

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1496

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

**2. Patron:** Sullivan

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voter registration lists; interstate cross-checking programs.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits the cancellation of the registration of an active voter identified on the basis of interstate cross-check lists as being registered to vote in another state without corroboration that he has moved from Virginia. Voters identified as having moved will be given notice before the voter's registration is canceled. The bill also provides a timetable for the general registrars to process the names of such voters.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 83.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – see Item 8.

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$0	0.00	-
2016	\$130,305	1.00	GF
2017	\$100,305	1.00	GF
2018	\$100,305	1.00	GF
2019	\$100,305	1.00	GF
2020	\$100,305	1.00	GF
2021	\$100,305	1.00	GF

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), this bill would require the agency to modify the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to provide an additional tracking mechanism to monitor local compliance with a new 90-day deadline. The estimated cost of this change to VERIS is \$30,000 in fiscal year 2016. This bill is expected to create additional maintenance requirements for the Department, which would require the need for an additional full-time position to oversee data management and data integrity issues. The estimated annual cost of the position, including salary and benefits, is \$100,305.

Localities may incur additional costs mailing correspondence and 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), Code of Virginia. ELECT 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 results in an annual mailing cost of \$9,310.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Elections and localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

c: Secretary of Administration