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The Honorable Norman H. Conway
Chairman, Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
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Dear Chairs:

Please see the attached report in response to Senate Bill 765, Chapter 288, Acts of 2011 and House Bill 561, Chapter 289, Acts of 2011, which directs the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and the State Board of Elections (SBE) to submit a joint report concerning the implementation of a fully automated voter registration system at the MVA. Specifically, the language directs:

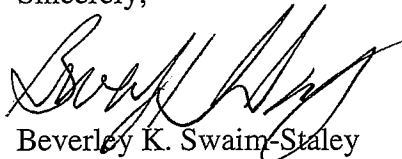
"The report submitted under this section shall include:

- (1) a detailed timeline for complete implementation of a fully automated voter registration system at the Motor Vehicle Administration;*
- (2) a detailed estimate of the fiscal impact of implementing a fully automated voter registration system; and*
- (3) any other issues relating to the implementation of a fully automated voter registration system that the State Board of Elections and the Motor Vehicle Administration consider relevant."*

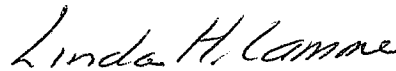
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We appreciate the opportunity to update you regarding this important issue and we look forward to continuing to work together to enhance the voter registration process for all the residents in Maryland. If you should have any questions, please contact John Kuo, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Administration at 410-768-7295 or Linda Lamone, Administrator, State Board of Elections at 410-269-2840.

Sincerely,



Beverley K. Swaim-Staley
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation



Linda H. Lamone
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State Board of Elections

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Report to the Maryland General Assembly

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee,

Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee,

House Ways and Means Committee and

House Appropriations Committee

regarding

Voter Registration – Exchange of Information
(SB 765/HB 561, Chapters 288 and 289, Acts 2011)

Motor Vehicle Administration

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UPDATE

A Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) team visited Delaware this past February for a demonstration of their automated voter registration system. The MVA reported back to the State Board of Elections (SBE) on the findings and based on joint discussions have agreed to adopt Delaware's model for Maryland. Since that time the MVA and the SBE have been meeting on a continuing basis to discuss the design and implementation of a fully automated voter registration system. The MVA and the SBE have developed the preliminary requirements of the application and continue working jointly to develop and refine those requirements. Both the MVA and the SBE believe that the implementation of the automated system will make the voter registration process more efficient and provide better service to our customers.

As a brief synopsis, the preliminary requirements call for certain modifications to the motor voter application information contained within MVA's Driver's License System (DLS). The MVA will query the SBE's voter registration database during the driver's license or photo identification card transaction to determine if the individual is already registered. Based on the results the customer may have to answer the following questions as it relates to their voter registration status:

- 1) Do you wish to apply to register to vote;
- 2) Political Party Affiliation;
- 3) Update Address;
- 4) Applicant Certification; and
- 5) Polling Place Assistance.

This information will be transmitted to the SBE on a nightly basis.

DETAILED TIME LINE

Document Preliminary Requirements between MVA & SBE	05/01/2011 - 09/01/2011
SBE MDVOTERS Functional Specifications	07/06/2011 - 08/31/2011
SBE & MVA Review Requirements	05/01/2011 - 09/01/2011
SBE Hire Technical Consultants	08/01/2011 - 10/01/2011
SBE Hardware/Software Procurement	08/01/2011 - 10/01/2011
SBE Hardware/Software Delivery (Servers), (VMWare)	11/01/2011
SBE Software/Hardware Installed	11/01/2011 - 01/01/2012
SBE Pre UAT-MDVOTERS	11/30/2011 - 01/13/2012

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Final Requirements due to MVA IT	12/12/2011
MVA to Modify Electronic Motor Voter Training	12/15/2011 - 02/15/2012
Interface Testing SBE & MVA	01/2/2012 - 02/18/2012
SBE MDVOTERS User Testing	01/16/2012 - 02/18/2012
MVA to Deploy to Test Environment for Validation	01/17/2012
MVA Testing by Business Unit &	01/23/2012 - 02/10/2012
Draft Bulletin for Operations	02/03/2012 - 02/17/2012
SBE MDVOTERS Move to Production	02/18/2012
MVA Code Deployed to Branches	02/19/2012
Go Live	02/21/2012

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to the MVA's resources is estimated to be \$500,000. The MVA estimates 1,200 hours for programming, design and testing in the DLS. The MVA database that needs to be designed and populated is estimated to be around 800 hours. MVA's internal resources will be utilized in implementing the electronic voter registration application. Total cost to MVA for modification of the driver's license system to incorporate a full electronic application is 2,000 hours x \$250/hour, for a total estimated cost of \$500,000.

The fiscal impact to the SBE resources which includes hardware, software and testing will cost \$362,367. The ongoing cost for the SBE regarding this project will be \$109,200 per year.

OTHER ISSUES

Since Maryland laws provide the opportunity for a Maryland resident to have one address on their driver's license and another address for their voter registration, there will always be an opportunity that the MVA customers will have a different address with the MVA than their address for voter registration purposes. Until there is a change to the law, the MVA and the SBE will continue to discuss and pursue processes to minimize the public's confusion on this particular issue.

Once the SBE's online voter registration system (OLVR) is fully implemented, this issue will be mitigated by linking individuals completing an address change through the MVA's online system directly to OLVR.