Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	er: HB449					
	House of Orig	in 🖂	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House		In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled
2.	Patron:	Rodman					
3.	Committee:	tee: Privileges and Elections					
1.	Title:	Voter registration; permitted up to and including election day.					

- 5. Summary: Repeals the deadline for registering to vote in advance of an election and allows eligible voters to register at any time, including the day of the election. A person who is eligible to vote, but is not registered, may register and be permitted to vote on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct of which he is a resident and (i) providing certain identifying information; (ii) signing a statement, subject to felony penalties, that he is a qualified voter of that precinct but for not being registered to vote; and (iii) providing proof of residency. Residency may be proven by presenting (a) his valid Virginia driver's license or other photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States that contains a valid address in the precinct or (b) any document that contains a valid address in the precinct together with one of the forms of identification accepted for purposes of voting. The bill requires the State Board to provide instructions for the prompt addition of the voter to the Virginia voter registration system on the day of the election.
- **6. Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary see Item 8.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require an update to Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) registration forms, reports, and other VERIS functionality to reflect the addition of voters registering in the system up to and including election day. The Department of Elections estimates the cost of these updates to be \$8,814: \$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.

As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as "routine," and does not require additional funding. However, 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.

- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections and localities
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- 11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/29/2018