

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2429
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Research Analysis

HB 2429 authorizes the Secretary of the State Election Board to conduct a data validation of the voter registration database with other state or federal databases that contain information on the citizenship status of voters. The measure requires that voters who are identified as possibly being noncitizens be reported to the appropriate district attorney for investigation. The district attorney is to notify the Secretary within 60 days of the disposition of the investigation.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2429 in its current form requires that the State Election Board (SEB) examine the state voter registration database regarding citizenship status. The measure identifies the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) as an agency to provide data security for such examination. OMES does not anticipate additional budget needs as a result of such duties.

HB 2429 also requires state agencies to cooperate with SEB's examination when able. Due to this requirement it is assumed that such agencies will not subject SEB to fees or charges to access the databases of state agencies. SEB will likely be subject to fees and charges when accessing federal databases. SEB is unable to provide an estimate for the amount of federal agency database access needed to fulfill the obligations of HB 2429, and the related fees required for such access; however, SEB has not communicated that they expect such cost to be significant.

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Other Considerations

None.