

**Fiscal Analysis:** Due to the photo identification requirement, there is an anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections (ELECT). The provision of this bill requires the ELECT to provide free photo identification cards to voters who do not have one of the forms of identification required for voting purposes. ELECT is required to provide each general register the equipment that would be used to obtain photographs and signatures that would be submitted to the department to create identification cards. ELECT estimates the cost of each set of camera and signature capture pad equipment to be approximately \$800 based on the retail cost of the equipment. The bill allows the agency to contract out the production and distribution of the voter identification cards; ELECT currently estimates the retail cost to produce the identification cards to be \$15.99 less postage per unit. While these retail costs are the best available estimates at this time, ELECT anticipates

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that actual costs once bid out will likely be less. The initial estimated one-time cost to purchase camera and signature pad equipment for all localities using the above cost assumptions is \$106,400. The number of localities that may still possess working equipment provided for previous photo identification requirements is unknown and the actual number of localities in need of such equipment may be less. Ongoing annual costs to produce identification cards for an estimated 2,000 voters are \$31,980. In addition to the card production, ongoing costs are expected to replace an estimated five percent of equipment annually. Assuming a replacement rate of 7 units per year at approximately five percent per year costs would be \$5,600. This brings total estimated general fund costs to \$138,380 in fiscal year 2027 and \$37,580 in ongoing annual costs thereafter.

**Other:** N/A