

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB268

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: Bell, John J.

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; Intelligent Mail barcode required on return envelopes.

5. Summary: Requires an Intelligent Mail barcode be included on the return envelope provided to absentee voters for the return of the absentee ballot to the general registrar.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, ELECT considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. However, 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.

This bill requires general registrars to include an Intelligent Mail barcode on return envelopes provided to absentee voters. Localities would be responsible for any administrative costs to fulfill this requirement, which could include items such as postage, printing labels, hardware and software start-up expenses.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/22/2018