

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1197-H1

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

2. Patron: Brink

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; absentee voting; return of unused and defaced absentee ballots.

5. Summary: Provides that a voter, who returns his unused or defaced absentee ballot before the day of the election in accordance with law, shall be entitled to vote in person on election day, upon confirmation by the electoral board, the general registrar, or an officer of election of the return of the defaced ballot. If the electoral board, general registrar, or an officer of election is unable to confirm the return of the defaced ballot, the voter shall be entitled to cast a provisional ballot pursuant to § 24.2-653.1.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The substitute to House Bill 1197 does not create a fiscal impact for the State Board of Elections or localities. The introduced legislation would have allowed a voter, who returned his unused or defaced absentee ballot in accordance with law, to cast his vote in person on election day. The amended bill simply allows a voter, who has returned the defaced ballot the day before the election, to vote a regular ballot in person, upon confirmation by the electoral board, the general registrar, or an officer of election of the return of the defaced ballot. The proposed legislation also allows a voter to cast a provisional ballot, pursuant to § 24.2-653.1, if the electoral board, general registrar, or an officer of the election is unable to confirm the return of the defaced ballot.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The fiscal impact for the introduced and substitute versions of House Bill 1197 are identical.

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c: Secretary of Administration