Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-267
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF SIGNED STATEMENTS OF ELECTORS PRIOR TO VOTING.
Vote Date: 3/29/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 3/25/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Government Administration and elections committee
Co-Sponsors
Sen. Rob Sampson, 16th Dist.
Rep. Anne Dauphinais, 44th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:
To require registrars of voters to compile a report of all those who fill out the form prescribed by the Secretary of the State at the polls in lieu of presenting identification, and to send that report to the Secretary of the State’s office.

Substitute language LCO No. 6716: eliminates the registrars sending a confirmation of address letter to electors who have filled out the form at the polls in lieu of showing identification, and also eliminates sending a report to the State Elections Enforcement Commission if those letters come back undeliverable.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State: testified that this bill would place an unfunded mandate on election officials, and would require a fiscal note for the Secretary of the State’s office.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ellen Jacob, Fairfield: testified that this bill would help ensure against election fraud, and that the integrity of our elections is the most important thing, regardless of party affiliation.
NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

David McGuire, Executive Director, ACLU-CT; testified that this bill would be burdensome on elections officials and could have a chilling effect on voter participation, and would cost the state money.

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