

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB310

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

2. Patron: Ransone

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting; application requirements; absentee ballot requirements.

5. Summary: Requires an applicant for an absentee ballot to provide the last four digits of his social security number on the application regardless of whether he is completing the application in person and makes the failure of the absentee voter to have a witness sign his absentee ballot envelope a material omission that renders the ballot void. The bill removes the permanent absentee voter list and reinstates the special annual application for voters with a disability or illness. The bill also removes the requirement that the absentee voter return envelope be sent to absentee voters with prepaid postage.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: 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: None.

Date: 1/19/2022