

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB711

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

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; duties of State Board of Elections and general registrars.

5. Summary: Requires general registrars to conduct and complete within 30 days of the receipt of precinct lists from the State Board a cross-check of precinct list voters with voter registration data supplied by other states in the interstate cross-check system developed under current law by the State Board. The bill requires the State Board to grant an extension of up to 30 days to complete the cross-check if so requested by a general registrar within 48 hours of initial receipt of the precinct list. The bill requires the general registrars to, at a minimum, compare the Virginia Voter Registration System registration history and Virginia voting history of precinct list voters with the out-of-state registration data provided in the interstate cross-check system and prohibits the cancellation of a voter's registration within 90 days prior to a primary or general election solely on the basis of the interstate cross-check. The provisions of the bill are contingent on funding in a general appropriation act passed in 2015 by the General Assembly that becomes law.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Elections, this measure does not change the basic 30-day time frame for general registrars to process list maintenance data from the Department that would require any changes to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS).

Localities would 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), Code of Virginia. The Department 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: Department of Elections; general registrars; and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

c: Secretary of Administration