

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB3677</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Minimum fiscal impact of \$1.2 million</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB3677 strikes section one which would have required all eligible voters to reregister to vote to be able to vote in any state or federal election.

The committee substitute requires the Secretary of State to establish standards to verify the authenticity of identification card information and the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number for every registered voter in the state. Lastly, the measure makes illegally removing, obstructing the view, or restricting the free movement of a poll watcher a felony.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The State Election Board anticipates that the known costs associated with implementing the mandated changes pursuant to the committee substitute for HB 3677 would be a minimum of approximately \$1.2 million. However, as certain costs are unknown at this time, the Board was not able to provide an estimated maximum value. The following represents a section-by-section breakdown of the estimated costs:

Section 1 of the committee substitute requires the Secretary of the State Election Board to develop a system for verifying driver license numbers or last four digits of Social Security numbers provides on a voter registration application. The Board estimates the costs associated with the mandated changes to Section 1 would be a minimum of approximately \$1.1 million. The following represents a breakdown of these estimated costs:

- \$500,000 one-time cost and \$100,000 annually to develop, test, and maintain a new interface with the Department of Public Safety to verify the authenticity of driver licenses/state IDs;
- \$500,000 one-time cost to develop a new interface for the Social Security Administration verification system and additional subscription costs.

Section 2 of the committee substitute makes illegal removing, obstructing the view of, or otherwise restricting the free movement of a poll watcher a felony. The Board estimates the costs associated with the mandated changes to Section 2 would be a minimum of approximately \$100,000. The following represents a breakdown of these estimated costs:

- Up to \$50,000 for additional training for poll watchers; and
- Up to \$50,000 for additional training for election officials.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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