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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the state Coordinator of Elections to provide instructions to online voter registration applicants regarding how to check the status of the application on the registration website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014852): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Deletes the provision of statute requiring a person or organization that establishes a voter registration or voter lookup website to display a disclaimer that the voter information is not in conjunction with the Secretary of State (SOS).

Deletes the provision establishing that violating the disclaimer statute is a Class A misdemeanor. Deletes the provision of statute authorizing the State Election Commission to impose a civil penalty upon a person or organization that files 100 or more incomplete voter registration applications from a voter registration drive.

Establishes that a voter registration drive is any collection of voter registration applications for the purpose of registering another person to vote, rather than an attempted collection of applications from 100 or more people. Deletes the requirement for a person or agent of an organization to file a sworn statement that the person or organization will obey all laws regarding the registration of voters and ensure that all individuals conducting a voter registration drive have completed the training administered by the Coordinator of Elections. Authorizes an individual conducting a voter registration drive to voluntarily take the training administered by the Coordinator of Elections, rather than mandatorily.

Increases, from 10 days to 15 calendar days, the timeframe in which a person or organization collecting voter registration applications is required to submit the applications to the county election commission. Clarifies that a person or organization conducting a voter registration drive is prohibited from retaining personal identifying information from a voter registration electronically or physically.

Authorizes the State Election Commission to impose a maximum civil penalty of \$50.00 for each violation of these provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is not estimated that the State Election Commission would impose a sufficient number of civil penalties upon a person or organization that filed 100 or more incomplete voter registration applications for the state to see any significant decrease in civil penalty revenue.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the policies or procedures of the State Election Commission, Coordinator of Elections, or local county election commissions.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for violation of voter registration drive statute for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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