



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 349

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Substitute House Bill No. 5389

House of Representatives, March 31, 2016

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 CONCERNING PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE CANDIDATES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The State Elections Enforcement
2 Commission shall, in consultation with the Connecticut Probate
3 Assembly, as described in section 45a-90 of the general statutes, study
4 the feasibility of extending public financing under the Citizens'
5 Elections Program to candidates for nomination or election to the
6 district office of judge of probate. Not later than January 15, 2018, the
7 commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
8 including any legislation the commission deems necessary to apply the
9 provisions of chapter 157 of the general statutes to such candidates, to
10 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
11 cognizance of matters relating to elections, in accordance with the
12 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

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

The bill requires the State Elections Enforcement Commission, in consultation with the Connecticut Probate Assembly, to study the feasibility of extending public financing under the Citizens' Elections Program to probate judge candidates. There is no fiscal impact for the agencies to issue a report by January 15, 2018.

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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 11 Nay 4 (03/11/2016)