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Synopsis of Senate Amendments

- ## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires a state agency or political subdivision to make reasonable efforts to verify the applicant's citizenship or immigration status if an applicant is claiming U.S. citizenship or a satisfactory immigration status under present law.

Proposed law provides that, upon the termination of any reasonable opportunity period to verify citizenship status or receipt of a final verification that indicates that the applicant is not a citizen or lacks satisfactory immigration status, the state agency or political subdivision shall:

- (1) Refer the applicant's information, including unsatisfactory immigration status, to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- (2) Provide a monthly report compiling the applicant information reported to ICE to the secretary of state for voter list maintenance purposes.
- (3) Terminate any recurring federal, state, or local public benefits.

Proposed law requires a state agency or political subdivision that administers federal or state public benefits to submit a report at the end of each fiscal year to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the governor of La., and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library on the results of the verification requirements including the number of individuals reported to ICE and the number of individuals whose benefits were terminated.

Proposed law clarifies what is considered as federal, state, or local public benefits as provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that verification of a public employee's U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status at the time of enrollment in a public retirement system shall satisfy the verification requirements of proposed law.

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