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sHB-6871

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION RECANVASS PROCEDURES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8139)

House Calendar No.: 196

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 24 \$ |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Secretary of the State | GF - Cost | 100,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

| Municipalities | Effect | FY 24 \$ | FY 25 \$ |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Various Municipalities | Potential Cost | See Below | See Below |

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$100,000 requiring the Secretary of State's staff to develop a uniform recanvassing training to be used whenever a recanvassing is required by the state. The estimate for the creation of that material is currently \$100,000 to develop it and it may require incidental updates in the future.

The bill additionally requires each municipality in the state to have at least one tabulator. For those with tabulators there will be no fiscal impact. Most municipalities are known to have tabulators available with about 2,500 in usage statewide. If there are municipalities without tabulators the cost may increase by around \$50,000¹ in order to meet the requirements of the new bill.

¹ [Public Citizen voting costs](#)

House Amendment "A" makes several changes to the bill including (1) requiring at least one tabulator to be used in each district and only for that district. (2) Changing some recanvass timelines and security procedures. The requirement to use tabulators in each district may increase municipal costs depending on the current tabulators and resources available to municipalities. The exact cost increase would vary by municipality.

The Out Years

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