
OLR Bill Analysis**SB 352*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO VIEW A BALLOT DURING RECANVASS PROCEDURES.*****SUMMARY**

After a primary or an election, a recanvass generally takes place when there is a discrepancy, close vote, or tie that requires election officials to recount each ballot. During the recount, existing law allows party representatives to view each ballot as it is being recounted in order to discern how the ballot was marked. This bill imposes a \$500 fine on any moderator or recanvass official that interferes with that right. Under existing law, the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) may levy a fine of up to \$2,000 for certain election offenses, including a violation of this provision (CGS § 9-7b(a)(2)(A)). Presumably, the bill fixes the specific amount SEEC must impose for a violation of this right.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)