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FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

COURTS AND PROCEDURE

GENERAL COURTS AND PROCEDURE

Sharing information regarding potential jurors

Under current law, DOT annually transmits to the director of state courts a list of persons residing in the state that includes certain information about those persons. Each year, the director of state courts uses that information to compile a master list of potential jurors for use by the state circuit courts. This bill requires DOT to also send that list to the clerks of court for the federal district courts within this state.

Also under current law, the director of state courts may request and use the following information, in addition to the DOT information, to create the master list: 1) a list of registered voters from the Elections Commission; 2) a list of individuals who filed state income tax returns with DOR; 3) a list of child support payors and payees from DWD; 4) a list of recipients of unemployment compensation from DWD; and 5) a list of state residents issued approvals or licenses from DNR. The bill requires, rather than allows, the director of state courts to use that information. The bill also modifies the requirements for those state agencies to transmit the lists they maintain to the director of state courts to be similar to DOT's obligations. For example, the bill requires each state agency to annually transmit the list the agency maintains to the director of state courts without the need for the director of state courts to request the information.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 756.04 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

756.04 (2) (b) Each year, on a date agreed upon with the office of the director

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of state courts, the department of transportation shall compile a list that includes the name, address, county, date of birth, race, gender, identification number and renewal date of each person residing in the state who is licensed as a motor vehicle operator under ch. 343 or who has received an identification card under s. 343.50 or 343.51, and social security number, as ~~permitted~~ allowed by law and any record sharing agreement between the department of transportation and the office of the director of state courts. The office of the director of state courts shall establish the format of the list by agreement with the department of transportation. The department of transportation shall transmit the list without charge to the office of the director of state courts, ~~without charge.~~ and to the clerks of court for the district courts of the United States within this state. If the department of transportation does not have a record sharing agreement with the clerk of court for a district court that requires the clerk of court to keep prospective jurors' identification numbers, renewal dates, and social security numbers confidential and secure from unauthorized access, the department of transportation shall redact that information from the list the department of transportation transmits to the clerk of court.

SECTION 2. 756.04 (2) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

756.04 (2) (c) (intro.) The office of the director of state courts ~~may~~ shall use ~~any~~ all of the following lists in addition to the list provided by the department of transportation under par. (b) in order to create the master list of potential jurors compiled under par. (a). ~~The director may each year request any of the following information from the custodians of that information:~~

SECTION 3. 756.04 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

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756.04 (2) (d) ~~If the records listed in par. (c) are requested, the director of state courts may enter into a record sharing agreement with the custodian of the records. Any record sharing agreement shall be in writing for a prescribed period of time and~~ Each year, on a date agreed upon with the office of the director of state courts, each custodian of records described in par. (c) shall compile the list maintained by that custodian, as allowed by law and any record sharing agreement between the custodian and the office of the director of state courts. The office of the director of state courts shall establish the format of each list by agreement with the custodian that maintains the list, which shall identify data that would allow for a match of personally identifiable information on the list maintained by that custodian with personally identifiable information in the master list of potential jurors to the extent required to identify duplicate names and to determine current addresses of prospective jurors. Any list provided under par. (c) The lists shall contain no data other than the data provided in par. (b). The agreement shall establish the format of the list and date of transmission of the list. Each custodian shall transmit the list maintained by that custodian without charge to the office of the director of state courts.

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