



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent about 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

Proposed HB 5727 "An Act Concerning Post-Election Audit Procedures".

CCM supports providing relief from post-election audits for 4 years after a municipality has undergone one.

However, *CCM opposes shifting the financial responsibility for failure to comply with the post-election audit procedures from the local registrars of voters to the municipality.*

The registrars of voters are elected officials in their own right and municipal government does not have any oversight or authority to control their actions or non-actions. It does not make any sense that a town or city should be the entity held liable for failures on the part of the registrars.

CCM urges the committee to delete any shifting of responsibility from the registrars of voters to local governments before taking any action on this bill.

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