

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1325

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Provisional voting; persons voting in split precincts.

5. Summary: Provides that any voter who is assigned to a precinct that is split between two or more election districts and who believes he was given a ballot for the district of which he is not a qualified voter may request, prior to casting the ballot, and shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot for the district of which he believes he is a qualified voter and for the district in which the pollbook indicates he is registered. The bill requires the ballots to be sealed in envelopes labeled with the corresponding district number and then sealed in the green envelope provided for all provisional ballots. At the meeting to determine the validity of all provisional ballots offered in the election, the electoral board shall verify which district the voter is a qualified voter of and count that ballot.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, ELECT considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. However, the agency 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 the agency will require additional resources. If so, ELECT will identify the costs at that time.

Any potential impact to localities associated with processing provisional ballots in accordance with the bill’s provisions is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/22/2018