

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB972

Bill Title: List maintenance omnibus

Patron: Price

Bill Summary: Voter registration; list maintenance activities; cancellation procedures; required record matches; required identification information; data standards. 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 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 cancelled, 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

Explanation: See Below

Items Impacted: Item 77, Item 277

Fiscal Summary: There is an anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections and the Virginia Department of Health due to the provisions of this bill. The impact to Virginia State Police is indeterminate based on information from last year. When new information is provided the fiscal impact will be updated. The Department of Motor Vehicles and Circuit Courts does not expect a fiscal impact due to the provisions of this bill.

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General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
The Department of Elections		\$163,450	-	-	-	-
Virginia Department of Health		\$95,197	\$95,197	\$95,197	\$95,197	\$95,197
TOTAL		\$258,647	\$95,197	\$95,197	\$95,197	\$95,197

Fiscal Analysis: This bill will require the Department of Elections (ELECT) to modify its systems to receive information for list maintenance activities. The bill requires the Department, upon receiving any such list, to make an initial comparison of the information included on such list with the list of registered voters and determine the confidence score for any match. The bill has a delayed enactment of July 2027 or due course. January 2028 is the current anticipated go live date of the new state voter registration system. If the bill's required changes are needed for the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) ELECT would incur significant costs to implement, currently its anticipated changes need to be made in the development of the new State Voter Registration System (SVRS). Systems would need to be altered to accept new data fields for voter matching and establish a specific matching points system. To make the changes required in the bill ELECT would bring in a Data Warehouse and BI Developer for 1920 hours at \$85.13 for a total cost of \$163,450 as this was not in the scope of the new SVRS. This will be a one-time cost.

The provisions of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The provision of the bill amends the current data sharing agreement between VDH's Office of Vital Records and the Department of Elections to include additional data points. The lists are required to be transmitted on a weekly basis and would require the OVR to develop a new automated process to get DMV customer identifier numbers, and place of date and birth, from DMV for all decedents. VDH does not currently collect this information and would need to implement new processes and system integration to ensure proper delivery to DOE. As this information is not reported to VDH, they would require an additional position to implement these processes and system integrations and to manually search for such information to be transmitted. Cost estimates for this position, including salary and fringe, are \$95,197.

Based on the information from last year, Virginia State Police (VSP) has stated that the cost to implement the necessary provisions will be a one-time expense to the agency. The one-time cost takes into account the number of hours for development work and quality assurance. The provisions of the bill require the Virginia State Police to provide a monthly list of individuals whose final disposition was a felony conviction that was reported during 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.

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Other: N/A