

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1171

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

2. Patron: Wachsmann

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; processing absentee ballots returned before election day; processing upon receipt.

5. Summary: Requires the general registrars to complete the initial processing of absentee ballots that are returned before election day within three business days of receipt. Under current law, registrars are directed to mark the date of receipt in the voter's record and examine the ballot envelope to verify completion of the required voter affirmation when an absentee ballot is returned but are not subject to a deadline for doing so.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; no state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact. This bill could impact localities by requiring increased resources during an election period for general registrars to meet the three-day requirement.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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