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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1112 by Bettencourt (relating to requirements for an early voting ballot voted by mail; creating a criminal offense.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to prohibit a county clerk, elections administrator, early voting clerk, or early voting ballot board from suspending requirements for an early voting ballot voted by mail. The bill would provide that suspending the signature verification requirement is a Class A misdemeanor offense.

This analysis assumes that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources and that the provisions of the bill addressing sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

Local Government Impact

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

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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