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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 854, L.D. 1232, Bill, “An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Automatically Register Nonregistered Persons Who Are Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Implementation of Automatic Registration of Nonregistered Persons Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Secretary of State to study implementation of automatic voter registration; report. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall study the implementation of automatic voter registration of nonregistered persons who are qualified to vote using records transmitted through the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The study must include consideration of the current compatibility of computer systems used by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles with the central voter registration system with regard to facilitating automatic voter registration and the technical infrastructure improvements required to facilitate automatic voter registration, if any. The study must examine what is necessary to implement security measures to protect the data transmitted for the purposes of voter registration and any other information the Secretary of State determines to be important when considering whether to implement automatic voter registration. The Secretary of State shall submit a report of the findings of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than March 1, 2018. The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature based on the findings and any recommendations included in the report.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Secretary of State to study the implementation of automatic voter registration. The Secretary of State is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by March 1, 2018.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)