

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1112

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Rasoul

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Voter registration at the DMV; REAL ID compliant applications.

5. Summary: Provides that any person 17 years of age or older who comes into an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles to apply for, replace, or renew a driver's license or special identification card, the application for which satisfies the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, shall have certain information electronically transferred by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Elections, unless he affirmatively declines to have his information so transmitted. The information to be transmitted includes the applicant's full name, date of birth, gender, residence address, citizenship status, driver's license number and social security number, digital signature, and telephone number and email address, if available. The bill requires the applicant to affirm, subject to felony penalties for making false statements, that he meets all voter eligibility requirements. Upon receipt of the information, the Department of Elections is required to determine whether the person is already registered to vote. If the person is already registered to vote, the Department of Elections is required to transfer the information to the appropriate general registrar to update the voter's registration records. If the person is not already registered to vote, the Department of Elections is required to verify that the person meets all voter eligibility requirements and, if so finding, to transmit the information to the appropriate general registrar. The bill does not change the process for registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles for persons not completing an application that satisfies the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2019.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The responsibility for verifying that a voter meets eligibility requirements currently resides with the General Registrars, not with the Department of Elections (ELECT). The impact on ELECT of verifying voter eligibility consistent with the provisions of this bill is indeterminate and would depend upon the number of individuals whose driver's license or special identification card meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 need to have their voter eligibility information verified by ELECT. The number of such individuals or applications is currently unknown. ELECT currently has very limited

capacity to absorb additional workload with its current staffing level. Therefore, additional staffing may be required to carry out the functions required in the bill. For illustration purposes, if the workload were to warrant a full time position, ELECT estimates the cost of hiring a full-time staff member at \$91,377.

The Department of Motor Vehicles indicates that this legislation is not expected to cause a significant increase in expenditures for the agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Elections, Department of Motor Vehicles

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: February 5, 2018

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