

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB175

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

2. Patron: Bloxom

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; annual absentee voter list, removal of permanent list, applications for ballots.

5. Summary: Removes the permanent absentee voter list and provides for an annual absentee voter list by which any eligible voter who annually files an application and is enrolled on the list receives an absentee ballot for any election in which he is eligible to vote in the ensuing calendar year. The application for the annual absentee voter list requires, at a minimum, the voter to provide his printed name, date of birth, and the last four digits of his social security number. The bill also requires an applicant for an absentee ballot to provide the last four digits of his social security number on the application, regardless of whether he is completing the application in person. Additionally the bill stipulates that a voter's failure to have a witness sign the absentee ballot envelope shall be considered a material omission, grounds for rejection of the ballot. This bill also changes the absentee ballot postmark deadline to the Saturday immediately preceding the date of the election.

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, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/10/2022