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House Bills 5573, 5574, and 5575 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Ann M. Bollin

Committee: Elections and Ethics

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SUMMARY:

House Bills 5573, 5574, and 5575 would amend different statutes to provide that a signature obtained when an applicant renews his or her driver's license or state personal ID card must replace the signature from the applicant's initial application. House Bills 5573 and 5574 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.

Currently, an applicant for an operator's license, chauffeur's license, or official state personal ID card provides a signature, which appears on the license or card and may be used by federal and state authorities, including the Michigan State Police, as authorized by law.

House Bill 5573 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that the secretary of state (SOS) must capture the signature on a renewal operator's or chauffeur's license and use it to replace the applicant's signature on the original application. The replacement signature would be uploaded to the qualified voter file (QVF).

In addition, an operator's or chauffeur's license is valid for four years, and currently the SOS can renew it by mail for two additional four-year periods (for a total of 12 years). The renewal after that must be in person. The bill would allow the SOS to renew it by mail for only one additional four-year period (for a total of eight years) before an in-person renewal is required.

MCL 257.307

House Bill 5574 would amend 1972 PA 222, known as the official state personal identification card act, to require the SOS to capture an applicant's signature on a renewal or duplicate official state personal ID card and use that signature to replace the signature on the original state personal ID application. As under HB 5573, the later signature would be uploaded to the QVF.

The bill also would change the period for which a person's state personal ID card may be renewed by mail, before an in-person renewal is required, from 12 years to eight years.

Additionally, the bill would provide that, in addition to not including an individual's Social Security number (SSN) on the state personal ID card, the SOS could not include *any part* of the individual's SSN.

MCL 28.291 and 28.292

House Bill 5575 would make complementary changes to the Michigan Election Law to account for HBs 5573 and 5574.

MCL 168.509q, 168.509gg, and 168.509hh

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills may result in additional costs to the Department of State from expenses related to implementing technological changes in the department's computer systems. The Department of State would be required to transfer information between the Bureau of Elections Qualified Voter File and the Secretary of State's Customer and Automotive Records System. It is not known at the time of this analysis how much the necessary changes from the bills may cost. The median cost for a state information technology project is approximately \$300,000.

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