

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB605

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

2. Patron: Subramanyam

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Assistance for certain voters outside of the polling place; definition of.

5. Summary: Expands the definition of "disability" for purposes of providing assistance outside of a polling place for voters with disabilities to include any permanent or temporary disability. Under current law, such definition of "disability" is limited to a permanent or temporary physical disability. The bill requires the training required for all officers of election to include specific training on voting outside of a polling place and directs the Department of Elections to incorporate into guidance documents for election officials the processes and procedures for voting outside of the polling place, including best practices for providing assistance for voters with disabilities.

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. As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as routine and does not require additional funding.

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 similar HB43, HB441, and HB1222.

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