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SB-1405

AN ACT MODIFYING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND THE
POWERS OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT
COMMISSION.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Elections Enforcement Commission	GF - Cost	84,555	82,055
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	33,405	33,405
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and results in the fiscal impact described below. The amendment makes a variety of changes to the state's campaign finance laws resulting in the fiscal impacts outlined below.

Section 7 and 8, create a variety of changes related to State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) oversight, which requires an

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

additional staff member² to meet the requirements of the amendment at a cost to SEEC of \$84,555³ in FY 26 and \$82,055 in FY 27, and a fringe cost of \$33,405 in FY 26 and FY 27. The additional position will offset the expanded administrative and oversight role of the SEEC.

In addition, these sections reduce the reasons for SEEC to disqualify a contribution resulting in a potential increased cost to the resources of the Citizens' Election Fund. The exact impact depends on the number of candidates who received Citizens' election Program funding who previously would not have qualified.

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

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² This is an Elections Officer Position.

³ This includes the salary cost of \$82,055, and a one-time cost of \$2,500 for additional equipment.