

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB18

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: Lindsey

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; no-excuse, in-person voting, applicability date.

5. Summary: Provides that, beginning with the May 5, 2020, general election, no-excuse, in-person absentee voting will be available beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the election. The bill contains an emergency clause.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Changes that are currently required in Chapters 668 and 669 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly beginning with the November 2020 election would become effective beginning with the May 2020 election, pursuant to the proposed legislation.

Any potential impact of the proposed legislation is currently unknown. According to the Department of Elections, the agency does not expect to be able to implement necessary changes to the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) with existing staff within the timeline required by the bill. Therefore, the agency anticipates the assistance of contractors with prior VERIS experience would be necessary in order to meet the bill's requirements and does not know if contractors meeting this criteria would be available. The estimated cost of needed contractor support is not available at this time.

Any potential impact on localities is also indeterminate.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/20/2020