

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1098

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: Herring

3. Committee: Militia, Police, and Public Safety

4. Title: Restoration of civil rights.

5. Summary: The bill provides for the automatic restoration of civil rights to persons convicted of nonviolent felonies (excepting election fraud crimes) upon completion of sentence, including any term of probation or parole, and the payment of all restitution, fines, costs, and fees assessed as a result of the felony conviction.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Office of the State Board of Elections states that the bill presents no fiscal impact and points out that the agency's responsibilities to process data from correctional institutions and the federal government when individuals are released from prison and follow through on the requirements for restitution will remain. The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth states that the bill presents no concerns to the agency's fiscal operations. The Office of the Secretary of the Supreme Court states that, while the bill eliminates the processing requirement for nonviolent felons to petition the circuit court to be declared eligible to register to vote, savings to the Courts is minimal since very few of these petitions are received each year.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of the Commonwealth; State Board of Elections; Office of the Secretary of the Supreme Court.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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