



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6745**

LCO No. 3277



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 the town clerks of not more than  
4 twenty municipalities with the completion of some or all of their filing  
5 repository duties under section 9-603 of the general statutes. If the  
6 commission establishes said pilot program:

7 (1) The commission shall (A) establish an application procedure for  
8 the program and criteria for the selection of municipalities, and (B)  
9 provide assistance to the town clerks of selected municipalities in  
10 accordance with this section on such terms and in such manner as the  
11 commission prescribes.

12 (2) (A) A town clerk may apply, if so directed by vote of the  
13 municipality's legislative body, to participate in the program, and (B)  
14 each municipality selected to participate in the program shall

15 implement a plan designed by the commission to transfer some or all  
16 of such clerk's filing repository duties to the commission.

17 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-623  
18 of the general statutes, the commission may waive any late filing fee  
19 described in said subsection for any candidate or treasurer in a  
20 municipality that is participating in the pilot program.

21 (4) Said pilot program shall terminate on April 6, 2018.

22 (b) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall conduct a  
23 study, within available appropriations, of the efficiency of transferring  
24 to the commission from the offices of participating clerks of  
25 municipalities some or all of the filing repository duties under section  
26 9-603 of the general statutes pursuant to the pilot program under  
27 subsection (a) of this section. The study shall include an analysis of the:  
28 (1) Cost to municipalities of maintaining the filing repository function,  
29 including, but not limited to, costs associated with personnel,  
30 equipment, software, hardware and server space; and (2) capacity of  
31 the offices of participating clerks of municipalities to assist with  
32 centralized filing repository duties, including, but not limited to, the  
33 availability of personnel and equipment. Not later than February 2,  
34 2019, the commission shall report its findings and any  
35 recommendations for legislation to make permanent the pilot program  
36 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the  
37 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
39 relating to elections.

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*