

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1253

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

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter identification; photograph contained in electronic pollbook; challenge of voter.

5. Summary: Grants to the localities the option to include in their electronic pollbooks the photographs of registered voters that are obtained by the general registrars in the production of voter photo identification cards or contained in a voter's Department of Motor Vehicles record. The bill provides that the Department of Elections receives such photographs and is required to make them available, upon request, to the general registrars for download in accordance with the procedures set by the State Board of Elections. The bill prohibits lists of voters furnished pursuant to current law from containing any voter's photograph. The bill also provides that if the electronic pollbook contains the voter's photograph, the officer of election is required to access that photograph and the voter is not required to present one of the statutorily required forms of identification. However, the bill requires the officer of election to challenge the voter's vote if the voter does not appear to be the same person depicted in the photograph or in the pollbook. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate – see Item 8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Elections has not provided the Department of Planning and Budget with the estimated costs of the proposed legislation; therefore, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections and State Board of Elections

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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