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Bill Analysis

HB 2056 provides that voter identification cards shall be transmitted to to the mailing address provided by the voter on his or her voter registration application if the mailing type or physical address meets certain exceptions. If a voter registration card is mailed to the voter’s physical address and is returned to the election board by the postal service due to “No Mail Receptacle”, the voter registration card may be resent to the mailing address provided on the voter registration application. A person’s whose voter identification card was returned may request and be provided the returned voter registration card at the county election board by presenting proof of identity. The secretary of the county election board may make a notation of the fact that the voter’s physical address of residence cannot receive mail in the election management system.

The measure also provides that a voter who voluntarily cancels their voter registration will be eligible to submit a new voter registration application in the same county after at least 60 days have passed since the cancellation request. The measure also requires ballots for each election day precinct to be printed in advance. The Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized to allow more ballots to be printed on election day in the case of shortage, emergency, or unforeseen circumstances. Nothing in this will prohibit the printing and marking of ballots as accommodations for blind or disabled individuals or those unable to read or write. The measure also prohibits the use of vote centers on election day by either the State Election Board or any county election boards. An exception to this will be allowed in case of an emergency in which only individuals in affected precincts will be able to access the vote center. This does not prevent sub precincts and does not prevent assigning a precinct official more than one precinct.

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