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 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Voter Registration at OMV Facilities	

VOTERS/VOTING OR +\$81,300 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Provides for automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities and removes the age limit for a child to accompany a parent or guardian into the voting machine

Present law requires voter registrations services to be available at all driver's license facilities in the state. Proposed law provides for automatic voter registration at driver's license facilities if it is not specifically declined. Proposed law requires the Secretary of State to notify each person whom voter registration is received from Public Safety Services how the person can indicate or change party affiliation, decline voter registration, or decline to update an existing registration. Present law allows a preteen to accompany a parent or guardian into the voting machine. Proposed law repeals present law and allows for a child to accompany a parent or guardian into the voting machine.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$81,300	\$29,300	\$29,300	\$29,300	\$29,300	\$198,500
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	\$81,300	\$29,300	\$29,300	\$29,300	\$29,300	\$198,500

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	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

There will be an increase in SGF expenditures for the Secretary of State by approximately \$81,300 in FY 19 and \$29,300 in subsequent fiscal years. Public Safety Services does not anticipate an expenditure increase associated with the proposed legislation.

The proposed legislation will require Public Safety Services to notify the Secretary of State at least every 5 days if anyone over the age of 16 has been issued a driver's license or identification card, and who did not decline voter registration. The Secretary of State anticipates one-time development costs of \$52,000 to modify the Agency Voter Registration (AVR) computer program for receipt of information from the Office of Motor Vehicles. The Secretary of State will utilize the existing contract with GCR Inc. at a rate of \$100 per hour. The Secretary of State estimates a total of 520 man-hours will be needed to complete this project. To the extent multiple pieces of legislation are passed requiring the Secretary of State to contract out IT services beyond its current contract, additional resources may be required. The Secretary of State anticipates the work associated with the proposed legislation may be completed by January 1, 2019.

The proposed legislation will also require the Secretary of State to begin notifying by mail each person whom voter information is received, containing information about how they may change party affiliation, decline voter registration, or update existing registration information. The Secretary of State estimates mailing costs to total \$29,300 annually. The Secretary of State receives approximately 61,000 electronic voter applications annually from the Office of Motor Vehicles. Notification mailing costs \$0.34 per card, resulting in a total of approximately \$20,740 annually based on 61,000 applications. The prepaid return postage costs \$0.28 for each notification card, and assuming half of the notification cards will be returned, postage will total approximately \$8,560 (30,500 returned cards * \$0.28).

Furthermore, the Secretary of State does not anticipate there to be any expenditures associated with allowing children of all ages in voting booths.

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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