

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB689

<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:** Lewis

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Absentee voting; eligibility of persons whose polling place prohibits firearms.

**5. Summary:** Entitles any person who may otherwise lawfully carry a firearm to vote absentee if his polling place is located in a building or on property where such possession is prohibited by law or is prohibited by the owner of the private property.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require an update to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to create an additional reason code (category) to identify the eligibility of persons whose polling place prohibits firearms. The agency would also have to update absentee forms, reports, and other VERIS functionality to accommodate the modified reason code. The Department of Elections estimates the cost of these updates to be \$8,814: \$2,500 for changes to VERIS; \$2,200 for changes to forms, web materials, and guidance documents; and \$4,114 to print and distribute new forms.

As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require significant additional funding. However, the Department of Elections 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 that the Department of Elections will require additional resources. If so, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/30/2018