Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB57ER **Patron:** VanValkenburg
Bill Title: Voter registration; requiring membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

Bill Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Elections to apply for, enter into, and maintain membership for the Commonwealth in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

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

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

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

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

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 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 ensure accurate processing of data. Rejoining ERIC will also have an impact on the development of the new State Voter Registration System.

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.

Other: The Senate and The House included amendments for the aforementioned costs. The amendments provided funding under Item 77 #1s and Item 77 #2h respectively.