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sHB-6325

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE,  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 22 \$</b>	<b>FY 23 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

This bill establishes a task force to study the feasibility of implementing procedures under which absentee ballot applicants return absentee ballots using one envelope, and a working group to examine risk-limiting audits and oversee a related pilot program, within available appropriations, in five to ten municipalities for the 2021 municipal elections.

A municipality may incur minimal costs to take part in the pilot program; however, as the pilot program is voluntary it is assumed that a municipality would participate only to the extent it has available resources.

The establishment of a task force has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

Lastly, the bill also moves up the deadline by which minor parties must file a copy of their party rules with the Secretary of the State, from at least 60 days to at least 180 days, before nominating candidates

for office. This provision has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.