

Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2755

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

2. Patron Bland

3. Committee

4. Title Procedures for restoration of right to vote for certain persons.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Eliminates the requirement that persons convicted of non-violent felonies must wait five years after completion of sentence to petition through the courts for restoration of their right to vote.

6. Fiscal Impact:

There is a potential for fiscal impact during subsequent administrations predicated upon restoration of rights policies instituted by the governors. See item 8 below for more details.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

None at this time, since only 2 of 1,403 petitioners for restoration of rights who filed in 2004 did so through the provisions of this statute. However, if a future Governor adopts policies for considering restoration of rights that are more stringent than the procedure set forth in this statute, then the provisions of this statute may be frequently invoked. Eliminating the waiting period altogether, as this bill does, will enable more people to be eligible to file petitions, but the consideration and handling of those petitions will continue to be the exclusive, definitive and unappeasable call of the Governor, so there is no way to know if this bill will have any fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Office of the Governor.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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