

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB544

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: Batten

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter identification; optional restrictive identification requirement.

5. Summary: Allows a voter to opt into being required to show a valid photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States when voting in person. When a voter offers to vote and the pollbook indicates he has opted into such requirement, he shall be required to show a valid photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States in order to vote a regular ballot. The bill requires the voter registration application to permit an applicant to opt into this requirement and the Department of Elections to provide the means for currently registered voters to opt in as well.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

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.

Any potential impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles is currently unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/24/2022