

Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB215

Patron: Henson

Bill Title: Voter registration; list maintenance; third-party data exchanges; approval by State Board of Elections.

Bill Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Elections, prior to entering into or terminating a memorandum of understanding or modifying the terms of an existing memorandum of understanding with any third party for the exchange of voter registration data, to submit the proposed memorandum of understanding, the reason for termination, or the proposed modifications, as appropriate, to the State Board of Elections for review and approval. Approval shall require a vote of two-thirds of the State Board. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Elections to apply for, enter into, and maintain membership for the Commonwealth in the Electronic Registration Information Center.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: Item 77

Explanation: See Below

Fiscal Summary: There is an anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
The Department of Elections	\$37,500	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
TOTAL	\$37,500	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000

Fiscal Analysis: This bill would require the Department of Elections (ELECT) to rejoin the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Based on estimates received from ERIC and the timing of rejoining, ELECT would incur a cost of \$37,500 prior to July 1, 2026 and \$100,000 to \$110,000 after. ELECT may also incur costs related to the state voter registration system in use at the time of joining as there will need to be technical changes to the system to ensure accurate processing of data, rejoining ERIC will have an impact on the development of the new State Voter Registration System as it was developed without the ERIC function. In addition to the above cost, ELECT may have to add an additional mailing every two years called Eligible but Unregistered (EBU), the last EBU mailing cost the agency approximately \$200,000. Since 2022 the CPI has increased approximately 16%, based on this estimate if the agency has to do an EBU mailing the cost is estimated to be \$232,000 that would need to be added to the agency budget based on ERIC requirements for this mailing.

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Other: Similar legislation includes SB57.