



**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.

**CCM supports Proposed SB 804 "An Act Concerning Recurring Post-Election Audits".**

This bill would provide relief from post-election audits for 10 years after a municipality has undergone one.

Post-election audits are costly and time consuming for local governments. While CCM understands that there was an initial need to have the audits incorporated into the early cycles of using the new voting technology in Connecticut, the new machines have now been used (and audited) in primaries and elections for the last several years. The intention of the audits is supposed to check the accuracy of the machines, not be a re-canvass of votes.

Therefore, providing some relief from having to undergo these costly and time consuming endeavors would provide relief to towns and cities.

CCM urges the committee to support this bill and favorably report it.

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