1, 2002, to recommend changes to the Code necessary to permanently implement the combined voter list and poll book.

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