

# State Board of Elections

## 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2115

**House of Origin** ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Suit

**3. Committee** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title** Audits of campaigns for local governing bodies.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Audits of campaigns for local governing bodies. Requires the campaign committee of a candidate for the local governing body of any county or city, or town with a population of 25,000 or more, to obtain an audit of the campaign records of the committee and forward the audit to the State Board of Elections within 90 days of the election. The requirement applies only to campaign committees expending more than \$10,000 in the course of the campaign. The State Board will define the scope of the audit and take action to have irregularities corrected, or applicable penalties imposed, by the appropriate local electoral board or attorney for the Commonwealth.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02	\$10,000.00		GF
2002-03	\$10,000.00		GF

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02			
2002-03			

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 88

**8. Fiscal implications:** The additional funding needed for the State Board of Elections to define the scope of the audit, receive and catalog these audits, make them available to the public, and follow up with candidates to have irregularities corrected, and with local electoral boards or attorneys for the commonwealth to have penalties imposed is estimated at \$10,000 per year for temporary labor and overtime. In addition, the information about which candidates would fall under these requirements would have to be communicated to SBE by the local electoral boards. All candidates for county, city or town offices file their campaign contribution reports with their local electoral boards, not with the State Board.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Board of Elections, local Electoral Boards, local registrars and commonwealth's attorneys.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: The candidates covered by HB 2115 presently file all their candidate qualification forms and reports of contributions and expenditures with their local electoral boards. If these candidates are to be required to obtain and file audits, those audits should be filed with those same local boards, not with the State Board.

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