Government Administration and Elections Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-265

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF MODERATORS AND

Title: ALTERNATE MODERATORS.

Vote Date: 3/20/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/15/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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Sen. Mae Flexer

REASONS FOR BILL:

To change the length of time that a moderator's certification is active from two years to four years.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

<u>Lisbeth Becker, Registrar of Voters, ROVAC:</u> Testified in support of this bill, saying that returning moderators' certifications to a four year cycle from its current two year cycle, would be a cost savings to municipalities when it comes to paying for the training course, and paying potential moderators for their time in paying for that training course.

Additional Testimony:

Stan Soby of Colchester, CT

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

<u>Luther Weeks, Executive Director, CTVotersCount:</u> Testified in opposition to this bill, saying that he believes that there is actually more training needed for moderators, not less, and training is needed in several additional areas that would help moderators be more effective in their polling places.

Reported by: Melissa Russell Date: 3/20/2019

Assistant Clerk