



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 37

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING COST SAVING MEASURES AND NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Whenever the Governor, the members of the General Assembly
4 or the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the
5 House of Representatives call a special session of the General
6 Assembly, the Secretary of the State shall give notice thereof by
7 [mailing] delivering a true copy of the call of such special session [, by
8 first class mail, evidenced by a certificate of mailing,] to each member
9 of the House of Representatives and of the Senate at his or her [address
10 as it appears upon the records of said secretary] office in the State
11 Capitol or Legislative Office Building not less than ten nor more than
12 fifteen days prior to the date of convening of such special session or by
13 causing a true copy of the call to be delivered to each member by a

14 state marshal, constable, state policeman or indifferent person at least
15 twenty-four hours prior to the time of convening of such special
16 session.

17 (b) Whenever the Secretary of the State is required to reconvene the
18 General Assembly pursuant to article third of the amendments to the
19 Constitution of Connecticut, said secretary shall give notice thereof by
20 [mailing] delivering a true copy of the call of such reconvened session
21 [, by first class mail, evidenced by a certificate of mailing,] to each
22 member of the House of Representatives and of the Senate at his or her
23 [address as it appears upon the records of said secretary] office in the
24 State Capitol or Legislative Office Building not less than five days prior
25 to the date of convening of such reconvened session or by causing a
26 true copy of the call to be delivered to each member by a state marshal,
27 constable, state policeman or indifferent person at least twenty-four
28 hours prior to the time of convening of such reconvened session.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-7

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Savings	\$110 per occurrence	\$110 per occurrence
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Savings	\$5,000 - \$10,000 per occurrence	\$5,000 - \$10,000 per occurrence

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a savings to the Secretary of the State of \$110 per occurrence of a special or reconvened session, as the office is no longer required to mail session calls to the 187 General Assembly members.

Additionally, on occasion, to ensure more timely notification, the State Police have delivered session calls to General Assembly members at their home addresses. This could cost the State Police \$5,000 to \$10,000 in trooper overtime.

The bill eliminates these previous methods of delivering session calls by allowing the Secretary of the State to deliver them to General Assembly members at their offices in the Capitol Building or Legislative Office Building.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to postal rates and State Trooper overtime wage rates.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 37*****AN ACT CONCERNING COST SAVING MEASURES AND NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the requirement that the secretary of the state notify General Assembly members of special and reconvened sessions by sending a copy of the session call, via first class certified mail, to their home addresses. Instead, it requires her to deliver a copy of the call to members' Capitol or Legislative Office Building offices.

By law, the secretary must notify members between 10 and 15 days before a special session and at least five days before a reconvened session, with the following exception. She can provide notice up to 24 hours beforehand by delivering a copy of the call to members through a state marshal, constable, state policeman, or indifferent person.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/02/2012)