

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2212

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Tran

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections administration; State Board of Elections duties; required election/voter participation.

5. Summary: Requires the State Board of Elections to provide information for voters on its website, including (i) the role of and contact information for the State Board and local electoral boards; (ii) how and where to register to vote; (iii) how and where to vote, including information about absentee voting, polling hours, Virginia's voter identification requirements and acceptable forms of identification, the casting of ballots, and a means for voters to find their polling place; and (iv) any laws, regulations, policies, or forms pertaining to any of the information in (i), (ii), and (iii). The website must also allow a voter to review any information about himself that is kept in the statewide voter registration database. The bill also requires that (a) at a minimum, the State Board provide a version of its website in which all required parts are translated into any language that is spoken by a language minority group; (b) any page that is linked to a translated page shall also be translated; and (c) all translated portions of the website be reviewed for accuracy, with appropriate updates made prior to the start of early voting for every primary and general election held in Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require the State Board of Elections (SBE) to provide voting and election information in any language that is spoken by a language minority group covered under subsection A of § 24.2-128 on their website. Currently, SBE provides election materials to voters in these specified languages. The cost to provide the required translated information is not currently known and would depend on the amount of material needed on the website that is not currently translated.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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