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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB31 by Perry (Relating to the use of certain information regarding voter qualification.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Election and Government Codes related to voter registration and citizenship status. It would require a voter registrar to provide notice of unlawful voting or registration to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the Secretary of State (SOS) and would also require the SOS to obtain citizenship information from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to compare on a monthly basis to voter registration records.

The bill would also require clerks of court to send to the SOS, the county voter registrar, and the OAG a list of individuals disqualified or excused from jury service due to citizenship status. The SOS would be required to compare this information to the statewide voter registration database and to send certain notices to the county voter registrars and the OAG.

According to the SOS, the bill would have no significant fiscal implication.

According to the OAG, any legal work resulting from the passage of this bill could be reasonably absorbed with current resources.

According to the Office of Court Administration, no significant impact to the state court system is anticipated.

According to DPS, no significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 307 Secretary of State, 405

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