

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: SB 813 S1 **Patron:** Rouse
Bill Title: Voter registration; regular periodic review of registration records.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Elections to complete not later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election any program the purpose of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the voter registration system. This restriction is not to be construed to preclude (i) the removal of names from the voter registration system at the request of the registrant or as provided by existing law by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity or the death of the registrant or (ii) the correction of registration records pursuant to existing law. Under current law, such restriction only applies to federal primaries and federal general elections. The provisions of the bill also extend the time in which a person can submit their sworn statement that they are a U.S. citizen to the general registrar from 14 to 28 days.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 77
Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: There is a state fiscal impact due to the provisions of this bill. Both the Department of Elections (ELECT) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be affected due to the provisions of this bill requiring a shortened time to complete the necessary record keeping. The estimates provided by Elections are listed below while the effect to the DMV is indeterminate at this time.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
The Department of Elections	-	\$78,400	\$84,400	\$91,600	\$91,600	\$91,600
The Department of Motor Vehicles	-	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: Currently The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in partnership with The Department of Elections (ELECT) run Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) statuses in real time. This bill limits actions that can be taken in the 90 days before an election. Based on current estimates the Department of Elections will have to process approximately 6,000 additional records for the 90-day period that only applies currently for federal elections. The provisions of the bill also expand the requirements to all primary and general elections. ELECT currently does not have the capacity to run bulk uploads for SAVE verification so all records will need to be keyed manually which will require additional resources if DMV cannot do the SAVE verification.

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The cost to the Department of Elections is estimated to increase over time due to the shortened record processing period and the DMV's ability to assist with the provisions of this bill. The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be \$78,400 in FY26, \$84,400 in FY27, and \$91,600 in FY28. The estimates also take into account the growth in SAVE statuses which will need to be verified. The estimates above do not reflect the additional resources that may be necessary depending on DMV's support.

The DMV currently confirms citizenship status. It is undetermined how the provisions of this bill will affect the DMV's ability to participate in the SAVE verification process. On average 2,000 SAVE statuses are reviewed a month in real time. The provisions would create the 6,000 additional individual records required for SAVE processing after every primary and general election. The fiscal impact to the DMV is indeterminate as this time.

The provisions of this bill also increases the time in which a person can submit a sworn statement to the general registrars that they are U.S. citizen from 14 to 28 days. The provisions of the bill do not extend the scope of the Class 5 felony pursuant to § 24.2-1016, so it does not increase the fiscal impact of the bill.

Other: Similar legislation includes HB 1657.