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Bill Number: S. 0867 Introduced on January 14, 2020
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Subject: Absentee Ballot Review
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Miller
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the State Election Commission (SEC) because software updates are managed by the vendor within the parameters of the existing contract.

Additionally, this bill will have no impact to local expenditures because the allowance for an extra day to review the return-address envelopes that have been received for absentee ballots as the number of envelopes will not increase.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires the State Election Commission (SEC) to implement a software update to its election voting machines to allow for challenges to absentee This bill takes effect upon signing of the governor. SEC has contracted with a vendor for the implementation and any necessary software updates to the election voting machines. This software update will be handled by the vendor as part of their contract with SEC. Therefore, SEC anticipated no expenditure impact.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill allows county boards of voter registration and elections, municipal election commissions, or executive committees of each municipal party to begin the process of examining the return-address envelopes that have been received for absentee ballots beginning on the calendar day preceding election day. This will take effect upon the signing of the governor and remain in effect until January 1, 2021, at which time the section will revert back to current law. Currently, county boards of voter registration and elections, municipal election commissions, or executive committees of each municipal party may begin the process of examining the return-address envelopes that have been received for absentee ballots beginning on election day. As the allowance for more time to examine the absentee ballots envelopes will only occur until January 1, 2021, and does not change the number of ballots, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs anticipates there will be no local expenditure increase.

Local Revenue

N/A

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