

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-467 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING OBSERVATION OF THE CONDUCT OF ELECTION

**Title:** RECANVASS PROCEDURES.

**Vote Date:** 3/23/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/13/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will allow for those who watch the election to have a greater ability to observe the election recanvasses. The recanvassing would verify that voting machines or tabulators count ballots correctly according to voter intent. There is concern that not all stakeholders or interested parties are able to view election recanvass process. This bill would make the punishments and requirements stricter to discourage bad faith behavior and to enforce a higher level of transparency.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Ryan Burns, Executive Director, State Elections Enforcement Commission:](#)

The SEEC has no public comment on the policy behind this bill but recommends that the language be amended on line 42 to refer to a civil penalty instead of a fine if the SEEC will be the agency tasked with enforcing the law proposed in this bill. The SEEC explains that the term "fine" refers to consequences enforced by criminal authorities, whereas the term "civil penalties" are assessed through the Commission's administrative process.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Pua Ford, Public Issues Team Member, League of Women Voters:](#)

The League of Women voter support this bill and the language added to support the recanvass procedure during elections. The LWVC believes the bill outlines the clear expectations from both public observers and election officials in the course of "recounting" the result of an election.

Anonymous:

This constituent provides general support for this bill.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

Anonymous:

This constituent opposes this bill because they believe there are too many items in it.

**Reported by: Sara Velasco**

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