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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.: 3801

OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment requires any municipality with a population of at least 140,000 to have an election monitor for the 2020 state election and the Secretary of the State (SOS) to contract with such monitor until December 31, 2020, unless such contract is terminated prior to said date. The amendment also requires such municipality to provide the monitor with office space, supplies, equipment, and services necessary to carry out duties and responsibilities.

Based on the 2018 Annual Town and County Population for Connecticut¹ produced by the Department of Public Health, only Bridgeport, CT meets such population threshold.

The amendment requires expenses related to the services of such election monitor to be paid from federal funds allocated to SOS to address the effects of COVID-19 on the conduct of elections. The cost of such a monitor is not known at this time and may be significant. The municipality may also incur costs associated with providing said monitor with office space, supplies, equipment, and other services.

Additionally, a potential revenue gain may be incurred if SEEC levies

¹https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Population/Town-Pop/pop_towns2018pdf.pdf

civil penalties for certain violations as a result of this amendment.

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Sources: Department of Public Health