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sSB-24

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	Up to 150,000	Up to 30,000
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	2,500	None

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), other voter registration agencies, and public higher education institutions to use a secretary of the state (SOS) approved electronic system to automatically admit qualified voter registration applicants as electors, unless they decline admission. The bill also requires that the electronic voter registration system complies with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), and makes various other changes.

Currently, DMV must already do this pursuant to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between itself and SOS on May 16, 2016. The MOU established a method, process, and timeline for developing an automatic voter registration system.

In order to develop such system for certain agencies, it is anticipated the SOS will have to hire a consultant at a cost of up to \$150,000 in FY 20. The costs would be associated with the consultant modifying the

existing online voter registration system to include the ability for applicants to sign using a signature pad and to set up signature kiosks at such agencies. A cost of up to \$30,000 is anticipated in FY 21 in order to maintain the software of such application. In addition, each voter registration agency will need a kiosk that can accept electronic signatures from applicants at a cost of \$2,500 in FY 20 to each such agency.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the cost of maintaining the electronic voter registration system.