



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 1407



***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2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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, of its selection for an
 32 audit not later than May thirty-first of the year immediately following
 33 such election. In no case shall the commission audit any such candidate
 34 committee that the commission fails to provide notice to in accordance
 35 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	July 1, 2025	9-7b(a)(5)
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a)(5)(C), the first sentence was rewritten for clarity.

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*