

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1835

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

2. Patron Amundson

3. Committee Privileges and Elections

4. Title Registered voter; knowingly communicating false information thereto.

5. Summary/Purpose: Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly communicate false information to a registered voter to impede his voting including, for example, false information concerning his precinct, polling place, or registration status.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8

7. Budget amendment necessary: None

8. Fiscal implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2005), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$28.35 per inmate, per day in FY 2005.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Corrections, local jails

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: None

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