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

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Bill Number: HB774ER **Patron:** Thornton
Bill Title: Elections; absentee and provisional ballots; cure process.

Bill Summary: Requires that if the electoral board determines that any person having submitted a provisional vote was not entitled to vote as a result of a material error or omission on the provisional ballot form, the registrar is required to promptly notify the voter in writing or by email of the error or omission and to provide information to the voter on how to correct the issue so his ballot may be counted. The voter is entitled to make such necessary corrections before noon on the Monday after the election. The bill also moves the deadline for curing errors or omissions in absentee ballot applications from noon on the third day after the election to noon on the Monday after the election.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as "routine," and does not require additional funding. However, due to the election calendar for 2026, the Department of Elections requests that the bill have a delayed enactment.

Other: The current enrolled bill proposes a delayed enactment date of September 1, 2026, for the Department of Elections.