

**Department of Planning and Budget
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: Due to the provisions of this bill there is an indeterminate fiscal impact to the state. This bill mandates that the Department of Elections (ELECT) provide free photo identification cards to voters who lack one of the forms of identification specified in subsection B of § 24.2-643, Code of Virginia, for voting purposes. ELECT must supply each general registrar with the necessary equipment to capture photographs and signatures, which will then be submitted to the department to create the identification cards. Based on the retail cost of the equipment, ELECT estimates that each set of camera and signature capture pad equipment will cost approximately \$777.

The initial one-time cost to purchase camera and signature capture equipment for all localities, based on these cost estimates, is projected to be \$103,341. However, the actual number of localities that still have functioning equipment from previous photo identification initiatives is unknown, meaning the number of localities requiring new equipment may be lower than initially anticipated.

The bill also allows ELECT to contract out the production and distribution of the voter identification cards. The current estimated retail cost to produce each identification card is \$8.77. For example, if 2000 voter identification cards are needed the cost to the Department of Elections would be \$17,540. Elections also assumes a replacement rate of five percent for equipment annually totaling to \$5,439. This would make yearly ongoing costs for the provisions of this bill \$22,979. While these retail cost estimates are the best available at this time, ELECT anticipates that the actual costs, once the contract is bid out, will likely be lower.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in accordance with § 24.2-411.3 shall provide assistance as required in providing voter photo identification cards. The fiscal impact to the DMV is indeterminate however it was stated that a moderate IT effort would be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

Other: N/A