

Department of Planning and Budget

2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1471

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Watts

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Voting by assisted living facility

5. **Summary:** Provides that residents of assisted living facilities are permitted to vote absentee. The bill also provides that localities may establish absentee voter precincts at assisted living facilities that will be open prior to an election to allow in-person absentee voting by the residents. The bill further provides that upon the request of an administrator of an assisted living facility in which at least 50 registered voters reside, at least two officers of election will be sent to the facility on Election Day to assist persons 65 years old or older or physically disabled with voting.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 87

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	10,000	0	GF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that this legislation would have a fiscal impact on SBE as it would require a one-time system/program change to VERIS, the Commonwealth's statewide voter registration system estimated at \$10,000

This legislation could also have a fiscal impact on the localities to satisfy the requirement for officers of election to assist residents of assisted living facilities on Election Day by transporting them from the facility to the polling place for curbside voting. In addition to hiring additional officers of election, this legislation could also require localities to purchase liability insurance for the officers of election transporting voters.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections and general registrar offices

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** n/a

11. **Other Comments:** none

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