

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1337

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

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Polling place procedures; voter identification requirements.

5. Summary: Removes several items from the list of acceptable identification documents that a voter must present when voting at the polls on Election Day: a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter. These documents continue to be valid identification for certain first-time voters at federal elections who are required to show identification under the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications: A budget amendment is not necessary to implement this legislation. However, if it is determined that a voter outreach campaign or informational program is necessary a budget amendment would be needed because the State Board of Elections (SBE) is unable to absorb the costs of a significant voter outreach campaign.

A budget amendment may be necessary if the General Assembly believes an organized voter outreach campaign is necessary to adequately inform Virginia voters that these forms of ID are no longer acceptable for use by non-HAVA voters. A voter outreach campaign or informational program may not be necessary due to the technical changes to the current voter ID bill, but it may be considered prudent due to the sensitive nature of the issue and in seeking preclearance from the Department of Justice.

Any organized voter outreach campaign would cost, at a minimum, \$250,000 to \$500,000. This estimate based on the costs to implement the recent changes to the voter ID laws enacted in 2012. All of these funds could be incurred in FY2014 or a split between FY2014 and FY2015 if outreach was sought both prior to the 2013 General Election and the 2014 congressional elections.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, 134 general registrar offices

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: n/a

11. Other Comments: n/a

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