

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB32

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: Peake

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration; verification of social security numbers; provisional registration status.

5. Summary: Requires the general registrar to verify that the name, date of birth, and social security number provided by an applicant on the voter registration application match the information on file in the Social Security Administration database or other database approved by the State Board of Elections before registering such applicant. If the information provided by the applicant does not match the information on file in such database, the applicant (i) is provisionally registered to vote and notified as to what steps are needed to be fully registered to vote and (ii) is permitted to vote by provisional ballot but such ballot shall not be counted until the voter presents certain information. The bill also requires the general registrar to verify annually no later than August 1 that the name, date of birth, and social security number in the registration record of each registered voter in the registrar's jurisdiction match the information on file with the Social Security Administration or other database approved by the State Board and, in accordance with current law, to initiate the cancellation of the registration of any voter whose registration record information does not match the database information. The State Board is authorized to approve the use of any government database to the extent required to enable each general registrar to carry out the provisions of the bill and to promulgate rules for the use of such database. The Department of Elections is required to provide each general registrar access to the Social Security Administration database and any other database approved by the State Board. The Department is further required to enter into any agreement with any federal or state agency to facilitate such access. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2026.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See below.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see below.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would require general registrars to individually validate the name, date of birth, and social security number (SSN) provided on voter registration applications with those on file with the Social Security Administration (SSA) or other database approved by the Board of Elections (SBE). If information provided by the applicant does not match the information on file, the general registrar shall "provisionally register" the individual. This creates a new category of voter registration status and would require the Department of Elections (ELECT) to modify the current electronic poll book system to

accommodate the new category of voters. The cost to make these system modifications is indeterminate.

The bill also permits ELECT to use various methods to validate SSNs as approved by SBE. It is currently unknown if full social security data may be obtained for the purpose of validating voter registration information. It is anticipated that fees would likely be assessed to access the data, though any such costs are currently unknown.

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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