
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5529

AN ACT CONCERNING POLL BOOKS FOR THE CHECKING OF ELECTORS AT ELECTIONS, PRIMARIES AND REFERENDA.

SUMMARY

This bill requires each registrar of voters, at least 14 days before any election, primary, or referendum in a municipality, to notify certain entities whether electronic polls books containing the official checklist will be used to check in voters on election day or for early voting (under current practice, these can only be used as a backup to paper-based poll books). The registrars must notify all (1) town committees in the municipality, (2) political committees formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, and (3) candidate committees for candidates on the ballot.

The bill subjects any registrar who fails to provide the notice to a fine of at least \$50. (The bill does not specify a maximum allowable amount for the fine nor how it will be imposed or enforced.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2027

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/20/2026)