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Finance CS for Senate Bill 138: Elections

Summary of Changes from State Affairs Committee Version ("S" to "U")

1. Eliminates the change that would have allowed for a perjury charge for false statements on a ballot application. This remains a misdemeanor.
2. Removes the section that would have allowed international election observers at a precinct or counting center.
3. Removes the sections related to repealing the prohibition on using images of the person's marked ballot (or "ballot selfies") for the purpose of influencing another voter.
4. Removed the changes that gave direction, if someone has voted more than once, regarding which ballot to prioritize.
5. Expands the use of observers to witness a ballot audit so that all campaigns may provide witnesses at their own expense.
6. Clarifies language regarding postmarks and barcodes on a ballot to ensure that ballots received after election day are only counted if they were mailed on or before election day.
7. Clarifies the process for curing uncounted ballots, speeding up when notices of deficiency are sent out and ensuring ballots are only counted if the form is fully completed.
8. Deleted the section adding secure drop boxes when an election is conducted by mail.
9. Within the section allowing political signs up to 32 square feet along highways, removed the prohibition on the property owner being compensated for the display.