153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 FOR 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 Department of Elections (Department), and the Department of Transportation (DOT), Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to complete steps to ensure accuracy and lawful administration of voter registration records generated through the automatic voter registration (AVR) system.

3. This Act requires the DMV to do the following:
    a. Review its records relating to each individual registration that meets the following criteria:
        i. Any individual who has a non-federally compliant credential (driver's license or identification card); and
        ii. Received a drivers license or identification card prior to the REAL ID taking effect June 1, 2010; and
        iii. Obtained a drivers license or identification card after AVR took effect on June 21, 2023.
    b. For each voter registration reviewed, DMV must verify that the individual registrant meets the eligibility requirements, including United States citizenship and Delaware residency.
    c. Establish procedures to verify eligibility criteria for all future voter registrations generated through AVR at the time the registration is created or as soon as practicable.

4. This Act requires the DMV to establish procedures to verify eligibility criteria. DMV estimates that it will require one-time costs of approximately $38,584 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, in coordination with the DMV to submit a post-implementation report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the Senate containing the following information:
    a. The total number of registrations reviewed;
    b. The number of records requiring correction;
    c. The number of registrations removed;
    d. The number of registrations updated;
    e. Identified system weaknesses or recommendations;
    f. Any evidence of improper registration;
    g. Where there is any evidence of improper registration, a description of what corrective action has or will be taken;
    h. The number of AVRs processed since the enactment of this act;
    i. The number of AVRs verified through eligibility checks since enactment of this act;
    j. Any discrepancies identified between the number of AVRs processed and the number of AVRs verified;
    k. Corrective actions taken or remaining to be taken relating to any AVR.

6. To implement the provisions of this Act, and to comply with the continuous review of all ongoing transmitted records, 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	$38,584
Fiscal Year 2028:	$99,817		
Fiscal Year 2029:	$101,782		

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