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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016

Bill Number: H.458 Name of Bill: An act relating to automatic voter registration through motor vehicle driver's licenses

Agency/ Dept: DMV Author of Bill Review: Jordan Villa

Date of Bill Review: 4/19/2016 Related Bills and Key Players _____

Status of Bill: (check one): ☐ Upon Introduction ☐ As passed by 1st body ☒ As passed by both

Recommended Position:

☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Remain Neutral ☐ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses.

This bill proposes to automatically send motor vehicle driver's license and non-driver identification applications to the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter registration.

2. Is there a need for this bill?

Yes. This bill is required to change the existing process of motor voter registration.

3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?

The provisions in this bill require the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect and transmit the following information from applicants on driver's license applications: Applicant's citizenship; place and date of birth; town of legal residence; street address or physical description of location of applicant's address sufficient for town clerk residency verification. The bill would necessitate changes to the Driver License Application, Commercial Driver License Application, and the Non-Driver Identification Application. The required changes are not anticipated to have a major impact, and will not result in increased costs.

4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?

N/A

5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it? (for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)

Town Clerks will likely see more voters being registered in their town, so voter turnouts may be higher.

6. Other Stakeholders:

Members of the public will likely be indifferent to this bill with some supporting it as a way to increase voter registration numbers and ease of registration; while others will oppose it as government over stepping its bounds and taking a step toward mandating voter registration or opening the State up to voter fraud.

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?

N/A

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6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?

N/A

7. Rationale for recommendation: *Justify recommendation stated above.*

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:

9. Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one? If so, which one and how many?

No.

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document: _____ **Date:** _____