

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB906

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

2. **Patron:** Howell

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Absentee voting; information required on application.

5. **Summary:** Eliminates the requirement that a voter applying for an absentee ballot provide on the application the last four digits of his social security number.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 83.

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

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$0	0.00	-
2016	\$8,814	0.00	GF
2017	\$0	0.00	-
2018	\$0	0.00	-
2019	\$0	0.00	-
2020	\$0	0.00	-
2021	\$0	0.00	-

8. **Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Elections, this bill would require an update to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) to no longer require the last four digits of a voter's social security number, updates to absentee forms, reports, and other VERIS functionality to accommodate these changes. The Department estimates the cost to be \$2,500 for changes to VERIS; \$2,200 for changes to forms, web materials, and guidance documents; and \$4,114 to print and distribute new forms. Funding for these changes are not currently built into the Department's approved contracts and projects; therefore, this legislation would require a budget amendment in the amount of \$8,814 in fiscal year 2016 only.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Elections and localities.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.

c: Secretary of Administration