

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1066

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

**2. Patron:** Hugo

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Absentee voting; double voting.

**5. Summary:** Makes it unlawful to notify a voter that his absentee ballot has been rejected until the polls have closed on the Election Day and prohibits the counting of any provisional ballot cast by a voter at a precinct if an absentee ballot cast by him in the same election has been rejected at the central absentee voter precinct. A violation of the section is a Class 1 misdemeanor under § 24.2-1017

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal

**8. Fiscal Implications:** State Board of Elections (SBE) states that this legislation will have a minimal fiscal impact on SBE.

Although there is data available in order to determine a minimal fiscal impact due to this legislation, the legislation could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY 2010 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2011), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$29.98 per state inmate, per day in FY 2010.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** SBE, localities, Compensation Board

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** N/A

**Date:** 1/31/2012