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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0178 Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject: Automatic Voter Registration on Licenses
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: February 10, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that each state identification card application, including a renewal application, submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) shall serve as an application for voter registration unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration portion of the application. Currently, a motor vehicle driver's license application, including a renewal application, serves as an application for voter registration. The bill further specifies that upon receipt of the voter registration portion of the application, the county board of voter registration and elections must notify each person of the process by which to decline being registered as a voter.

DMV reports that the bill will have an expenditure impact on the agency. However, the expenditure impact to DMV is pending, contingent upon further information from the agency.

There will be no expenditure impact to the State Election Commission as the agency will manage any additional responsibilities from the bill with its existing staff and appropriations.

The expenditure impact of this bill on county voter registration and elections offices is pending.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill specifies that each state identification card application, including a renewal application, submitted to DMV shall serve as an application for voter registration unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration portion of the application. Currently, a motor vehicle driver's license application, including a renewal application, serves as an application for voter registration. The bill further requires the Executive Director of the State Election Commission and the Executive Director of DMV to work together to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the bill.

Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV reports that the bill will have an expenditure impact on the agency. However, the expenditure impact to DMV is pending, contingent upon further information from the agency.

State Election Commission. The State Election Commission will manage any additional responsibilities from the bill with its existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to the State Election Commission.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A



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