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sSB-262

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
FILINGS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 26 \$</b>
Elections Enforcement Commission	GF - Cost	163,403
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	67,403

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>	<b>FY 26 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal

### ***Explanation***

This bill shifts the requirement of filing for municipal candidates and candidate committees from the local level to the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) resulting in a cost of \$163,403 in FY 26 and a cost of \$67,404 in fringe benefits. This funding will support two additional full-time employees<sup>2</sup> for the SEEC which will increase consistent input of information into the SEEC's campaign reporting system (ECRIS) and increase staff availability to answer questions for municipal candidates and committees.

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<sup>1</sup>The 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 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

<sup>2</sup> This includes an IT Analyst 1 position at an annual rate of \$83,350 and one Elections Officer at an annual rate of \$80,053.

The bill removes the requirements for most candidates and candidate committees to file with their local town clerk's office resulting in potential savings for municipalities. This reduces the workload for some municipalities and eliminates a previous requirement to pay unsalaried town clerks \$0.10 per filing.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and employee wage increases.