



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be, in any
2 municipality with a population of at least one hundred forty thousand,
3 an election monitor for the municipal election in 2021 and the state
4 election in 2022 to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in
5 the management of election administration procedures and the conduct
6 of said elections in such municipality. The office of the Secretary of the
7 State shall contract with an individual to serve in such capacity as
8 election monitor until December 31, 2022, unless such contract is
9 terminated for any reason by the Secretary of the State prior to said date.
10 Such election monitor shall: (1) Not be considered a state employee; (2)
11 be compensated in accordance with such contract; and (3) be
12 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his
13 or her duties. Costs related to the service of such election monitor shall
14 be paid from moneys appropriated to the Secretary for such purpose.
15 Such municipality shall provide for such election monitor any office

16 space, supplies, equipment and services necessary to properly carry out
17 the duties and responsibilities of the position. As used in this section,
18 "population" means the estimated number of people according to the
19 most recent version of the State Register and Manual prepared pursuant
20 to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

21 (b) An election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of this section
22 shall: (1) Conduct inspections, inquiries and investigations relating to
23 any duty or responsibility under title 9 of the general statutes to be
24 carried out by any official of the municipality or appointee of such
25 official; (2) have access to all records, data and material maintained by
26 or available to any such official or appointee; and (3) immediately report
27 to the Secretary of the State any irregularity or impropriety in the
28 performance of any duty or responsibility described in subdivision (1)
29 of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
30 the State Elections Enforcement Commission from taking any action
31 authorized under section 9-7b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To employ an election monitor for both the municipal election in 2021 and the state election in 2022 in any municipality with a population of at least one hundred forty thousand.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]