

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB883

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

2. Patron Obenshain

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Elections; voter identification requirements.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Provides that voters must present identification containing a photograph and signature. The State Board of Elections is directed to provide a voter registration card with a photograph and signature for any person not having a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Voters who do not offer valid identification may cast a provisional ballot. The bill is effective January 1, 2006.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Undetermined

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes

8. Fiscal implications:

The proposed bill would require the State Board of Elections to provide a voter registration card with a photograph and a signature to any voter who does not have either a drivers license or a Department of Motor Vehicles identification card. Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) pays a contract price of \$0.99 per photo ID, which includes maintenance of the equipment. At this time it is undetermined how many photo ID cards would be needed (Currently there are over 4.5 million registered voters in the Commonwealth). Also undetermined is the process and procedure whereby it would be determined which voters would need a photo ID card issued, and where the card would be obtained.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Board of Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles, local electoral boards and general registrars.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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