

Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB5079

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: Batten

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Absentee voting; unsolicited absentee ballot applications.

5. Summary: Requires any individual or organization sending an application for an absentee ballot to a registered voter that was not solicited or requested by the registered voter to use the information provided in the list of registered voters acquired by such individual or organization from the Department of Elections pursuant to law. A violation of this requirement is a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill requires the Department of Elections to ensure, when providing the list of registered voters to such individual or organization for purposes of sending unsolicited absentee ballot applications, that no voter is included on the list provided if such voter has applied for an absentee ballot on or before the date the list is requested.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Elections.

Misdemeanors – Class 4

A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Literary Fund. However, it is not possible to estimate either the number of convictions that may result or the amount of each fine that may be assessed under this legislation. Therefore, the potential revenue impact of this bill cannot be determined, but is expected to be negligible.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.