

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1177

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

2. **Patron:** Sickles

3. **Committee:** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title:** Voter registration; list maintenance; data sharing; requiring membership.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Commissioner of Elections to apply for, enter into, and maintain membership for the Commonwealth in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes; Item 77.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require the Department of Elections (ELECT) to rejoin the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Based on an estimate received from ERIC, the membership fee would be approximately \$87,000 as the cost of membership for 2025 has not yet been approved. This amount is not offset by prior dues paid by ELECT. Funds used to previously pay membership dues have since been repurposed to pay for information from other states and agencies to keep voter registration lists up to date.

In addition to the payment of membership dues, ELECT would be required by ERIC to complete an Eligible but Unregistered (EBU) mailing to be in good standing. The last EBU mailing ELECT participated in cost approximately \$200,000. The EBU mailing is required every two years.

The cost to make the new State Voter Registration System (SVRS) compatible with information passed directly from ERIC is indeterminate at this time.

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:** This bill is a companion to SB606.

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