

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB11H1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Puller

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Absentee voting and procedures; secure return of voted military-overseas ballots.

5. Summary: Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, and services to enable uniformed-service voters outside of the United States to return voted military-overseas ballots securely by electronic mail or fax. The bill requires the State Board to develop and annually update security measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of such votes and requires the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth to approve the measures. The State Board is directed to convene a working group for the initial development of the security measures. Additionally, the State Board is directed to work with the U.S. Department of Defense to use smart cards issued to active-duty military personnel to authenticate and enable the return of such military-overseas ballots. The bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science. This bill incorporates SB 181.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that implementing a system to ensure secure return of voted military-overseas ballots would have a fiscal impact, particularly with the security requirements. Due to the fact that this legislation calls for a working group to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly beginning January 1, 2016, on the feasibility and cost of implementation of the secure return of such military-overseas ballots, and that the legislation will not become effective unless reenacted by the 2016 Session of the General Assembly there will be no fiscal impact until reenactment.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, VITA, localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Substitute incorporates SB181. Patrons Prior to Substitute--Senators Puller [SB 11] and McWaters [SB 181])

This bill is a companion to HB759

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