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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Click

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The Secretary of State (SOS) and county boards of elections (BOEs) may incur some additional data retention costs to permanently retain canceled voter registrations. The SOS will use Fund 5990 appropriation line item 050629, Statewide Voter Registration Database, to pay for agency expenses.
- BOEs may realize some administrative costs savings for updating voter registrations when an elector moves between Ohio counties. Currently, this information is mailed between the voter's new county of residence and the voter's former county. This information would be transmitted from one county BOE to another under the bill.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill makes changes to (1) the way in which voter registration updates occur when an elector moves from one Ohio county to another Ohio county, (2) the voter registration form, and (3) length of retention of canceled voter registrations. In particular, the Secretary of State (SOS) and county boards of elections (BOEs) may incur additional data storage costs to permanently retain canceled voter registrations, rather than for the minimum periods required under current law. Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD) expenses are paid from Fund 5990 appropriation line item 050629, Statewide Voter Registration Database, under the SOS budget. Any additional administrative costs related to updating the voter registration form as required by the bill appear to be negligible.

BOEs may see some minimal cost savings, as the proposed voter registration update procedures could decrease mailing costs. Specifically, when an elector moves from one county to another, the bill requires the BOE of the elector's new county to transmit, instead of mail, a copy of the new registration form and any accompanying authorization form to the BOE of the

elector's former county. In 2023, the General Assembly passed legislation that updated Ohio's Statewide Voter Registration Database procedures to require an elector's state-level electronic registration record to follow the elector from county to county.