

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB16-S1

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

2. Patron: Miller

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; persons age 65 or older on day of an election are entitled to vote absentee ballot.

5. Summary: Provides that persons age 65 or older on the day of an election for which an absentee ballot is requested are entitled to vote absentee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 83 – Electoral Services.

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$0	0.00	-
2015	\$10,700	0.00	GF
2016	\$0	0.00	-
2017	\$0	0.00	-
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the State Board of Elections (SBE), the proposed legislation is expected to increase the number of voters eligible to vote absentee. The one-time cost to the SBE include a change to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) for \$2,500, changes to forms, web materials, guidance documents for \$2,200, and printing and distribution of new forms for \$6,000.

The total cost of processing the absentee ballots at the local registrar's office would increase. Currently, the cost to send an absentee ballot is \$1.75 for mailed ballots plus the staff time needed to review ballot requests. In addition, staff time would increase for processing in-person absentee voting.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill incorporates Senate Bill 129 (Favola), Senate Bill 140 (Barker), and Senate Bill 182 (McWaters). The fiscal impact for the substitute of Senate Bill 16 is identical to the fiscal impact for Senate Bill 16.

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