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HB-6002

AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING AND REPORTING OF RESULTS AT THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AND ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.

AMENDMENT

LCO No.: 3783

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **See Fiscal Note Details**

The amendment narrows the scope of what the federal funds allocated to SOS to address the effects of COVID-19 on the conduct of the state election in 2020 can be spent on. The amendment requires said federal funds to be spent to: 1) ensure safe and secure opportunities to vote in-person at polling places and 2) reimburse municipalities for expenses incurred in administering the elections.

It is anticipated this provision would eliminate the federal funds cost to SOS of \$2.72 million for the use of third-party vendors in mailing absentee voting sets. There can be significant costs associated with ensuring safety and security at in-person polling places and for reimbursing municipalities for expenses incurred from administering elections. The specific costs outlined above are undetermined at this time and are anticipated to be supported by federal funds.

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