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TO: Honorable Poncho Nevárez, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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IN RE: HB1844 by Guillen (relating to authorizing certain optional designations on a person’s driver’s license, commercial driver’s license, or personal identification certificate.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1844, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$1,655,861) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
|--------------------|---|
| 2020 | (\$1,075,585) |
| 2021 | (\$580,276) |
| 2022 | (\$1,075,585) |
| 2023 | (\$580,276) |
| 2024 | (\$1,075,585) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund |
|--------------------|--|
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| 2020 | (\$1,075,585) |
| 2021 | (\$580,276) |
| 2022 | (\$1,075,585) |
| 2023 | (\$580,276) |
| 2024 | (\$1,075,585) |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend statute to allow the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to add certain designations to a driver license, commercial driver license, or an identification card. The bill would allow DPS to add a designation indicating if a person is a registered voter to driver license and identification cards. It would allow DPS to process requests for designations and eligibility determination, and initiate and complete voter registrations.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Methodology

Based on analysis by the Secretary of State and Texas Veterans Commission, this analysis assumes that the one-time implementation and information technology costs of the bill can be absorbed within existing state resources. However, analysis by the Secretary of State indicates that the automatic voter registration provisions of the bill will increase voter registration reimbursement payments to county voter registrars under Election Code, Section 19.002.

It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to the Department of Public safety can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to counties is anticipated. Based on analysis by the Secretary of State, counties would be eligible for additional voter registrations reimbursements under the provisions of the bill.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 403 Veterans Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety

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