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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB396 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to providing a federal postcard applicant with a ballot for certain elections in which the applicant is eligible to vote.), Conference Committee Report

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to allow a person to apply for a ballot with a single federal postcard application for one or more elections in which the person is eligible to vote. The bill would require the early voting clerk who does not conduct early voting to forward a copy of the application in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State (SOS) to each early voting clerk who conducts early voting in general or special elections held by a county, a municipality, or an independent school district.

SOS indicated that any costs associated with the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill would vary by locality; however, those amounts are not anticipated to be significant.

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