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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 441

File No. 483

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION
OVERSIGHT."**

1 Strike lines 42 to 55, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(2) Members described in subparagraphs (C) and (D) of subdivision
4 (1) of this subsection shall serve for a term of four years and until a
5 successor is appointed, and initial appointments of such members shall
6 be made not later than August 1, 2024. Members described in said
7 subparagraphs shall recuse themselves from participating in any
8 proceeding of the board on any matter in which a conflict exists due to
9 such member or the immediate family of such member being involved
10 in such matter. The filling of any vacancy shall be for the remainder of
11 the applicable member's term. The members of the board shall serve
12 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in
13 the performance of their duties. A majority of the board shall constitute

14 a quorum for the transaction of any business of the board. For the
15 purposes of this subdivision, "immediate family" means a dependent
16 relative who resides in the member's household or any spouse, child,
17 parent or sibling of the member."

18 In line 109, strike "vote to" and insert in lieu thereof "by majority vote"

19 Strike section 3 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
20 thereof:

21 "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) A referred municipality
22 designated as a:

23 (1) Tier I municipality shall be subject to oversight by the Municipal
24 Election Accountability Board consisting of (A) development by such
25 municipality of a mitigation plan to address the concerns that warranted
26 such designation by the board, which shall be submitted to the board
27 for approval and modification as required by the board, (B) mandatory
28 training of election officials in election administration procedures
29 conducted by the office of the Secretary of the State or by a certified
30 moderator, town clerk or registrar of voters, or a combination thereof,
31 selected by the Secretary of the State, and (C) distribution of instruction
32 or training manuals or other resources for promoting best practices in
33 election administration.

34 (2) Tier II municipality shall be subject to oversight by the board
35 consisting of (A) the measures provided under subdivision (1) of this
36 section for a Tier I municipality, and (B) regular contact with the
37 municipality to ensure (i) compliance with the developed mitigation
38 plan and timely achievement of the benchmarks set forth in such
39 mitigation plan, (ii) attendance of election officials at all mandatory
40 training, and (iii) distribution of the manuals or resources described in
41 subparagraph (C) of said subdivision.

42 (3) Tier III municipality shall be subject to oversight by the board
43 consisting of (A) the measures provided under subdivision (2) of this
44 section for a Tier II municipality, and (B) appointment of an election

45 monitor (i) who shall be authorized to (I) conduct inspections, inquiries
46 and investigations related to any duty or responsibility under title 9 of
47 the general statutes to be carried out by any official of such municipality
48 or appointee of such official, (II) have access to all records, data and
49 material maintained by or available to any such official or appointee,
50 and (III) immediately report to the Secretary of the State any irregularity
51 or impropriety in the performance of any duty or responsibility
52 described in clause (i)(I) of this subparagraph, and (ii) who shall be
53 provided, by such municipality, with any office space, supplies,
54 equipment and services necessary to properly carry out such election
55 monitor's duties and responsibilities.

56 (4) Tier IV municipality shall be subject to oversight by the board
57 consisting of the complete administration by the board of any election,
58 primary or referendum in such municipality, and all procedures related
59 to the orderly conduct of any such election, primary or referendum,
60 notwithstanding the provisions of (A) titles 7 and 9 of the general
61 statutes, (B) any special act, and (C) any charter or home rule ordinance
62 adopted pursuant to chapter 99 of the general statutes."