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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 83 (Substitute S-1 as passed by the Senate)
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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RATIONALE

According to the Secretary of State, as of October 31, 2006, there were 7.6 million residents of voting age in the State. Of those, approximately 94% were registered to vote. It has been suggested that more people would register if the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) included a link to the voter registration application website on the DNR's application website for hunting, fishing, and fur harvester's licenses.

registered to vote, there is always room for improvement.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the DNR to provide a link to the Department of State's voter registration application website page for each applicant who applied on the DNR's website for a resident hunting, fishing, or fur harvester's license.

Proposed MCL 324.43540e

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

The DNR maintains an e-license website that allows customers to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, special hunt applications, and permits 24 hours a day, seven days a week, within applicable sales dates. By providing applicants who use this site with a convenient way to register to vote, the bill could encourage increased participation in elections. While a significant percentage of the State's voting-age population has

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