



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7205**

LCO No. 5627



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC  
FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CAMPAIGNS IN CERTAIN DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE  
2027 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "distressed  
2 municipality" has the same meaning as provided in section 32-9p of the  
3 general statutes, and "population" means the estimated number of  
4 people according to the most recent version of the State Register and  
5 Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-192a of the general  
7 statutes, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall establish a  
8 pilot program for the public financing of campaigns of candidates for  
9 the municipal office of chief executive officer, who agree to limit  
10 campaign fund raising and expenditures, at the 2027 municipal election  
11 in each distressed municipality with a population of less than twenty-  
12 five thousand. Public financing under such pilot program shall not be  
13 deemed to be public funds for the purposes of subsection (d) of section

14 9-610 of the general statutes. A candidate for the municipal office of chief  
15 executive officer who decides not to participate in such program shall  
16 be subject to the provisions of chapter 155 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*