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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Antani

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Each county board of elections (BOE) will incur a small cost to remove their singular drop box and repair the area where it was bolted into the ground.

Detailed Analysis

The bill prohibits the use of drop boxes to collect absentee ballots by county boards of elections (BOEs). As a result, each BOE will incur a small cost to remove their singular drop box and repair the area where it was bolted into the ground. County maintenance departments will likely perform this work. Additionally, this bill could result in a change of voting behavior, indirectly affecting the cost of administering an election. Most voters who would use a drop box would presumably return their absentee ballot by mail. However, some of these voters may return their absentee ballot in person or cast an early in-person ballot. Without a drop box, lines to vote or return an absentee ballot may be longer, potentially resulting in the need for additional staffing to meet demand at high traffic times.