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

Bill Number:	HB 2276S1	**Patron:**	Price
Bill Title:	Voter registration; list maintenance activities; cancellation procedures; required record matches; required identification information; data standards.		

Bill Summary: Requires certain, specified identification information to be included on the lists received by the Department of Elections for list maintenance purposes and requires the Department, upon receiving any such list, to do an initial comparison of the information included on such list with the list of registered voters and determine the confidence score for any match. Matches with a confidence score of at least 80 are transmitted to the appropriate general registrars. The bill prohibits the use of voter data received from another state or jurisdiction or through a list comparison for list maintenance purposes when the data file does not include a unique identifier for each individual whose information is contained in the data file. The bill requires the Department of Elections to annually review all sources of data utilized for list maintenance activities for the purpose of determining the validity, completeness, accuracy, and reliability of the data received from each source, and to include the results of such review in its annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections regarding its list maintenance activities. The bill requires the general registrars to send notice prior to cancelling a voter's record regardless of the reason for cancellation. Lastly, the bill clarifies that when a voter's registration is canceled, a cancellation record must be created, and that such records are public in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the National Voter Registration Act. The bill includes numerous technical amendments for organizational purposes.

Budget Amendment Necessary:	Yes	**Items Impacted:**	Item 415, Item 274
Explanation:	See below.		

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. The provisions of the bill fiscally impact the Department of Elections, Virginia State Police (VSP) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The bill will have no fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Circuit Courts.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
The Department of Elections	-	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
V**irginia State Police**	-	$135,800	-	-	-	-
T**he Virginia Department of Health**	-	$100,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: The state fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is indeterminate. The provisions of this bill make changes to the Department of Election's list maintenance process. To offer consistent data matching processes the list maintenance procedure is switched from a percentage system to a point system. The bill would require ELECT to conduct an annual review on the sources of data used for list maintenance in addition to changes that would be required to ensure voters with felony convictions are not cancelled before 14 days of an initial notice being mailed. To meet the provisions of the bill significant changes would need to be made to the Virginia Elections and Registration Information System (VERIS) and the development of the new State Voter Registration System (SVRS). The systems would need to be altered to accept new data fields, compare information, increase registration storage, and establishing the matching points function. Additional resources will also be necessary to create new procedures and to review all sources of data utilized for list maintenance. Currently ELECT receives information from Clerks of Courts, DMV, Department of Health, and VSP.

Virginia State Police (VSP) has stated that the cost to implement to necessary provisions will be a one-time expense of $135,800. The one-time cost takes into account the number of hours for development work and quality assurance. The provisions of the bill require the Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) to provide a monthly list of individuals convicted of felony offenses for the preceding month and a full list of all individuals convicted of a felony, annually. This Bill would require development work to the Computerized Criminal History system (CCH) batch file that is sent to the Department of Elections, both monthly and annually, to include additional data for driver's license number if available, and the code cite and description of the felony offense the individual was convicted of.

VDH already has a process established with the Department of Elections to transmit death data on a weekly basis for voter registration list maintenance purposes. The data that is missing from the bill's requirements are the decedent's place of birth and death and the DMV customer identifier number. VDH currently has data sharing processes in place with the DMV and the Department of Elections. VDH anticipates passage of the legislation will require updates to VDH decedent data transmission processes.

To accomplish the provisions of the bill, VDH would need to modify existing data transmission procedures to include the provision of a decedent's place of birth and death to the Department of Elections. Such changes are expected to incur a minimal cost to VDH as the update involves adding new data elements to the list of existing data transmitted to the Department of Elections

Additionally, VDH would need to implement a new data sharing process with the DMV to transmit a decedent's DMV customer identifier number and to change the existing semi-monthly transmission of data to weekly. VDH has determined that this may result in a $100,000 fiscal impact depending on the requirements of the final solution.

The provisions of this bill will have no fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Circuit Courts.

Other: N/A