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RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	None	5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to allow any elector to cast an absentee ballot at an election without satisfying a specified reason for such elector's absence from the polling place on the day of such election.

The Secretary of the State is anticipated to incur a cost of \$5,000 in FY 21 (for the November 2020 election) for providing posters with the proposed constitutional amendment question and explanation to each polling place in every municipality.

This cost will cover the printing and mailing of the posters. Since all materials required for placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot are supplied by the State, and the vote will occur on the same day as a regularly scheduled statewide election, no costs will be incurred by municipalities.

The Out Years

The cost identified above is one-time. However, the FY 21 cost may

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be shifted into FY 23 pursuant to the requirements of the constitutional amendment process.