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sHB-5309

AN ACT CONCERNING BALLOTS MADE AVAILABLE IN
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential	Potential

Explanation

This bill adds additional requirements in the approval of translated ballots for municipalities and results in a potential cost to municipalities.

The bill refers ballots to the town legislative body for review prior to printing. This will have a potential cost depending on if the town legislative body finds cause to have the ballot translated again. The potential cost depends on the number of municipalities that will need to re-translate their ballots¹.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of translations that are required.

¹ The cost to produce translated ballots is expected to be \$5,000 per document translated.