

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1948

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Bloxom

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; absentee voting; witness requirement; required information on return ballot envelope; unique identifier.

5. Summary: Removes the witness requirement for absentee ballots and replaces it with the requirement that the voter provide the last four digits of his social security number and his date of birth. The bill provides that the unique identifier assigned to the voter in the voter registration system will also be accepted in place of the last four digits of the voter's social security number for such purposes.

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 General Registrars.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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