

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1953

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

2. **Patron:** Carr

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Voter identification; accepted forms of identification.

5. **Summary:** Adds to the list of accepted forms of identification for purposes of voting a valid identification card that contains a photograph of the voter and is issued by any private entity that is licensed or certified, in whole or in part, by the State Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Medical Assistance Services, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. An employee of any such private entity is currently permitted to use his employee identification card, provided that the card contains a photograph of the voter, for purposes of voting; the bill allows a resident or other person who receives services from such private entity to use a valid identification card issued by the private entity, provided that the card contains a photograph of the voter.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the agency will have to update and re-print its outreach materials to include the new acceptable forms of identification, which will result in a one-time fiscal impact of \$4,279 in fiscal year 2018. The estimated cost to revise the outreach materials to include the new acceptable forms of identification is \$2,008. The estimated printing cost is \$2,271, which will provide 50,000 updated brochures to all localities.

As stand-alone legislation, ELECT considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. The agency will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible the agency will require additional resources. If so, ELECT will identify the costs at that time.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, Department of Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Medical Assistance Services, and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

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

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to Senate Bill 826 (Wexton).