

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Bill Number:** HB9

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cole

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Voting procedures; voter identification requirements, provisional ballots.

5. **Summary:** Provides that a voter who is unable to present one of the enumerated forms of identification may sign a sworn statement that he is the named registered voter he claims to be and then be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Present law allows such a voter to vote an official rather than provisional ballot after signing such statement.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 87, HB30

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Yes, fiscal impact is reported by State Board of Election (SBE).

7a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2013	\$35,000	0	General
2014	\$35,000	0	General

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will require the redesign of the provisional ballot envelope to apply to voters who do not provide identification. Although the number of impacted voters is expected to be low, additional provisional envelopes will be needed to be supplied to the local election officials prior to an election. The current cost of provisional envelopes is \$.07 per 1000. Election officials will need to be trained on the acceptable uses of the provisional envelope – this is estimated to cost \$1050. Voter outreach, including an organized informational campaign, will need to be developed by SBE in order to inform voters of this major change in law. SBE estimates this cost to be \$10,000 for FY 2013 and FY 2014.

Finally, the Commonwealth will be required to provide to voters, free of charge, a form of identification that is acceptable for use at the polling place. That form of ID will likely come to the voter as a voter registration card. SBE and the localities will likely see a significant uptick in the number of voter card requests in the time leading up to and after elections. SBE estimates these costs to equal \$25,000 for FY 2013 and FY 2014. SBE will incur the same costs for developing instructions for the local electoral boards.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** SBE and local government

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None