

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2115

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: Ransone

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; definition of postmark; legibility requirement.

5. Summary: Requires an absentee ballot returned to the general registrar after the closing of the polls on election day to be legibly postmarked on or before the date of the election in order to be counted. Current law does not specify that the postmark must be legible. The bill defines postmark, for purposes of absentee ballots returned after the closing of the polls on election day, to mean (i) an official United States Postal Service imprint indicating the date of mailing or any other official indicia of the United States Postal Service used to identify the date of mailing or (ii) the mailing confirmation data of a commercial delivery service.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state 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, General Registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/18/2021