

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1503

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Central absentee voter precincts; expedited counting of absentee ballots.

5. Summary: Allows the officers of election at a central absentee voter precinct to begin counting those absentee ballots that are counted by hand at any time after 6:00 a.m. on the day of the election. The bill prohibits ballot count totals to be announced or transmitted outside of the central absentee voter precinct until after the closing of the polls. Currently, absentee ballots may be processed at the central absentee voter precinct prior to the closing of the polls, but shall not be counted until after the polls have closed.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, local electoral boards, general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to Senate Bill 1467 (Marsden) and companion to House Bill 2421 (Sickles).