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SB-1014

AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION MONITOR FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THE 2022 STATE ELECTION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	150,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires any municipality with a population of at least 140,000 to have an election monitor for the 2021 municipal election and the 2022 state election. This bill requires that the Secretary of the State (SOS) to contract with such monitor until December 31, 2022, unless such contract is terminated prior to said date. The bill 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 meets such population threshold.

It is estimated that the cost for an election monitor for two elections would be \$150,000 based on the Secretary of State's experience in hiring an election monitor for Bridgeport for the 2020 election.

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

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above is only for the 2021 and 2022 elections.