

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1244

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

**2. Patron:** Reeves

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voter registration; protected voter; foster parents.

**5. Summary:** Adds to the list of protected voters any person who has been approved to be a foster parent pursuant to law. Protected voters are permitted by law to provide on the application for voter registration, in addition to the voter's residence street address, a post office box address located within the Commonwealth, which would be the address included on (i) lists of registered voters and persons who voted, (ii) voter registration records made available for public inspection, and (iii) lists of absentee voter applicants.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill permits individuals who have been approved as foster parents to receive protected voter status, if requested.

According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the bill would require modifications to the statewide Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to create a new category of protected voter for foster parents. ELECT reports the changes required to VERIS are estimated to cost approximately \$2,500, as currently identified. Additionally, other costs may be incurred related to changes needed for information released to local registers electronically as well as changes to other systems that may be necessary to accommodate the incorporation of the new protected voter category within the Department of Motor Vehicles' automated registration system, which are currently unknown according to ELECT.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will need to facilitate the new protected voter category within its automated registration system. Any such changes that may be required are also currently unknown at the time of posting this statement. The statement will be updated to incorporate further information, once available.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles, and localities.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None.