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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 1407

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill makes several changes affecting the timing and process for certain audits done by the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC). By law, SEEC must audit all statewide office candidate committees and certain legislative candidate committees after an election or primary.

The bill creates a deadline by which the commission must complete these audits and issue its findings. Specifically, an audit must be completed within 12 months after receiving all the necessary information to conduct it. (The bill does not specify how this is determined, so it is unclear when the 12-month period would begin.)

Relatedly, the bill requires SEEC to submit a report to the Government Oversight Committee by January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter on any audits during the prior calendar year that it was not able to complete within the required period and the reasons for failing to do so.

The bill also adds requirements related to the selection of legislative candidate committees for auditing. Existing law prohibits SEEC from auditing more than 50% of legislative candidate committees after an election or primary and requires it to select these committees for auditing according to a weighted lottery. The bill requires that the weighted lottery be duly noticed and open to the public (in practice, this lottery is already open to the public). The bill is silent on what is considered duly noticed.

Lastly, the bill makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    12    Nay   0    (03/18/2025)