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### SB 116

#### Sectional Analysis

**Section 1:** Codifies opt in to register to vote on the PFD application.

**Section 2:** Eliminates facsimile language changes it to form of electronic transmission.

**Section 3:** Clarifies that the division shall register voters.

**Section 4:** Cleans up language with new voter registration protocols.

**Section 5:** Applicant must expressly request to be registered to vote.

**Section 6:** Adds new section requiring the director to establish by regulation a strict chain of custody protocol.

1. All ballots will be returned to a single point of receipt.
2. Digital reports treated with same chain of custody protocols.
3. All ballots must be accounted for before the election can be certified.
4. Breaks in chain of custody, requires the director to notify the Attorney General, the Lt. gov, each affected candidate, or organized group that sponsors or opposes an issue on the ballot.
5. Requires the director to give 24 hours' notice to said groups of any planned breaks in the chain of custody.
6. Election workers that see an irregularity can call for a hand audit of ballots and records immediately after the polls close.
7. Election offense hotline is established during voter hours to receive citizen reports of any observed irregularities. Signs will be conspicuously posted at polling places and on ballot envelopes and voting machines.

**Section 7:** Requires the Division to provide election offense notices and requires the notices to be posted.

**Section 8:** Outlines protocols for voter notification if their vote is not counted and how to avoid the issue in the future.

**Section 9:** The director may not certify the election until each ballot or paper record is accounted for.

**Section 10:** Outlines protocols for ballot destruction. Requires a notarized statement of destruction from the director.

**Section 11:** Prohibits voting by facsimile.

**Section 12:** Conforming language with electronic voting modalities.

**Section 13:** Adds “*opens or tampers*” with a sealed ballot certificate, or ballot packages, without express authorization from the director.

**Section 14:** Conforming language to opt in voter registration.

**Section 15:** Additional conforming language for opt in voter registration.

**Section 16:** Codifies date of when the changes in bill apply.

**Section 17:** Authorizes the department to adopt necessary transition regulations.

**Section 18:** Establishes the effective date for Sec. 17 immediately.

**Section 19:** Establishes the effective date for the rest of the bill.

**Please Note:** Sections 1-5, and 14 & 15 are clarifying and technical sections that all revolve around the main policy call change in this bill that ensures that a dividend applicant must request to be a registered voter, changing from current law where dividend applicants become voters automatically without expressed permission.