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HB-7241

## AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ALL. AMENDMENT

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **Cost**

The amendment requires that the Secretary of the State (SOTS) to develop and implement a process for signature verification resulting in a cost to SOTS and municipalities.

The cost to SOTS is associated with software costs<sup>1</sup>, labor costs, supplies, and training<sup>2</sup>. The exact cost will depend on the system used to complete signature verification.

Additionally, there is a cost to municipalities due to the additional workload created by the amendment. This cost is associated with the additional election workers required to implement signature verification, the additional hours required, and resources required to implement the amendment. The exact cost will vary by town depending on the number of additional election workers required.

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<sup>1</sup> Signature verification software was estimated to cost \$150,000-\$200,000 per town as of 2022. There is also an annual licensing cost of between \$100,000-\$200,000 for the state per year.

<sup>2</sup> This is expected to cost \$150,000-\$200,000 per year to train election workers as of 2022.