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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 736, L.D. 1000, Bill, “An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Verify Voter Signatures”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine Centralization of the Petition Signature Verification Process'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Secretary of State to examine centralizing the process for verifying petition signatures. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall examine the potential for centralizing the process for verifying signatures on candidate petitions, citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions within the office of the Secretary of State using the central voter registration system. The Secretary of State shall consult with municipal clerks and others to determine the benefits of centralization and to identify any legal or logistical barriers to proceeding with centralization of the process. The Secretary of State shall submit a report on the findings of the examination under this section no later than February 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and creates a resolve directing the Secretary of State to examine the feasibility of centralizing the process for verifying signatures on candidate petitions, citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT