

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB472-E

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Norment

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Absentee ballot applications.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides for the submission of applications for absentee ballots to local registrars through the official website of the State Board of Elections. The online application will contain all the information on the standard application, except for the signature requirement, plus a field for the applicant's e-mail address. The State Board website will e-mail the application automatically to the appropriate local registrar and generate an e-mail confirmation of receipt of the application to the applicant. The bill provides that the registrar may compare the voter's signature on the ballot with his signature on his registration application. If the signatures do not appear the same, the ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot and held for further confirmation.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: minimal and one-time.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) could implement the proposal using the Virginia Election and Registration System (VERIS) and the one-time development costs would be borne using nongeneral funds from the Commonwealth's Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant and a budget amendment would be un-necessary.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: HB301 is companion legislation

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