

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1607

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

2. Patron: Poisson

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Voter registration, online; applicants who have driver's license, etc. issued by DMV eligible.**

5. Summary: This bill provides that the State Board of Elections will accept applications for registration electronically on its website. Only applicants who possess a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles shall be eligible to register electronically. The State Board will verify that the information submitted electronically matches the information contained in the applicant's record with the Department of Motor Vehicles and shall obtain an electronic copy of the applicant's signature from the Department.

6. Fiscal impact estimates: Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	-	-	-
2010	\$15,345	-	NGF
2011	-	-	-

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. It is anticipated that the agency could absorb this cost.

8. Fiscal implications: This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to create, program and test an automated process to access and transmit to the State Board of Elections (SBE) the electronic signatures stored on any of the 5.8 million DMV driver records. The cost to implement such a process is estimated at \$15,345 and would require 341 work hours. This estimate is based on a process using routine, regularly-scheduled data exchanges between DMV and SBE.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, State Board of Elections.

10. Technical amendment necessary: Consideration may be given to delaying the date of implementation to January 1, 2010, allowing DMV to complete a major project (driver's license central issuance) that totally re-engineers the driver's license process; this project incidentally will enable DMV to share electronic signatures with SBE.

Additionally, consideration may be given to specifying that a voter applicant completing an electronic application must possess a driver's license or ID card issued by the *Virginia* Department of Motor Vehicles. As written, the criteria could be held to apply to any credential issued by any Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV does not maintain, and has no access to, the electronic signatures on driver's licenses or ID cards issued by other states.

- 11. Other comments:** Within the current DMV system, the customer's photograph and electronic signature are bundled together in the DMV driver database. Under the new system, the customer's photograph and signature will be stored individually. Conversion of the historical photos and signatures for the new system is anticipated to be completed in early February, 2009, resulting in separated photographs and signatures being loaded into the new customer database. DMV will only be able to share electronic signatures with SBE when the photographs and signatures are stored separately.

Date: 1/13/09/jlv

Document: G:\08-10\09 FIS\HB1607.Doc Janet Vogelgesang

cc: Secretary of Transportation