153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 317**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Shupe**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION VERIFICATION AND ONGOING ELIGIBILITY REVIEW.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act requires the Department of Elections (Department), in coordination with the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and any state agency that administers voter registration to do the following:
    a. Conduct a comprehensive audit of all voter registrations retroactive to January 1, 2021.
    b. For each voter registration reviewed in the audit, verify that the individual meets the eligibility requirements, including:
        i. United States citizenship
        ii. Delaware residency
        iii. Age eligibility
        iv. Non-disqualification due to felony conviction status
        v. Accuracy of identifying information transmitted from DMV

3. This Act requires eligibility verification for future voter registrations generated through automatic voter registration. If it is determined that a voter registration created through automatic voter registration does not meet eligibility requirements, Department will initiate procedures to correct or remove the registration and notify the individual and provide an opportunity to confirm or update eligibility before removal.

4. This Act requires the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to coordinate with the Department to establish procedures to verify eligibility criteria. DMV estimates that it will require one-time costs of approximately $99,876. from the Transportation Trust Fund for postage and staff overtime to comply with the initial reporting provisions of this Act.

5. This Act requires the Department to provide post-implementation reporting and annual compliance reporting summarizing activities as prescribed in this Act.

6. To implement the provisions of this Act, the Department anticipates the need for 1.0 FTE Senior Application Support Specialist.
    a. Recurring Costs associated with the new position for 9 months of funding, including ongoing operational costs, including supplies, contractual services (administrative and technology costs), and Other Employment Costs (OECs) at a rate of 33.41% are estimated at $73,813.
    b. One-Time Costs associated with the new position, including a computer and workstation are estimated at $7,300.

7. Lastly, the Fiscal Year 2027 personnel costs have been estimated for nine months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining three months incorporated into subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary and OECs.

Cost:

	Recurring Operating Costs	One-Time Cost	One Time Transportation Trust Fund
Fiscal Year 2027:	$73,813	$7,300	$99,876
Fiscal Year 2028:	$99,817		
Fiscal Year 2029:	$101,782		

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