

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that county clerk may use voter’s registration record, rather than physical registration card to authenticate signatures. Permits elections official to deliver form updating information on district board members by best form of communication.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Ability to analyze and compare signature on scanned voter registration cards
- Issues regarding fraud
- Maintenance of physical registration cards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-2 amendments: Clarifies that filing officer, defined as secretary of state for federal, statewide, and state senator and representative and county clerk for county, city or district elections, is responsible for release as public record information regarding challenged ballot.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 28 addresses several statutory changes related to county clerks role as election officials. In order to provide consistent procedure for all signature envelopes, the measure removes the requirement that a clerk makes a ‘mark’ on the absentee voter’s signature envelope. This process is currently not required on all other signature envelopes. Secondly, the measure changes the term “registration card” to “registration record” in multiple places in statute that references narrower definition of the medium used by election officials to verify signatures on returned ballots. The change in nomenclature provides a more accurate description of the name of records created when a person registers to vote because it will include in the describe the signature records provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles for individuals who register to vote online.

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to encompass the multiple methods that a person may use to register to vote. When an individual registers to vote online, a registration record is created that verifies digital signatures through the Department of Motor Vehicles. There is no physical voter registration card processed by county election official. Finally, the measure removes the requirement that the notice to districts requesting the updated information on the board members be sent by certified mail. Senate Bill 28 will permit counties to use the best mode of communication available for the district’s updated information such as regular mail, email or by fax.