

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1ES1

<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:** Martin

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voter identification requirements; provisional ballots.

**5. Summary:** Eliminates the provision that allows a voter to sign a sworn statement that he is the named registered voter he claims to be in lieu of showing identification and provides instead for the voter to cast a provisional ballot if he cannot provide a required form of identification. The bill also provides that, in order to determine whether a person who cast a provisional ballot is a qualified voter, an electoral board may rely on a faxed copy of a person's identification. The bill also removes a Commonwealth of Virginia voter registration card from the list of forms of identification that a voter can present to demonstrate that he is a qualified voter.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal

**8. Fiscal Implications:** SBE indicates that this bill will have minimal impact on the agency. Costs to SBE could include training efforts that would need to be provided to elections officials and voter outreach efforts necessary to inform voters of the law change. In addition, SBE would need to design another provisional ballot envelope to be used solely for voters without proper identification; however, SBE states that the agency should be able to absorb the costs associated with implementing this legislation

SBE indicates that this legislation may impact the localities. Registrars will need to train officers of election on how to implement the new standard. Also, localities will need to purchase new provisional ballots and may see additional provisional ballots because of the change. Some localities may need to purchase equipment that would fully allow for their receiving scanned and faxed versions of identification provided by voters.

While this legislation would create a second provisional ballot envelope, it would also eliminate the Affirmation of Identity form. This would at least partially offset some of the expenses for the new form for localities.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** SBE and local general registrar offices.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** N/A

**Date:** 2/13/2012