Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number SB462
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron Whipple
3.	Committee Passed Both Houses
4.	Title Election laws; implementation of Help America Vote Act.
5.	Summary/Purpose: Provides for implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) with respect to voter registration, identification and provisional voting; absentee voting for military and overseas voters; and recounts.
6.	Fiscal Impact - Final
7.	Budget amendment necessary: No
8.	Fiscal implications: The bill does not have a general fund fiscal impact. The federal mandates of HAVA do have a fiscal impact, and the federal government has provided significant funding (\$60 million in Federal funds are included in SB 5001) to help meet any impacts. Additional federal funds are expected in future years. The proposed changes in the Code of Virginia are intended to minimize disruptions to the extent possible, by instituting similar processes for federal, state and local elections and for different classes of similarly situated voters (i.e. military and non-military overseas voters).
9.	Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Board of Elections, local electors boards and general registrars
10	Technical amendment necessary: No
11	Other comments: None
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cc: Secretary of Administration