

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2764-E

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

2. Patron: Wilt

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; persons assisting with completion or collection of completed applications.

5. Summary: Requires person who assists an applicant with the completion of a paper voter registration application or collects a completed paper voter registration application directly from an applicant to provide his name and telephone number and indicate the group or organization with which he is affiliated, if any, on the registration application. The bill prohibits any registration application from being denied on the basis of such information not being provided. The measure exempts from such requirement any state or local government employee who assists with the completion of registration applications or who collects completed registration applications as part of his official duties. The identifying information of the person assisting with the completion of or collecting a completed paper application shall not be entered into the registration record of the applicant.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: As engrossed, the bill would require any person who assists an applicant with the completion of a paper voter registration application or collects a completed paper voter registration application directly from an applicant to provide his name and telephone number and indicate the group or organization with which he is affiliated, if any, on the registration application. The engrossed version of the bill also provides that the information of those assisting with application completion or collection shall not be entered into the registration record of the applicant.

The Department of Elections would be required to update and reprint paper registration applications in order to allow the entry of information for persons assisting with the completion or collection of applications and is expected to be able to absorb such costs within existing resources. This is based on the assumption that the information of persons assisting with application completion or collection would not be otherwise entered or collected elsewhere and would exclusively be retained in the hard copy of the application.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.