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

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 8815)

Senate Calendar No.: 283

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Elections Enforcement Commission	GF - Cost	84,555	82,055
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	33,405	33,405
Resources of the Citizens' Election Fund	CEF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: CEF=Citizens' Election Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The 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 an additional staff member<sup>2</sup> to meet the requirements of the bill at a cost to SEEC of \$84,555<sup>3</sup> in FY 26 and \$82,055 in FY 27, and a fringe cost of

<sup>1</sup>The 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.

<sup>2</sup> This is an Elections Officer Position.

<sup>3</sup> This includes the salary cost of \$82,055, and a one-time cost of \$2,500 for additional equipment.

\$33,405 in FY 26 and FY 27. The additional position will offset the 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.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and results in the fiscal impact described above.

### ***The Out Years***

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

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