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LCO No. 4346



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING RISK-LIMITING AUDITS FOR ELECTION RESULTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to (1) examine employing risk-limiting audits to determine the
3 accuracy of election results, including (A) the feasibility of
4 implementing such audits, (B) the different methods used in such audits
5 and the practical considerations for implementation of each such
6 method within the existing statutory framework, (C) any potential
7 equipment necessary to implement one or more of such methods, (D)
8 the procedures necessary to implement one or more of such methods,
9 and (E) any changes to such statutory framework necessary to
10 implement one or more of such methods, and (2) within available
11 appropriations, oversee a pilot program in not less than five and not
12 more than ten municipalities of one or more of such methods for the
13 municipal elections held in such municipalities in 2021.

14 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee, who shall

16 be the chairperson of such working group;

17 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

22 (6) Two appointed by the chairpersons and ranking members of the
23 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
24 matters relating to elections, each of whom shall be enrolled in a
25 different political party from the other;

26 (7) Two appointed by the Secretary of the State, one of whom shall be
27 admitted to the practice of law in this state and have expertise in the
28 election laws of this state, and the other of whom shall be a statistician;

29 (8) Two appointed by the president of the Registrars of Voters
30 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different
31 political party from the other; and

32 (9) The director of the Center for Voting Technology Research at The
33 University of Connecticut, or the director's designee.

34 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
35 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
36 of the General Assembly.

37 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
38 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
39 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

40 (e) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee, as
41 chairperson of the working group, shall schedule the first meeting of
42 such working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after
43 the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
46 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

47 (g) Not later than January 31, 2022, the working group shall submit a
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
50 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
51 of the general statutes, and to the Secretary of the State. The working
52 group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
53 31, 2022, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to examine risk-limiting audits for election results.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]