

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/10/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee 02/22/12)

The Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee Report dated February 22, 2012 includes the following changes to the bill:

- Eliminates the requirement for the Secretary of State to conduct a change of address search on all active and inactive voters 60 days after a municipal or primary election;
- Changes the reference of the type of election to any election, and requires the county clerk and recorder to mark the registration list as "inactive - returned mail";
- Eliminates the reference to the type of election and substitutes any election after which the Secretary of State shall conduct a change of address search;
- Eliminates the reference to municipal elections in the types of elections the Secretary of State must conduct a national change of address search sixty days before such election;
- Adds language that specifies how the elector's record will be marked when the national change of address search indicates that the elector has changed addresses; and
- Eliminates the provision in the bill that modifies existing law that requires the county clerk and recorder to mail a voter information card to each active and inactive registered voter in their respective counties.

Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that these changes do not affect the fiscal impact of the bill.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

☒ **XXX** **Concurs** ☐ **Does Not Concur** ☐ **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$366,958 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for FY 2012-13. The appropriation provides funding to modify the Statewide voter registration database (SCORE), to conduct two additional national change of address checks, and for an increase in the county reimbursements due to the reclassification of some voters.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Point to Consider

While the FY 2012-13 Long Bill has not yet been introduced, the Joint Budget Committee has established its recommended appropriations for the Department of State. The impact of the approved Long Bill recommendation and a number of other 2012 bills is detailed in the following table. If all introduced bills pass with the fiscal impacts as identified in the table, the Department of State Cash Fund will have been reduced from \$5.5 million at the beginning of FY 2011-12 to \$3.3 million at the end of FY 2012-13.

Department of State Cash Fund Projected Revenues and Expenditures	
Bill	Amount
FY 2011-12 Beginning Balance	\$5,509,682
Anticipated Revenues	17,206,563
S.B. 11-209 (Long Bill)	(15,289,053)
H.B. 12-1198 (FY 2011-12 Supplemental)	(1,627,533)
2011 Legislation	(226,839)
H.B. 12-1111 (Photo ID for Voting) /a	<u>(13,500)</u>
FY 2011-12 Ending Balance - FY 2012-13 Beginning Balance	\$5,559,320
Anticipated Revenues	17,451,899
FY 2012-13 Long Bill /b	(18,078,079)
S.B. 12-109 /a	(366,958)
S.B. 12-123 /a	(525,788)
S.B. 12-135 /a	(776,460)
H.B. 12-1143 /a	(233,128)
H.B. 12-1209 /a	(198,912)
H.B. 12-1236 /a	(41,440)
H.B. 12-1274 /a	<u>504,900</u>
FY 2012-13 Ending Fund Balance	\$3,295,354
Statutory Reserve Requirement	<u>3,133,418</u>
Excess / (Deficit) of Statutory Reserve	\$161,936

/a These bills have been introduced in this session (including S.B. 12-109). The projected expenditures are based on the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Notes and are subject to change.

/b The Long Bill has not been introduced. The Joint Budget Committee has approved this amount as its Long Bill recommendation to the General Assembly. The amount is subject to change.