



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 635

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Substitute House Bill No. 6634

House of Representatives, April 24, 2013

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The State Elections Enforcement
2 Commission may establish, within available appropriations, a pilot
3 program to provide assistance to town clerks of not more than twenty
4 municipalities with the completion of some or all of their filing
5 repository duties under section 9-603 of the general statutes. The
6 commission shall provide assistance to town clerks in accordance with
7 this section on such terms and in such manner as the commission
8 prescribes. The commission shall establish an application procedure
9 for the program and criteria for the selection of municipalities. A town
10 clerk may apply, if so directed by vote of the town's legislative body, to
11 participate in the program. Each municipality selected to participate in
12 the program shall implement a plan designed by the commission to
13 transfer some or all of the town clerk's filing repository duties to the
14 commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of

15 section 9-623 of the general statutes, the commission may waive any
 16 late filing fee described in subsection (b) of said section 9-623 for any
 17 candidate or treasurer in a municipality that is participating in the
 18 pilot program. Said pilot program shall terminate on December 1,
 19 2015.

20 (b) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall conduct a
 21 study, within available appropriations, of the efficiency of transferring
 22 to the commission from the offices of the town clerks some or all of the
 23 filing repository duties under section 9-603 of the general statutes
 24 pursuant to the pilot program under subsection (a) of this section. The
 25 study shall include an analysis of the: (1) Cost to municipalities of
 26 maintaining the filing repository function, including, but not limited
 27 to, costs associated with personnel, equipment, software, hardware
 28 and server space; and (2) capacity of the offices of the town clerks to
 29 assist with centralized filing repository duties, including, but not
 30 limited to, the availability of personnel and equipment. Not later than
 31 February 1, 2016, the commission shall report its findings and any
 32 recommendations for legislation to make the pilot program pursuant
 33 to subsection (a) of this section permanent, in accordance with the
 34 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 36 relating to elections.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a), moved "Within available appropriations," for consistency and in section 1(b)(1), added "costs associated with" for clarity.

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which establishes a pilot program under which the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) assists up to 20 municipalities with retaining required election-related documentation, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0 (04/05/2013)