

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB508

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

**2. Patron:** Northam

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Absentee ballot applications and procedures.

**5. Summary:** Absentee ballot applications and procedures. Provides that voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act who reside or are stationed outside the continental borders of the United States may receive their blank absentee ballots by electronic transmission. Present law allows these voters to request absentee ballots by electronic transmission. This bill covers the second step of sending the ballot to these overseas voters. The voted ballots will have to be returned by mail.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are minimal.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill amends current legislation to require a mailed ballot, if one is requested. The cost of additional overseas postage is a fiscal impact to the State Board of Elections, but should impact the agency minimally, since the mailing of ballots and materials is presently a service to voters.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Administration