

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB185

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| House of Origin | <u>X</u> | Introduced | ___ | Substitute | ___ | Engrossed |
| Second House | ___ | In Committee | ___ | Substitute | ___ | Enrolled |

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Early voting; qualified voter may vote in person from 14 to three days before election.

5. Summary: Provides that any registered voter qualified to vote in the election may vote in person from 14 to three days before the election, or eight to three days before a special election, in the office of the general registrar or secretary of the electoral board. The provisions for absentee voting remain in effect except that the provisions for in-person absentee voting are superseded by the early voting process during the early voting period. The bill takes effect January 1, 2011.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate fiscal impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact to the State will be incurred by any modifications that will need to be made to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) as well as revision of policies and forms. Local governments will incur indeterminate costs, examples of which include costs to staff and service additional satellite locations for early voting, i.e. site rental fees, telecommunication line installations, and transportation fees to transport voting equipment to and from early voting locations. Fewer voting machines needed, however, could produce cost savings on Election Day.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local government

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None

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