



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

PRINTERS NO. 3491

PRIME SPONSOR: Diamond

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0
County Funds	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Amends Title 25 (Elections) to establish a process to update voter rolls in the Commonwealth using various sources of information and to provide a process for the removal of electors from voter rolls. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Title 25 to require the Department of State (DOS) to establish a process to cross-reference the department's database of registered electors with death record information from local registrars, at least once each calendar month. If a registered elector is found to have a death record, the registered elector will be immediately removed from the SURE System. Removal would be prohibited within 90 days of an election. As used in the subsection, the term "local registrar" means a local registrar under Department of Health (DOH) supervision in accordance with the Vital Statistics Law of 1953.

Upon receipt of a notice of address change, a registration commission of an individual's former county of residence must investigate, verifying that the registered elector has moved to another state of residence. Upon the verification the elector's voter registration shall be canceled by the commission.

The legislation requires organizations or individuals seeking to circulate absentee or mail-in ballot applications to request and use updated voter registration data from the Department of State for circulating the ballot applications.

This legislation further requires a registered elector who moves from one place to another to notify the commission by filing a removal notice, or a signed request for renewal. A registered elector is permitted to vote in their former election district upon moving to another state if:

- The person is not registered to vote in the new state.
- At the time of signing the elector's certificate, the elector files with the judge of elections a signed affirmation declaring the elector's new residence. The signed affirmations are returned to the commission of the elector's former county of residence, and the commission is required to proceed with transferring the registration of the elector to the new state of residence and make all updates to records.

A registration commission is required to cancel the registration of the elector and notify the elector's new state of residence when a registered elector has moved from the Commonwealth to another state and the signature appears authentic. The commission is permitted to use any other source of verified data, in addition to the currently listed sources of published newspaper, obituaries, letters testamentary or letters of administration from the registrar of wills to cancel or remove the registration of an elector.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or county funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*