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 Sub. Bill For.: **HB 159**

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Subject: Annual Canvass/Address Confirmation Notice

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 Provides for a supplemental annual canvass of registered voters

Proposed law requires the Department of State (DOS) to send, along with the annual canvass, an address confirmation notice to the following individuals: (1) registrants whose name did not appear with correct addresses provided by the US post office; (2) registrants who have not voted in 10 years; and (3) registrants who failed to engage in certain activities in the past 10 years, and transfer the registrant to the inactive list of voters. Proposed law allows the Secretary of State to implement the initial canvassing over a three year period.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an SGF expenditure increase of approximately \$138,163 in FY 24, \$86,163 in FYs 25 and 26, and \$25,849 in FYs 27 and 28. The Secretary of State has indicated that these costs can be absorbed in the existing operating budget. Proposed law requires the Department of State (DOS) to send an address confirmation notice to the following: (1) registrants whose name did not appear with correct addresses provided by the US post office; (2) registrants who have not voted in 10 years; and (3) registrants who failed to engage in certain activities in the past 10 years. Proposed law allows the Secretary of State to implement the initial canvassing over a three year period.

To implement proposed law, the department anticipates one-time expenditures of \$52,000 (520 hours x \$100 per hour) for IT program development changes within the Election Registration and Information Network (ERIN) system. IT programing development may take up to 7 months to complete.

Based upon recent canvass lists, approximately 183,000 registrants would be sent an address confirmation notice over the first three year period. Currently address confirmation notices cost \$0.85 each to print and mail. Under the assumption that a third of the total registrants (61,000) receive a confirmation notice in FYs 24, 25, and 26, the estimated cost to mail address confirmation cards is \$51,850 (61,000 cards x \$0.85). The proposed law requires business reply mail and prepaid return postage that costs \$0.75 per card (\$0.63 business reply/forward and \$0.12 return postage). Assuming 75% of registrants return their address confirmation notice, the estimated cost is \$34,313 (75% of 61,000 X \$0.75). However, to the extent the percentage of registrants that return their address confirmation notice increases or decreases, the costs associated with return postage under this measure would increase or decrease accordingly. The total annual cost for FY 24, FY 25, and FY 26 for the confirmation cards would be \$86,162.5 (\$51,850 + \$34,313)

To continue implementing the proposed law in FYs 27 and 28, the department anticipates 10% of the original 183,000 registrants will be sent address confirmation notices. The estimated cost to mail address confirmation notices is \$15,555 (10% of 183,000 x \$0.85 per card). Assuming 75% of registrants return their confirmation notice, the estimated cost is \$10,294 (75% x 18,300 x \$0.75). However, to the extent the percentage of registrants that return their address confirmation notice increases or decreases, the costs associated with return postage under this measure would increase or decrease accordingly.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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