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

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**Bill Number:** SB 1070 **Patron:** Peake

**Bill Title:** Elections; voter identification; identification containing a photograph required.

**Bill Summary:** Requires presentation of a form of identification containing a photograph in order to vote. The bill repeals the provisions of law permitting a voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification to vote after signing a statement, subject to felony penalties for false statements, that he is the named registered voter he claims to be. Instead, the bill provides that such voter is entitled to cast a provisional ballot.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 77, Item 428

**Explanation:** See Below

**Fiscal Summary:** There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to the state. The provisions of the bill add responsibilities to the Department of Elections and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

## **General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

Agency	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
The Department of Elections	-	\$120,881	\$22,979	\$22,979	\$22,979	\$22,979
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.

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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 previsions of the bill.

Other: Similar to HB 1652.