

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1197-ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Brink

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Elections; absentee voting; return of unused and defaced absentee ballots.

5. Summary: Provides that a voter who returns his unused or defaced absentee ballot before the day of the election shall be entitled to vote a regular ballot on election day if the electoral board, general registrar, or an office of election is able to confirm the prior return of the unused or defaced ballot. If the ballot's return cannot be confirmed on election day, the voter shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. Additionally, a voter may return his unused or defaced absentee ballot on the day of the election and shall be entitled to vote a regular ballot.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: House Bill 1197 does not create a fiscal impact for the State Board of Elections or localities. The legislation allows a voter, who has returned the defaced ballot the day before the election, to vote a regular ballot in person, upon confirmation by the electoral board, the general registrar, or an officer of election of the return of the defaced ballot. The legislation also allows a voter to cast a provisional ballot, pursuant to § 24.2-653.1, if the electoral board, general registrar, or an officer of the election is unable to confirm the return of the defaced ballot.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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