

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB918

<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:** Sickles, M.D.

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; separation of ballots.

**5. Summary:** Removes the requirement that mechanical voting devices and ballots approved for use in elections must be capable of segregating ballots containing write-in votes from all other ballots. The bill also repeals the requirement that separate ballot containers are to be provided in primary elections.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The State Board of Elections reports that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the agency or the Commonwealth. Additionally, the bill may create opportunities for cost avoidance on the part of localities, as some voting equipment purchased by localities may be less expensive without a physical ballot diverter and localities will not be required to provide separate ballot containers during dual primaries.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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