

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2343

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

**2. Patron:** Bell, Robert B.

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voter registration list maintenance; voters identified as having duplicate registrations.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Elections to provide to the general registrars a list of registered voters who have been found through list comparisons and data-matching exchanges with other states to be registered in another state. The bill requires the general registrars, upon receipt of such lists, to send notice to the voter and provide a postage prepaid, pre-addressed return card by which the voter may state his current address and verify or dispute the out-of-state registration record. The general registrars are also required to contact the registration official of the state of the out-of-state registration record to request a copy of the voter's registration record in that state. If a voter returns the return card confirming his move from the Commonwealth or verifying his out-of-state registration record, or if the registration official provides a copy of the voter's registration record in that state and such record is dated subsequent to the voter's registration record in the Commonwealth, the bill requires the general registrars to cancel the voter's registration record. If a voter returns the return card confirming his address within the city or county of his registration or disputing the out-of-state registration record, the general registrar is required to so notify the registration official of the state of the voter's out-of-state registration record. If no return card is received within 30 days after the general registrar sends notice to the voter, the bill requires the general registrar to place the voter's name on inactive status in accordance with state and federal law.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. The Department of Elections will review all electoral legislation likely to be enacted prior to the passage by each house. If the aggregate number of “routine” bills likely to pass either house is unusually large, it is possible that the Department of Elections will require additional resources. If so, the Department of Elections will identify the costs at that time.

Additional costs the agency may incur include updating instructions and guidance documents to include translation, and, if needed, changes to the Virginia Election and Registration

Information System (VERIS), changes to web materials, printing and distribution of forms, additional support for staff to research Code sections and update forms impacted by the legislation, and training to assure officers of election and voters are aware of any changes.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, general registrars, and localities.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.