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## SECRETARY OF STATE

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### **Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing Fund**

(R.C. 111.31)

The bill creates the Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing Fund, which the Secretary of State must use to pay the cost of printing and mailing unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots if the General Assembly has appropriated funds for that mailing. The fund consists of moneys transferred to it by the Controlling Board upon the request of the Secretary of State. Under the bill, the Controlling Board must transfer any unused moneys in the fund to the proper appropriation item.

Continuing law permits the Secretary of State to mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general election and only if the General Assembly has made an appropriation for that particular mailing.<sup>174</sup>

### **Elimination of Information Systems Fund**

(R.C. 111.181 (repealed) and 1309.528)

The bill eliminates the Information Systems Fund, currently used by the Secretary of State's office for information technology-related expenses. The bill redirects revenues from fees charged to customers for special database requests currently received into the Information Systems Fund to the Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund.

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<sup>174</sup> R.C. 3501.05, not in the bill.

