DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Senator Kanavas:

- 1. This draft is based in part upon the voter ID bill that passed the legislature during the 2005 session (SB-42), except that the draft makes the identification procedure voluntary. This draft incorporates some of the exceptions in that draft that seemed appropriate.
- 2. Your instructions did not specify whether or how an elector, once having decided to be subject to an identification requirement, may revoke that election. Because under current law any elector may cancel a registration and may then re–register, it would be possible for an elector to change a decision to be subject to an ID requirement. The draft formalizes a procedure whereby an election may be revoked without canceling and re–registering by appearing in person at the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality where an elector resides.
- 3. In order to allow time to update registration lists before any absentee ballots for an election are mailed, the draft provides that an election to be subject to an identification requirement or a revocation of an election must be filed no later than 31 days before the election at which it first applies.

If you have any question regarding these issues or any other treatment in this draft, please let me know.

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