



# Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 221**

Senate Bill No. 227

*Senate, April 1, 2014*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT  
COMMISSION COMMITTEE REVIEW.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the 2014  
2 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon  
5 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal  
6 treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this  
7 subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such  
8 election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I)  
9 not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a  
10 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit  
11 it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee  
12 of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the  
13 two-month period preceding the day of an election at which a

14 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit  
 15 in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same  
 16 candidate from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not  
 17 audit any caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372. (B)  
 18 When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the  
 19 commission shall randomly audit not more than fifty per cent of  
 20 candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of a  
 21 lottery conducted by the commission, except that the [commissioner]  
 22 commission shall audit all candidate committees for candidates for a  
 23 state-wide office and may inspect bank statements of any candidate  
 24 committee not audited pursuant to this subdivision. (C) The  
 25 commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a candidate for  
 26 an office in the general election, or of any candidate who had a  
 27 primary for nomination to any such office not later than May thirty-  
 28 first of the year immediately following such election. In no case shall  
 29 the commission audit any such candidate committee that the  
 30 commission fails to provide notice to in accordance with this  
 31 subparagraph;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-7b(a)(5)

**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.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which provides the State Elections Enforcement Commission additional inspection powers, has no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 227*****AN ACT CONCERNING STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT  
COMMISSION COMMITTEE REVIEW.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the State Elections Enforcement Commission to inspect the bank statements of any legislative candidate committee not slated for a post-primary or -election audit. By law, up to 50% of legislative candidate committees, randomly selected by lottery, and all statewide office candidate committees, are subject to the audits. The commission must (1) give committees written notice of the audit by May 31 following the election for the office sought and (2) complete any such audit initiated without a complaint no later than two months before the next election at which the candidate is running for office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

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