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Bill Number: SB52S1

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

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Elections to complete not 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 days 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 days to 28 days.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections due to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program now being free for use. The impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles is indeterminate based on information from last year. When new information is provided the fiscal impact will be updated.

Fiscal Analysis: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding.

Based on the previous year’s fiscal impact the Department of Motor Vehicles (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 could create 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 HB28.