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HB-7228

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REFORMS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	53,500	46,700
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:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Mansfield; New Britain; Danbury; Stamford; Windham; New Haven	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Cost	Up to \$100,000	Up to \$125,000

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and results in the fiscal impacts outlined below.

Section 5, requires that certain municipalities that host qualifying

¹ State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

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public universities to open a second early-in person voting location on campus resulting in a cost of \$53,500 to the Secretary of the States' Office in FY 26 and a cost of \$46,700 in FY 27. These costs are associated with the one-time cost of installation of Central Voter Registration System (CVRS)² lines for five universities in FY 26, and the monthly maintenance costs for each additional location³. It is expected that this provision will impact one additional university in FY 27⁴.

Additionally, there is an expected total cost for impacted municipalities of up to \$100,000 in FY 26 and up to \$125,000 in FY 27. This cost is associated with the additional cost of labor and supplies to facilitate an additional early-in person voting location for each impacted town. This is expected to impact five towns in FY 26 and six towns in FY 27. The exact cost will depend on the number, cost, and availability of election workers.

Section 8 of the amendment expands an existing class C misdemeanor for activities prohibited near a polling place which 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 \$600⁵ each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles. Few, if any, violations are expected.

The remaining sections of the bill make a variety of changes that result in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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² The cost to install CVRS lines is anticipated to cost \$3,500 each.

³ The ongoing subscription and maintenance cost for CVRS lines is \$600 per month or \$7,220 per year, per municipality.

⁴ UCONN Stamford is expected to require a voting location beginning in FY 27.

⁵ 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.

consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.