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Bill Number: HB 1657 ER Patron: Henson

Bill Title: Voter registration; regular periodic review of registration records.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Elections to complete no later than 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election any program the purpose of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the voter registration system. This restriction is not to be construed to preclude (i) the removal of names from the voter registration system at the request of the registrant or as provided by existing law by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity or the death of the registrant or (ii) the correction of registration records pursuant to existing law. Under current law, such restriction only applies to federal primaries and federal general elections. The bill also extends (a) the period of time registrars have to cancel registrations from 30 to 60 days after notification of the need to cancel by the Department of Elections and (b) the period of time a registered voter has to respond to a notice of cancellation related to citizenship status from 14 to 28 days.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 77

Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: There is a state fiscal impact due to the provisions of this bill. Both the Department of Elections (ELECT) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be affected due to the provisions of this bill requiring a shortened time to complete the necessary record keeping. The estimates provided by Elections are listed below while the effect to the DMV is indeterminate at this time.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	FY2030
The						
Department of	-	\$78,400	\$84,400	\$91,600	\$91,600	\$91,600
Elections						
The						
Department of	-	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Motor Vehicles						
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: Currently The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in partnership with The Department of Elections (ELECT) run Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) statuses in real time. This bill limits actions that can be taken in the 90 days before an election. Based on current estimates the Department of Elections will have to process approximately 6,000 additional records for the 90-day period that only applies

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currently for federal elections. The provisions of the bill also expand the requirements to all primary and general elections. ELECT currently does not have the capacity to run bulk uploads for SAVE verification so all records will need to be keyed manually. The process will require additional resources if DMV cannot do the SAVE verification.

The cost to the Department of Elections is estimated to increase over time due to the shortened record processing period and the DMV's ability to assist with the provisions of this bill. The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be \$78,400 in FY26, \$84,400 in FY27, and \$91,600 in FY28. The estimates may change as it is unclear the level of support the DMV can provide. The estimates also take into account the growth in SAVE statuses which will need to be verified.

The DMV currently confirms citizenship status. It is undetermined how the provisions of this bill will affect the DMV's ability to participate in the SAVE verification process. On average 2,000 SAVE statuses are reviewed a month in real time. The provisions would create the 6,000 additional individual records required for SAVE processing after every primary and general election. The fiscal impact to the DMV is indeterminate at this time.

Other: Similar legislation includes SB 813.