



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1407

LCO No. 5501



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITS CONDUCTED BY THE STATE
ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

4 (5) (A) To inspect or audit at any reasonable time and upon
5 reasonable notice the accounts or records of any treasurer or principal
6 treasurer, except as provided for in subparagraph (B) of this
7 subdivision, as required by chapter 155 or 157 and to audit any such
8 election, primary or referendum held within the state; provided, (i) (I)
9 not later than two months preceding the day of an election at which a
10 candidate is seeking election, the commission shall complete any audit
11 it has initiated in the absence of a complaint that involves a committee
12 of the same candidate from a previous election, and (II) during the two-
13 month period preceding the day of an election at which a candidate is
14 seeking election, the commission shall not initiate an audit in the
15 absence of a complaint that involves a committee of the same candidate

16 from a previous election, and (ii) the commission shall not audit any
17 caucus, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 9-372.

18 (B) When conducting an audit after an election or primary, the
19 commission shall randomly audit not more than fifty per cent of
20 candidate committees, which shall be selected through the process of a
21 weighted lottery conducted by the commission that takes into account
22 the selection frequency of a district served by the office of state senator
23 or state representative, as applicable, for the immediately preceding
24 three regular elections for such office and increases or decreases the
25 likelihood that such district will be selected for audit based on such
26 selection frequency, except that the commissioner shall audit all
27 candidate committees for candidates for a state-wide office. Any such
28 lottery shall be duly noticed and open to the public.

29 (C) The commission shall notify, in writing, any committee of a
30 candidate for an office in the general election, or of any candidate who
31 had a primary for nomination to any such office not later than May
32 thirty-first of the year immediately following such election of its
33 selection for an audit. In no case shall the commission audit any such
34 candidate committee that the commission fails to provide notice to in
35 accordance with this subparagraph.

36 (D) Not later than twelve months after the commission receives all
37 necessary information to conduct an audit described in subparagraph
38 (B) of this subdivision, the commission shall complete such audit and
39 issue its findings. Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually
40 thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to government oversight, in accordance with the provisions of
43 section 11-4a, concerning whether there were any audits during the
44 preceding calendar year that the commission was unable to complete
45 during such twelve-month period and, if so, the reasons for such
46 inability to complete such audits;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-7b(a)(5)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) the selection process for State Elections Enforcement Commission audits be open to the public, (2) the commission to complete and issue findings concerning a post-primary or post-election audit of a campaign not later than twelve months after receiving all necessary information, and (3) the commission to submit an annual report concerning all audits that were not completed within such twelve-month period.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]