

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1350-S1

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

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; cancellation of registration.

5. Summary: Allows a voter to cancel his registration by notifying the Department of Elections through electronic means of his request to have his name removed from the registration records. The bill also allows the State Board to use commercially available sources to identify voters whose addresses may have changed. The bill further requires the general registrars to cancel the registration of any voter for whom the registrar receives a notice in accordance with the Driver License Compact that the voter has moved from the Commonwealth.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections (ELECT), the substitute for Senate Bill 1350 would not have an immediate state fiscal impact because deadlines are not specified within the legislation mandating the use of commercial data or implementation of an electronic cancellation system, both of which ELECT has already been considering. Commercial address data has an estimated annual cost of \$60,000 and an electronic cancellation system would cost approximately \$19,000. The costs for updating guidance documents and training of registrars on how to implement the mandatory cancellation are already included as part of the agency's routine updates; therefore, additional funding is not required. The Department of Motor Vehicles already provides the surrender data to ELECT on a monthly basis; however, the mandatory feature may result in litigation challenges.

Localities may experience additional postage costs following up with voters under the Driver License Compact which requires dual mailing of cancellation notices to the Virginia and out-of-state addresses. The volume of cancellations appears minimal with only 23 dual addresses provided for 140 surrenders in the past month.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections; Department of Motor Vehicles; general registrars; and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

c: Secretary of Administration