

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1835E

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> 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. The provisions of this section shall apply to information only about the date, time, and place of the election or the voter's precinct, polling place, or voter 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, State Board of Elections

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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