

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB191-S1

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Finance

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

5. Summary: Requires the general registrar to complete and process the lists of registered voters developed through the interstate cross-check program within 30 days of receipt of the list from the Department of Elections. However, no voter's registration shall be canceled within 90 days prior to a primary or general election solely on the basis of the interstate cross-check program. Within 48 hours after its receipt of a request for an extension from a general registrar, the Department of Elections shall grant an extension of 30 days to process the interstate cross-check lists. The general registrar shall, at a minimum, compare the Virginia voter registration system's registration history and Virginia voting history with the out-of-state registration data provided from other states in the cross-check lists. If the facts show that the voter has moved out of the Commonwealth, then the voter's Virginia registration record shall be processed in accordance with subsections C, D, and E of § 24.2-428, Code of Virginia.

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	\$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.

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: The substitute for Senate Bill 191 incorporates Senate Bill 247 (McEachin).

The fiscal impact for the introduced and substitute versions of Senate Bill 191 are identical.

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