

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL ELECTION ADVISORS AND A  
TASK FORCE ON ELECTION ADMINISTRATION IN  
MUNICIPALITIES.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Potential Cost	Approximately \$225,000	Approximately \$225,000

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The bill directs the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to award grants of at least \$25,000 each to every Council of Government (COGs) that has appointed a regional election advisor. This results in a potential cost to OPM of approximately \$225,000 annually beginning in FY 24 as there are nine COGs (presuming the minimum grant level of \$25,000). The bill formally moves the requirement to have a regional election monitor to an option. This codifies existing practice, and few if any local or regional government organizations utilize them currently.

The grants are to be paid out of the regional planning incentive account. To the extent this results in new or larger grant awards to COGs, there is a potential revenue gain for municipalities beginning in

FY 24.

The balance of the regional planning incentive account is \$12,035,803 as of April 2023.

The bill additionally formally changes the title of the position from regional election monitor to a regional election advisor. The bill also creates a taskforce to study election practices that can be done within existing resources of the Secretary of State.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of grants awarded.