
OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 433*****AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT DEMOCRACY INDEX.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the secretary of the state to develop a Connecticut Democracy Index (CDI) to evaluate the effectiveness of primaries and regular elections for federal, state, and municipal offices held on or after January 2014. Under the bill, the secretary must (1) establish and operate a data collection system, (2) determine which data to collect, and (3) analyze the data using results-based accountability principles. She must update the CDI after each election and make it publicly available through the Internet.

By August 1, 2015 and annually thereafter, the secretary must report on the CDI to the (1) Appropriations and Government Administration and Elections committees and (2) chief elected official and registrars of voters of each municipality. The report must include any recommendations for (1) improving the type of election data that the CDI monitors and (2) legislative or administrative actions to improve state and municipal primary and election administration performance. The recommendations must be based on a town-by-town data comparison.

The bill authorizes the secretary to adopt regulations to implement its provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

CDI DESIGN

The bill requires the secretary of the state to design the CDI in a manner that assists her office and municipalities with administering primaries and regular elections for federal, state, and municipal offices. The CDI must present data on a town-by-town basis so that it

demonstrates administration practices that (1) ensure individual voting rights, (2) improve the quality of voter services and poll access, and (3) secure election accuracy and integrity.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 8 Nay 5 (03/04/2013)