

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1379-H1

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; cancellation of registrations for persons identified through list comparisons

5. Summary: Provides for the establishment of a voter list maintenance program to identify voters registered in multiple states through the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program. The Department of Elections is directed to provide the general registrar with the proper information needed to change the identified voter registration records or list of voters identified as having moved to a different address not in the general registrar's jurisdiction no later than seven days after receiving the information. If the information provided from the voter list maintenance program appears that the voter has moved to a different address not in the same county or city, the general registrar shall send by mail to the last known address of the voter, a notice on a form prescribed by the Department, along with a postage prepaid, and a pre-addressed return card by which the voter may state his current address within 21 days of receipt of the information from the Department. If the information indicates that the registered voter has moved to a different address in the same county or city in which the voter is currently registered, the general registrar shall send to the new address of the voter by mail a notice of the change, along with a postage prepaid, pre-addressed return card by which the voter may verify or correct the address information within 21 days of receipt of such information from the Department.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate – see item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact. The Department of Elections currently participates in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program. The Department pays for postage costs to notify voters identified through ERIC and the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program as being registered to vote in another state. In FY 2015, the Department spent \$31,624 to notify 175,691 voters believed to be registered in another state after their date of last activity in Virginia at the nonprofit standard class mail rate of \$0.18. The Department is expected to absorb the costs associated with notifying voters who may be registered to vote in more than one state.

There may be additional costs to localities to print forms and notify voters; however, those costs cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections, general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.