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AN ACT STUDYING EFFORTS TO INCREASE VOTER
PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL PILOT
PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE SUCH EFFORTS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Cost

The amendment requires the Secretary of the State (SOTS) to develop absentee ballot counting and storage procedures, prohibits counting until the day of the election, and requires registrars to use best efforts to contact voters whose absentee ballots were rejected resulting in a potential cost to SOTS and municipalities.

The amendment requires SOTS to create a set of procedures around absentee ballot counting and storage including secure retention of ballots resulting in a potential cost. The exact cost will depend on the additional labor and resources required to comply with the amendment.

The amendment additionally requires that registrars make best efforts to contact voters whose absentee ballots were rejected to advise them that they may vote in person on the day of the election resulting in a potential cost. The exact cost will vary by town depending on the number of absentee ballots rejected and the number of electors contacted.

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