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

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Bill Number: SB6ER **Patron:** Locke
Bill Title: Constitutional amendment; qualifications of voters, right to vote, persons not entitled to vote.

Bill Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 3, 2026, general election to approve or reject an amendment that would provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting.

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

Fiscal Summary: There is an anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections due to the provisions of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Department of Elections	-	$205,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		**$205,000**				

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Elections (ELECT) estimates the cost to meet the requirements of section 30-19.9 of the Code of Virginia is $205,000. ELECT is required to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about statewide referendums.

Other: Same as HB963.