

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB808

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: Obenshain

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; voter identification requirements, absentee voting eligibility and procedures.

5. Summary: Elections; voter identification requirements; absentee voting eligibility and procedures. Revises the list of items that a voter may show to prove identification at the polls. The bill adds to the list several items now allowed to prove the identity of first-time voters for federal elections who registered by mail: a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter. The bill deletes the provision that allows a voter to sign a sworn statement that he is the named registered voter he claims to be in lieu of showing identification and provides instead for the voter to cast a provisional ballot if he cannot provide a required form of identification.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no material fiscal impact to State Board of Elections (SBE)

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill is similar to HB 1560 and reintroduces a proposal Senator Obenshain and others have sponsored for uniformity of federal and state identification requirements and elimination of Virginia's affirmation of identity option. The State Board of Elections (SBE) does not foresee a significant enough increase in Provisional Voting that would result in a material fiscal impact. Local governments, however, may have an increased number of provisional ballots to process.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 1/13/2011