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Subject: Automatic voter registration through driver's license

VOTING/REGISTRATION OR +\$90,842 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities

Proposed law repeals present law that provides for voter registration application forms used in in conformity with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and provides for an application form that includes spaces for all of the information necessary to apply for a driver's license or identification card, to decline voter registration, and the minimum information necessary to register to vote. Proposed law provides that the deputy secretary for Department of Public Safety (DPS) will transmit to the Secretary of State (SOS) a list of persons over the age of 16 that have been issued a driver's license or identification card and did not decline voter registration with the information necessary to register the person to vote, including the electronic signature of the person. Proposed law provides that if a person who is notified by SOS does not decline voter registration or decline to update an existing registration within 21 calendar days after the secretary of state issued the notification, the voter registration information received shall constitute a voter registration application for purposes of present law or an update to an existing registration if the person is already registered to vote.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in expenditures of \$90,842 in FY 20, including one-time expenditures of \$61,542 and an increase in recurring expenditures (up to \$29,300) for Secretary of State (SOS) to update the Voting in Louisiana handout, Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) Voter registration poster, printing and mailing postcards, and to make the necessary programming changes. OMV does not anticipate any additional expenditures because the processes are already in place to comply with these provisions. SOS currently receives the electronic registration data from OMV daily and the voters are registered as soon as the Registrar of Voter (ROV) processes the data. Proposed law will likely delay the voter from being registered by up to twenty-one (21) days to allow a person notified of being registered to vote by the SOS as provided in proposed law.

One-time expenditures - SOS anticipates it will have to update and replace the Voting in Louisiana handout (\$3,618) and the OMV voter registration poster (\$5,924). SOS estimates it will require an IT programmer 100 hours to make the necessary changes to the application form at a total cost of approximately \$52,000 (\$520 x 100 hours).

Recurring Expenditures - SOS receives approximately 61,000 electronic applications per year from OMV of the licensed drivers that have not declined to register to vote. SOS will now be required to send a post card including return postage to each of these applicants at an estimated annual cost of \$29,300 for the initial printing and mailing (\$20,740=61,000 x \$0.34) and return postage (\$8,560=30,500 x \$0.28; assuming half of the applicants return the postcard to make a party change or deny the registration).

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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