

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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## AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT.

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

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

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	385,000	385,000
Secretary of the State	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	152,697	152,697

Note: GF=General Fund

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

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

#### ***Explanation***

The bill establishes the Municipal Election Accountability Board (MEAB) within the office of the Secretary of the State (SOTS) and empowers the board to review misconduct when a case is referred to them and provide oversight when violations have occurred, resulting in the fiscal impacts described below.

The bill results in a cost of \$385,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for salary and other expenses to SOTS and \$152,697 in fringe to support four staff

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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 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

members to facilitate the board as outlined in the bill<sup>2</sup>. The additional staff will help to facilitate the board and provide analysis and recommendations for municipalities under board oversight. There is an additional cost due to the requirement for reimbursement of expenses to board members for reasonable expenses related to the performance of the job.

There is a potential cost associated with the oversight of the board. MEAB is empowered to place municipalities under certain circumstances in one of four-tiers of oversight. The exact cost would depend on the number of municipalities subject to board oversight, the level of oversight imposed, and resources required.

Additionally, there is a potential cost to municipalities to the extent that misconduct is found and what oversight is designated by MEAB. The exact cost would depend on the level of oversight imposed.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, wage increases, and oversight decisions of MEAB.

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<sup>2</sup> This includes an Executive Director, a Staff Attorney II, Elections Officer, and an Administrative Assistant.