

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB654

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

2. Patron: Northam

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: **Electronic reforms; State Board of Elections.**

5. Summary: Makes various amendments to Title 24.2 (Elections) that authorize the State Board of Elections to utilize various electronic systems. The bill specifies that the State Board shall (i) accept absentee voter applications and receive changes of a registered voter's name or address electronically and (ii) conduct a pilot program permitting a participating candidate for office, other than a party nominee, to provide electronically some or all of the signatures of qualified voters required to get his name on the ballot. The bill also provides that the State Board shall provide only electronic pollbooks, and not paper pollbooks, for any election held on or after July 1, 2011, and for all subsequent years and makes corresponding amendments that become effective on July 1, 2011. The bill further provides that the State Board may furnish absentee voter applicant lists to candidates or political party chairmen for use only for campaign and political purposes. Such lists shall not contain any voter's social security number, or part thereof; day and month of birth; or residence address of a voter who has provided a post office box in lieu of a residence street address.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal fiscal impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: State Board of Elections (SBE) has indicated that the enactment of the bill would produce no significant fiscal impact. All of the electronic reforms that are laid out in the bill can be established with existing resources and require no changes to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS).

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, local government

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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