

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB853

<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:** Favola

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Elections; assistance for certain voters.

**5. Summary:** Allows any qualified voter who is 75 years of age or older or a person with a disability to request to go to the front of the line and to vote at the next available voting booth or voting system. The bill requires the chief officer of election or other designated election official to grant any such request made between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This provision applies also to central absentee voting precincts and locations in the county or city approved by the electoral board for the purpose of casting absentee ballots. A qualified voter who is 65 years of age or older or a person with a disability is still permitted to vote outside the polling place pursuant to § 24.2-649.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Elections indicates that this bill would have no material fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. Changes to regulation and training to implement these requirements would be included as part of the agency's routine updates.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All localities.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to HB1327.

C: Secretary of Administration

Date: January 14, 2015

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