

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** SB-257

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF AND CASTING OF BALLOTS BY

**Title:** PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

**Vote Date:** 3/15/2024

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/4/2024

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

This legislation aims to establish the Secretary of State as state executive, for purposes of certifying presidential electors under federal Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022, which assigns the role to the governor unless otherwise specified by state law. It additionally moves the required meeting of the presidential electors one day later.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Stephanie Thomas, Secretary of State:

Strongly urges favorable passage of the bill, which makes technical changes to Title 9 of the general statutes that reflect changes required by the federal government by The Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Expressed

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

Debbie Esposito, Opposes:

Elections not determined by Secretary of State.

Dr. Linda Dalessio, Opposes:

This proposal gives unopposed power to the Secretary of State, which should not be given to arbitrarily decide elections without oversight, audits, and the use of uncertified equipment.

**Reported by: Lindsay de Brito**

**Date: 3/21/2024**