

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB191-ES1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Edwards

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Voter registration; duties of the State Board of Elections.

5. **Summary:** Modifies the provision calling for the State Board to cross-check voter registration lists with other states by requiring the general registrars complete the processing of the list within 30 days of the receipt of the list from the Department of Elections and requiring the Department of Elections grant an extension of 30 days to process the list if so requested by a general registrar within 48 hours of initial receipt of the list. The bill also prohibits the cancellation of a voter's registration within 90 days prior to a primary or general election solely on the basis of the interstate cross-check program and requires the general registrars to, at a minimum, compare the Virginia voter registration system's registration history and Virginia voting history with the out-of-state registration data provided in the interstate cross-check list. This bill incorporates Senate Bill 247 (McEachin). *It does not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of the bill is included in the general appropriation act passed in 2014 by the General Assembly that becomes law.*

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 83 – Electoral Services. Senate Bill 191 includes a clause that requires the legislation to become effective once the appropriation to carry out the provisions have been included in the appropriation act passed in 2014 by the General Assembly that becomes law. The Senate submitted a budget amendment (Item 83#2s) to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 191.

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	\$30,000	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), Senate Bill 191 would require the agency to modify the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to provide an additional tracking mechanism to monitor locality compliance with a new 30-day deadline. The estimated one-time cost of this change to VERIS is \$30,000 in FY 2015 and was provided to SBE by the vendor that maintains and oversees VERIS.

The SBE also indicates that localities would also have an ongoing fiscal impact for the cost of mailing notices to voters not already in the address confirmation process under § 24.2-428(C). The SBE estimates over half of about 39,000 voters cancelled in the 2013 cross check program were already in the confirmation process. Assuming 19,000 active voters are sent notices, there would be an annual statewide postage cost of \$9,310.

- 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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