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Title "An Act relating to absentee voting." Appropriation Division of Elections
Allocation Division of Elections
Sponsor Representative Gruenberg
Requester House State Affairs Committee OMB Component Number 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	21.0		20.0		20.0		20.0
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	21.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF	21.0		20.0		20.0	20.0
1005	#REF!						
1037	#REF!						
1178	#REF!						
TOTAL		21.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	20.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required,
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required,
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

After further review of the requirement to extend an absentee by-mail application following the act of voting, the division has determined that programming modifications will be required in the statewide voter registration system. This amount is \$21.0. In order to ensure the integrity of the process, the division would send confirmation notices at the beginning of each election year to all voters designated as permanent absentee voters to ensure the address on file is still accurate. The division estimates postage and printing costs of \$20.0. This amount would be a recurring cost during each election year.

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Analysis

This bill proposes to allow an absentee by-mail ballot application from a qualified voter be valid for the next two regularly scheduled general elections. If a voter casts an absentee by-mail ballot the application would remain valid through the next two regularly scheduled general elections.

Currently state law allows an absentee by-mail application for absent uniformed services or absent overseas voters to be valid for the next two regularly scheduled general elections. Voting an absentee ballot does not currently extend their by-mail application.