BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 3364 Version: SAHB

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Impact: Fiscal impact of approximately \$20,000

Research Analysis

The Senate Amendments to HB3364 deletes the option to register to vote via telegraph. The measure also outlines the identification requirements, including using an identification number, for a registered voter applying for an absentee ballot by electronic communication. The measure allows the voter to provide multiple identification numbers if the voter cannot recall which identification number they included in the registration, provided one of the numbers matches. If there is no match, the voter will be informed information and instruction to contact the county election board. The voter will not be eligible to apply for an absentee ballot via electronic communication if their voter registration does not include a birth date or identification number. A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot will be required to confirm their address prior to submitting the form electronically before January 1, 2023. For a voter applying for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, or by facsimile device, the procedures are the same except that if the voter registration does not include a birth date or identification number, the absentee ballot will be accepted without a match on these things.

SAHB extends these requirements to absentee ballot applications for individuals physically unable to vote in person at the precinct, incapacitated electors confined to a nursing facility, a voter who becomes incapacitated after 5pm on Tuesday preceding an election, a voter who is deployed as a first responder or emergency worker, and an applicant for a military-overseas ballot.

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Fiscal Analysis

The State Election Board estimates that in its current form, HB 3364 would include approximately \$10,000 in programming costs to modify the OK Voter Portal Absentee request functionality and the data entry portal used by County Election Boards to process paper-based absentee requests. In addition, the Board estimates a cost of \$10,000 to redesign, print, and distribute new absentee ballot paper applications. In aggregate, the measure would have a fiscal impact of approximately \$20,000.

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Other Considerations

None.

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