

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1330

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

2. Patron: Ward

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; persons confined awaiting trial or for conviction of a misdemeanor.

5. Summary: Provides that any registered voter who is confined while awaiting trial or for having been convicted of a misdemeanor may vote by absentee ballot and requires the institution or facility in which such voter is confined to (i) provide the means and opportunity for such voter to complete and submit a timely application for an absentee ballot and to properly mark his absentee ballot and(ii) ensure such voter's marked absentee ballot is returned in accordance with law. The bill further provides that such voter shall be permitted to vote absentee in person or at the polling place on election day if the deadline for making an application has passed and directs the institution or facility to facilitate the safe and secure transport of the voter to do so.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See below.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Elections. Any impact to local and regional jails is unknown 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), local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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