

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3677
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Impact:	Minimum fiscal impact of \$3.6 million

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB3677 requires all eligible voters to reregister to vote to be able to vote in any state or federal election, effective December 31, 2023. The measure states that any voter failing to reregister that meets the requirements set forth in the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 will be placed on a Federal Election only list and will not be eligible to vote in state elections. The measure requires the Secretary of State to establish standards to verify the authenticity of identification card 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 HB 3677 would be a minimum of approximately \$3.6 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:

Under Section 1 of the measure, approximately 2.2 million Oklahoma voters would be required to reregister in order to maintain eligibility to vote in state elections. The Board estimates the costs associated with the mandated changes to Section 1 would be a minimum of approximately \$2,464,000. The following represents a breakdown of these estimated costs:

- \$1,175,000 for postage;
- \$266,000 for printing notices and new voter registration applications;
- \$111,000 for purchasing and/or printing envelopes;
- \$887,000 for postage;
- \$25,000 for printing voter registration cards;
- Unknown cost for toner/ink for county election board printers;
- Unknown cost for mail house services;
- Unknown but "likely significant" labor cost (including additional staff and overtime);
- Unknown but potentially six-figure cost for printing "federal-only" ballots for statewide elections;
- Unknown but potentially six-figure cost for developing and maintaining a separate "federal-only" voter registration system; and
- Unknown costs for the Office of Attorney General.

Section 2 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 2 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 3 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 3 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.