

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1581

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

2. Patron: Peake

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; verification of social security numbers.

5. Summary: Before registering any applicant, the general registrars shall verify that the name, date of birth, and social security number provided by the applicant on the voter registration application match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or other database approved by the State Board. If the information provided by the applicant does not match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or other database, the applicant shall not be registered to vote and the general registrar shall send a notice by mail to the address provided on the voter registration application. On or before August 1 of each year, the general registrars shall verify that the name, date of birth, and social security number in the registration record of each registered voter in the registrar's jurisdiction match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or other database approved by the State Board. The provisions of § 24.2-429 shall govern the cancellation of the registration of any registered voter whose information does not match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or other database. The State Board may approve the use of any government database to the extent required to enable each general registrar to carry out the provisions of this section and may promulgate rules for the use of such database. The Department shall provide access by the general registrars to the Social Security Administration database and any other database approved by the State Board and shall be required to enter into any agreement with any federal or state agency in order to provide such access.

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, and general registrars.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.