

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB993

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

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; preregistration for persons age 16 or older.

5. Summary: Permits a person who is otherwise qualified to register to vote and is 16 years of age or older, but who will not be 18 years of age on or before the day of the next general election, to preregister to vote. The preregistration does not entitle such a person to vote in any election except as already permitted by law. The Department of Elections is required to maintain a record of all preregistered voters in the Virginia voter registration system, which shall automatically register a person who is preregistered upon that person's reaching 18 years of age.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 86

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

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2016	\$0	-
2017	\$33,200	General
2018	\$0	-
2019	\$0	-
2020	\$0	-
2021	\$0	-
2022	\$0	-

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), implementing this legislation would require modifying the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to accept registrants at 16 years of age and automatically register them at age 18, while adapting the pollbook to indicate ineligibility, similar to what must currently be done for 17-year olds in municipalities for May elections. ELECT estimates there will be one-time costs to modify VERIS (\$25,000); revise the voter registration application and update training and guidance documents (\$2,200); and print and distribute the application form (\$6,000).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections, all localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB292.

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