



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 228

LCO No. 1318



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**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 said subsection (b) for any candidate or
17 treasurer in a municipality that is participating in the pilot program.
18 Said pilot program shall terminate on April 7, 2016.

19 (b) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall conduct a
20 study, within available appropriations, of the efficiency of transferring
21 to the commission from the offices of the town clerks some or all of the
22 filing repository duties under section 9-603 of the general statutes
23 pursuant to the pilot program under subsection (a) of this section. The
24 study shall include an analysis of the: (1) Cost to municipalities of
25 maintaining the filing repository function, including, but not limited
26 to, costs associated with personnel, equipment, software, hardware
27 and server space; and (2) capacity of the offices of the town clerks to
28 assist with centralized filing repository duties, including, but not
29 limited to, the availability of personnel and equipment. Not later than
30 February 1, 2017, the commission shall report its findings and any
31 recommendations for legislation to make permanent the pilot program
32 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 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 Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to allow municipalities to transfer some or all of their filing repository duties to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]