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"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
4 group to study and recommend uniform standards for voting in fire
5 districts, including, but not limited to, methods of voting, notice
6 requirements for elections, the use of absentee balloting, frequency of
7 elections and other standards to curtail any potential malfeasance
8 during the voting process and recommending what remedies an
9 aggrieved person should have when such malfeasance occurs.

10 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13 relating to government oversight, one of whom has expertise in public

14 safety issues and one of whom represents a fire district;

15 (2) Two appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
16 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
17 relating to government oversight, one of whom represents a fire district
18 and one of whom represents an organization representing towns;

19 (3) Two appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to elections, one of whom represents an organization
22 representing municipalities and one of whom is a legislator
23 representing a legislative district containing a fire district;

24 (4) Two appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
25 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to elections, both of whom represent fire districts;

27 (5) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing
28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to elections, who represents a fire district;

30 (6) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
32 relating to elections, who is a town clerk from a town containing a fire
33 district;

34 (7) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing
35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
36 relating to government oversight, who is a legislator representing a
37 legislative district containing a fire district;

38 (8) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
40 relating to government oversight, who is a town attorney, who has
41 expertise in municipal law; and

42 (9) The executive director of the State Elections Enforcement

43 Commission, or a designee, and one staff member of said commission
44 designated by the executive director.

45 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivisions
46 (1) to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of
47 the General Assembly.

48 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
49 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
50 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

51 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
52 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
53 oversight shall select the chairpersons of the working group from
54 among the members of the working group. The chairpersons of the
55 working group shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,
56 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
57 this section.

58 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
59 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
60 oversight shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

61 (g) Not later than February 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
62 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
63 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
64 relating to government oversight and elections, in accordance with the
65 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group
66 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2026,
67 whichever is later.

68 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The State Elections Enforcement
69 Commission shall establish procedures to track any complaints or
70 questions received by the commission related to voting in districts, as
71 defined in section 7-324 of the general statutes. Not later than February
72 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commission shall submit a report,
73 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

74 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
75 cognizance of matters relating to government oversight. Such report
76 shall include a summary of how many complaints, calls and electronic
77 communications were received during the prior year concerning voting
78 in districts, which topics were the subject of such communications and
79 any recommendations for legislation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section