Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB207

House of Origin	☐	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** VanValkenburg

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Absentee voting; no excuse; permanent absentee voter list.

5. **Summary:** Permits any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he is qualified to vote. The bill removes the current list of statutory reasons under which a person may be entitled to vote by absentee ballot and removes references to those reasons from other sections of the Code. The bill also provides for a special application by which any registered voter may apply to receive absentee ballots for all elections in which he is eligible to vote. A voter on the permanent absentee voter list remains on the list until the voter requests in writing to be removed from the list, the voter's registration is canceled or placed on inactive status pursuant to law, or the voter moves to a different address not in the same county or city of the voter's registration. The provisions amending § 24.2-703.1, Code of Virginia, regarding the permanent absentee voter list, do not become effective until July 1, 2021.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No state fiscal impact.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

   The bill allows any registered voter to vote by absentee ballot by mail or in-person without an excuse. This change is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Elections, as similar procedures implemented pursuant to Chapters 668 and 669 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly will be capable of meeting the proposed legislation's requirements. Chapters 668 and 669 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly allow no-excuse in-person voting during the period beginning the second Saturday immediately preceding any election, effective with the general election on November 3, 2020.

   Localities are responsible for conducting elections, including absentee voting by mail or in-person voting, and would be responsible for any potential impact of changes necessary to facilitate the proposed voting process.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 3/2/2020