

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB224

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:** Rouse

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Voter registration; cancellation of registration by voter convicted of a felony; notice.

**5. Summary:** Requires the general registrar to mail a notice to all persons known by him to have been convicted of a felony prior to canceling any such person's voter registration. The bill specifies that such notice shall inform the person of the report from the Department of Elections based on information received from the Central Criminal Records Exchange indicating his felony conviction and allow such person to submit evidence that his right to vote has been restored within 14 days of the date the notice was mailed. The bill requires the general registrar to cancel the registration of such person who does not respond within 14 days.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; see below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is estimated to be \$13,000 based on 100 contractor hours at \$130 per hour to make the necessary changes to VERIS. These code changes include rewrites and updating scripts for VERIS. VERIS is currently scheduled to be replaced in fiscal year 2025 by the new Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS). It is anticipated that no major changes would need to be made to SVRS.

The bill would require the processing of the most recent list of individuals convicted of a felony within 28 to 21 days before any primary or general election, moving the current timeline seven days. The cost for General Registrars' offices would increase due to the increase in notices sent to individuals indicated as having a felony conviction (an initial notice and a final cancellation notice).

**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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