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sSB-1405

AN ACT MODIFYING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND THE POWERS OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Elections Enforcement Commission	GF - Cost	218,236	210,826
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	85,827	85,827
Resources of the Citizen's Election Fund	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill makes a variety of changes to the state's campaign finance laws resulting in the fiscal impacts outlined below.

Section 7 and 8, create a variety of changes related to State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) oversight, which requires three additional personnel² to meet the requirements of the bill at a cost to SEEC of \$218,236 in FY 26 and \$210,826 in FY 27³, and a fringe cost of \$85,827 in FY 26 and FY 27. The additional personnel will offset the

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

² These positions include a Secretary I, a Fiscal Administrative Officer, and an Elections Officer.

³ This includes a salary cost of \$210,826 in FY 26 and FY 27, and one-time other expenses cost of \$7,500 in FY 26 to support equipment for the positions.

expanded administrative and oversight role of the SEEC.

In addition, these sections reduce the reasons for SEEC to disqualify a contribution resulting in a potential increased cost to the resources of the Citizens' Election Fund. The exact impact depends on the number of candidates who received Citizens' election Program funding who previously would not have qualified.

The remaining sections of the bill make a variety of changes that result in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of additional grants issued as a result of the bill.