

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS  
IN THIS STATE.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

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

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	250,000	250,000
Secretary of the State	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill makes a variety of changes to the states election statutes and results in the fiscal impacts outlined below.

**Section 4** expands an existing class C misdemeanor related to behavior at or near polling places, results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600<sup>1</sup> each year for adults and \$450 each

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<sup>1</sup> Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

year for juveniles. Few, if any, violations are expected.

**Section 22** requires the Secretary of the State (SOTS) to hire and install an election monitor for Bridgeport and to conduct a bilingual voter information campaign at a cost of \$250,000 in FY 26 and FY 27. The Election Monitor<sup>2</sup> will oversee covered elections, conduct investigations as required, and report any irregularities. The public information campaign<sup>3</sup> will inform voters in Bridgeport of their rights under Title 9 in both English and Spanish.

**Section 24** empowers SOTS to commence a declaratory judgment action in court under certain circumstances resulting in a potential cost to the state. The exact cost will depend on the number of declaratory judgements pursued.

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, actual violations, and declaratory judgements pursued.

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<sup>2</sup> The election monitor is expected to cost \$150,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.

<sup>3</sup> The public information campaign is expected to cost \$100,000 in FY 26 and FY 27.