

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB191

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; duties of the State Board of Elections.

5. Summary: Modifies the provision calling for the State Board to cross-check voter registration lists with other states by (i) limiting the cross-checking to lists of active (rather than active and inactive) voters, (ii) requiring corroboration that the voter is no longer a resident and a mailed notice before the general registrar cancels his registration based on lists developed by such cross-checking, (iii) requiring the State Board to send lists of such voters to the general registrars only between January 1 and March 1, and (iv) giving the general registrar 90 days following his receipt of the list from the State Board to process the list.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 83 – Electoral Services.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	\$0	0.00	-
2015	\$30,000	0.00	GF
2016	\$0	0.00	-
2017	\$0	0.00	-
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the State Board of Elections (SBE), Senate Bill 191 would require the agency to modify the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to provide an additional tracking mechanism to monitor locality compliance with a new 90-day deadline. The estimated cost of this change to VERIS is \$30,000 for the first year.

The SBE also indicates that localities would also have an ongoing fiscal impact for the cost of mailing notices to voters not already in the address confirmation process under § 24.2-428(C). The SBE estimates over half of about 39,000 voters cancelled in the 2013 cross

check program were already in the confirmation process. Assuming 19,000 active voters are sent notices results in an annual statewide postage cost of \$9,310.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Legislation is similar to SB247.

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