

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2139

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Brink

**3. Committee** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title** Pilot program for certain uniformed and overseas citizens to transmit absentee ballots electronically and by the Internet

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Permits the State Board of Elections to establish a pilot program for implementation in 2004 to allow certain uniformed and overseas voters to cast absentee ballots for federal elections via the Internet.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2002-03			
2003-04	\$50,000	1.00	0100
2004-05	\$50,000	1.00	0100

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Item 92

**8. Fiscal implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) has tentatively estimated that to implement this provision they would need an additional staff person (assumed at about \$50,000 per year for salary and benefits) to oversee the design and implementation of the proposed pilot program. SBE has determined that the Virginia Voter Registration System (VVRS) would need modification to accommodate the program as proposed. The SBE is in the midst of a preliminary design review (due after January 24, 2003) and until complete a reasonable estimate of the design changes needed and their associated costs is unavailable.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections, local electoral boards and registrars

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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