

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB201-H1

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

2. Patron: Ayala

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; same-day registration; in-person absentee and election day voting.

5. Summary: The bill permits any person who is qualified to vote to register in person up to and including election day at the office of the general registrar or the polling place for the precinct in which the person resides. This bill has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2022.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes; Item 86.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020		
2021	\$44,200	GF
2022		

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would permit any person who is qualified to vote to register in person up to and including election day at the office of the general registrar or the polling place for the precinct in which the person resides. The bills direct the Department of Elections to prescribe procedures for adding those registering up to and including election day to the lists of registered voters.

The Department of Elections (ELECT) would need to modify the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) and supporting systems to allow in-person registration beyond the current registration deadline. ELECT estimates one-time costs of \$44,200 to make the required changes, based on an estimated 340 hours at \$130 per hour for contractors. ELECT currently has limited capacity to absorb the additional workload with its current staffing levels. Anticipated systems changes include, but are not limited to, a job schedule that runs behind the scenes or overnight, processes to check a voter record for a match to the existing voter record, and changes to VERIS (online voter registration records, hoppers and batch reports to accommodate any changes to the data received).

Local general registrars' offices would also be required to be open for registration on Election Day and facilitate registration at their offices and at polling places pursuant to the

procedures adopted by the Department of Elections. Any potential impact to local general registrars and localities is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, local general registrars, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/4/2020