

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB341

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Marshall, R.G.

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:**        **Elections; voter integrity and identification provisions.**

**5. Summary:** Requires the following steps to emphasize integrity in the voting process: (i) posting notice in at least two languages at the polls of legally required voting qualifications and penalties for violations; (ii) requiring proof of citizenship with registration applications; and (iii) revising the voter identification requirements for in-person and absentee voting procedures. While any person who is registered in Virginia on January 1, 2010, is deemed to have provided satisfactory proof of citizenship and is not required to submit proof of citizenship, that privilege shall not be construed to affirm or deny whether such person is lawfully registered to vote in the Commonwealth. The act will take effect January 1, 2011.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to State Board of Elections (SBE).

Fiscal impact estimates for Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is listed below:

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011	492,343	6	NGF
2012	298,343	6	NGF
2013	298,343	6	NGF
2014	298,343	6	NGF
2015	298,343	6	NGF
2016	298,343	6	NGF

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 79 (SBE) and Items 443 and 441 (DMV)

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

**State Board of Elections:** The enactment of this bill would result in increased costs to the State Board of Elections (SBE) in the form of technological changes, and increased administrative work. Posting notices in two languages at the polls is an estimated \$30,000 – this is a recurring cost incurred for each election. The cost to update the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to accommodate a proof of citizenship indicator is approximately \$8,000.

**Department of Motor Vehicles:** The DMV automated systems changes that will be needed to support these provisions are estimated to be \$194,000. A budget amendment will be needed to Budget Item 443.

VITA assesses a \$0.048 per page charge for capture and storage of images. Assuming the SBE-reported yearly average of 484,478 applications received from DMV, annual VITA charges will be \$23,255.

DMV will need permission to hire an additional 6 FTE's at a total annual cost of \$275,088 (6 FTE x \$45,848 salary for Customer Service Representative). These new employees will be needed to perform the functions required by this bill. The agency is not in a position to absorb this additional work load without additional staffing. A budget amendment will be needed to Budget Item 441.

The total estimated implementation costs for an automated process is \$492,343. The on-going yearly costs are estimated at \$298,343 (comprising salary for 6 FTE's and VITA data storage charges).

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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