



CCM 2015 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 6950 "An Act Concerning Reforms of Election Administration"

The proposal would, among other things, allow the use of particular technology in transmitting election results and conducting post-election audits, require training and qualification of election administrators, and require only one mandatory registrars of voters session.

CCM supports a many of the concepts raised in HB 6950 as the traditional means of transmitting election data are outdated and do not take into account more efficient and cost effective methods.

As CCM has advocated in other bills, post-election audits are costly and time consuming for local governments. Providing some relief from having to undergo some of the costly and time consuming endeavors during the audit process would benefit local election officials and their budgets.

Current law requires registrars of voters to conduct three mandatory voter registration sessions prior to an election. This proposal would require that only one session need occur. This would eliminate the need that registrars be required to plan, organize and administer these events. In recent years, greater efforts have been made to encourage voter registration, so three sessions are no longer necessary.

CCM asks that the Committee consider the fiscal impact of additional training, qualification and standards for election administrators. If there is a fiscal impact, CCM asks the Committee to provide the necessary state funding for the proposal to be properly implemented.



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