Legislative Analysis



UPDATED PHOTOS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE AND STATE PERSONAL ID CARD RENEWALS

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House Bills 5885, 5886, and 5887 as introduced

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SUMMARY:

House Bills 5585, 5886, and 5887 would amend different acts to require the secretary of state to update and replace the photograph of a person applying for a renewal driver's license, a renewal or duplicate state personal identification card, or a renewal or duplicate enhanced driver's license or state personal ID card and upload the updated photograph to the qualified voter file (QVF).

House Bills 5586 and 5587 also would change the period for which a person may renew his or her license or ID card by mail, before an in-person renewal is required, from 12 years to eight years.

The bills also would prohibit display of any part of a person's Social Security number on a license or card. (Display of a whole Social Security number is already prohibited.)

House Bill 5585 would amend the Enhanced Driver License and Enhanced Official State Personal Identification Card Act. (MCL 28.305)

House Bill 5586 would amend the Vehicle Code. (MCL 257.307)

House Bill 5587 would amend 1972 PA 222, the state personal ID card act. (MCL 28.291 and 28.292)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would result in additional one-time costs to the Department of State (DOS) to implement changes to the current functionality between its automated Customer and Automotive Records System (CARS) and the QVF. There would also be additional ongoing data storage costs to DOS for maintaining digital photo records. CARS currently transmits text data to the QVF, including name, address, date of birth, gender, and for driver's license recipients, driver's license number and signature. The ability to transmit photographs to the QVF would require additional information technology (IT) programming costs. It is not known at this time what those costs would be or whether they could be supported with DOS's current ongoing appropriations. The average cost for a state IT project is approximately \$300,000.

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The bills would have no fiscal impact on city and township clerks offices but would have indeterminate fiscal impacts on the offices if photograph identification were required for voting in the future. If photographs were required to vote, the bills would provide personnel cost savings to local clerks offices by reducing handling time and staff hourly costs of processing provisional envelope ballots at precinct voting locations and clerks' offices.

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