

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB11ER

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: Puller

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots.

5. Summary: Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, services, a security assessment, and security measures for the secure return by electronic means of voted absentee military-overseas ballots from uniformed-service voters outside of the United States. The bill requires the State Board to develop and update annually a security assessment and security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes. The State Board is directed to convene a working group for the development of the initial instructions, procedures, services, security assessment, and security measures, and the working group is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2016, on the feasibility and cost of implementation of the secure return of such military-overseas ballots. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with federal, state, local, and other appropriate entities to establish best practices for uniformed-service voter authentication and identification and for the secure return of such military-overseas ballots. The provisions of this bill will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. This bill incorporates SB 181. This bill is identical to HB 759.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: FINAL. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that implementing a system to ensure secure return of voted military-overseas ballots would have a fiscal impact, particularly with the security requirements. Due to the fact that this legislation calls for a working group to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2016, on the feasibility and cost of implementation of the secure return of such military-overseas ballots, and that the legislation will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly there will be no fiscal impact until reenactment.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill incorporates SB181. Patrons Prior to Substitute--Senators Puller [SB 11] and McWaters [SB 181])

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