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SB-901

AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021, CHANGES
IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF
COVID-19.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires: 1) election moderators, when printing the vote totals from voting tabulators upon the close of the polls, to produce an additional tabulator tape, photocopy, digital scan, or digital photograph of the original tape, 2) the additional tabulator tape to be attached to the completed election return totals, 3) the moderator, after transmitting the

¹ State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

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preliminary list of vote totals to the Secretary of the State (SOS), to prepare a sealed envelope for the additional tape or copy and store the envelope in a registrar-directed secure place, and 3) makes various other technical changes.

To the extent municipalities choose to produce the additional tabulator tape as a photocopy, digital scan or digital photograph, they may incur a cost to purchase equipment to produce such digital file as the tabulator returns can be up to ten feet long. There is also a potential cost to the SOS if they require developing a new system to take in such digital files.

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