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Bill Analysis

SB 1667 directs the Secretary of the State Election Board to update the voter registration form to require applicants to fill in a space or box with their identification number printed on their driver license. If the applicant cannot provide this information, another form of identification must be provided. The measure requires the application to also include a notification informing the applicant that they must be a citizen of the United States to vote. Applicants submitting a National Mail Voter Registration Form that meet federal requirements but not state requirements shall be listed as federal-only voters. If the applicant is verified to not be a citizen, the election board official shall reject the application and refer his or her information to the appropriate law enforcement agency and prosecutorial authority. The measure directs the election board official to use all available resources to verify the applicant is a citizen of the United States. The measure authorizes the Secretary to enter agreements with entities to carry out the provisions of this measure.

The measure requires federal-only voters to vote in person and to only vote in federal elections. Such voters may only use provisional ballots to vote. Federal-only voters may present proof of citizenship any time prior to 1:00 p.m. on the Friday following an election. If such proof is presented, the voter's status shall be updated to reflect that they are a verified voter. The measure directs the State Election Board to send written notice to every federal-only voter who submitted a ballot in that election informing the voter of the disposition of his or her ballot. The measure also specifies that any records, documents, or correspondence relating to the verification of citizenship by an election board official, and any changes made to voter registration records as a result, shall be considered voter list maintenance records and requires the maintenance of such records for at least 24 months.

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