BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The conference committee substitute for SB377 provides that a voter identification card be transmitted to a mailing address if one of the following exceptions are met:

- The voter's physical address is not a valid address to receive mail delivery;
- The voter cannot receive mail at a physical address due to "no mail receptacle" according to the USPS; or
- The mailing of the voter identification card is the result of an action initiated by the election board which may include notification to the voter of changes to a polling place, district lines, or precincts listed on the voter registration card.

If the 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 whose voter identification card was returned pursuant to this subsection may appear in person to request and be provided the returned voter registration card at the county election board by presenting proof of identity. Upon determination that a person's physical address cannot receive mail the secretary of the county election board may make a notation of such information in the election management system, and any future mailings may be mailed to the voter's mailing address.

The measure also adds being excused from jury duty for not being a citizen of the United States to the list of reasons in which a voter registration must be canceled. The court clerk in each county must prepare a monthly list of all individuals this applies to and provide the list the secretary of the county election board who will then cancel their registrations, and report the person or persons the district attorney and the United States attorney for the county. The measure provides that any voter who voluntarily cancels their voter registration will be eligible to submit a new voter registration application in the same county when 60 or more calendar days have passed since the request for cancellation was submitted.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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