

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1320

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

2. Patron: Northam

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Electronic reforms; State Board of Elections.**

5. Summary: Makes various amendments to Title 24.2 (Elections) that authorize the State Board of Elections to utilize various electronic systems. The bill specifies that the State Board shall (i) accept absentee voter applications and receive changes of a registered voter's name or address electronically; (ii) conduct a pilot program permitting a participating candidate for office, other than a party nominee, to provide electronically some or all of the signatures of qualified voters required to get his name on the ballot; and (iii) provide electronic pollbooks for each precinct or locality that uses them at least five days, rather than 10 days, before an election. The bill also provides that the State Board shall provide only electronic pollbooks, and not written pollbooks, for any election held on or after July 1, 2010, or any subsequent year and makes corresponding amendments that become effective on July 1, 2010. The bill also provides that the State Board of Elections may furnish absentee voter applicant lists to candidates or political party chairmen for use only for campaign and political purposes. Such lists shall not contain any voter's social security number, or part thereof, day and month of birth, or the residence address of a voter who has provided a post office box in lieu of a residence street address.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$0	
2010	Indeterminate	General
2011	(\$100,160)	General
2012	(\$100,160)	General
2013	(\$100,160)	General
2014	(\$100,160)	General
2015	(\$100,160)	General

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 89.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections anticipates no significant costs in providing electronic means for voters to request a change in address or name. Local pilots

for electronic petition signatures and implementation of electronic applications for absentee voting can be completed with existing agency personnel resources.

Savings resulting from agency providing electronic pollbooks to localities instead of paper pollbooks results in savings from producing, shipping, and processing paper pollbooks. Since electronic pollbooks are not required until July, 2010, savings for FY 2010 is indeterminate.

Localities may incur minimal costs to purchase hardware and software necessary to transmit pollbooks electronically, as federal funding is provided.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, Local electoral boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration