



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 265

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF MODERATORS AND ALTERNATE MODERATORS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (c) The Secretary shall conduct certification sessions for moderators
5 and alternate moderators each year at times and places to be
6 determined by said Secretary, provided at least eight such sessions
7 shall be held each calendar year and at least one such session shall be
8 conducted prior to every primary. The Secretary shall certify each
9 person who successfully completes an instructional session or regional
10 instructional session, as the case may be, conducted in accordance with
11 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and an examination
12 administered by the Secretary, as eligible to serve as moderator or
13 alternate moderator at any election or primary held during the time

14 such certification is effective, except the Secretary shall not certify any
 15 person as moderator or alternate moderator who has been convicted of
 16 or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent
 17 jurisdiction, any [(1)] felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,
 18 embezzlement or bribery [,] or [(2)] any criminal offense under this
 19 title. [Any] Before July 1, 2019, (1) any initial certification granted
 20 under this subsection shall expire two years after the date of its
 21 granting. [. Prior] and (2) prior to expiration of [the] an initial or [any]
 22 subsequent certification, a moderator or alternate moderator may
 23 undergo an abridged recertification process prescribed by the
 24 Secretary, and upon successful completion thereof, such certification
 25 shall be renewed for two years after the date of such completion. On
 26 and after July 1, 2019, (A) any initial certification granted under this
 27 subsection shall expire four years after the date of its granting, and (B)
 28 prior to expiration of an initial or subsequent certification, a moderator
 29 or alternate moderator may undergo an abridged recertification
 30 process prescribed by the Secretary, and upon successful completion
 31 thereof, such certification shall be renewed for four years after the date
 32 of such completion. Only those persons who are certified in accordance
 33 with this subsection shall be eligible to serve as moderators on election
 34 or primary day, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section or
 35 section 9-436. The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in
 36 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as the Secretary deems
 37 necessary to implement the certification process under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	9-229(c)

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.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill extends the duration of a moderator's or alternate moderator's certification from two to four years, beginning with those issued on or after July 1, 2019. The Secretary of the State certifies veteran Registrar of Voters to conduct certification and abridged recertification classes for moderators and alternate moderators. For the municipalities that conduct the classes, this may result in potential savings as they will not have to conduct as many classes. No fiscal impact is anticipated to the State as result of this bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 265*****AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF MODERATORS AND ALTERNATE MODERATORS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill extends, from two to four years, the duration of an election moderator's or alternate moderator's certification, beginning with those issued on or after July 1, 2019. The bill applies to initial certifications and renewals.

By law, moderators and alternate moderators must be certified by the secretary of the state in order to serve in a primary or election. Before an initial or subsequent certification expires, they may undergo a secretary of the state-prescribed abridged recertification process to satisfy the renewal requirements.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/20/2019)