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MEMORANDUM

To: Catherine Toll, Chair
House Appropriations

From: Jim Condos 
Vermont Secretary of State

Date: March 22, 2017

Re: **H.512, An Act Relating to the Procedure for Conducting Recounts**

The language requiring the Secretary of State's Office to bear the costs of a recount found in 17 V.S.A. § 2602i of this proposed legislation is a restatement of current law requiring the Secretary of State to bear the costs of recounts found in 17 V.S.A. § 2602(i) of existing statute.

This does not represent any new demand on the budget of the Secretary of State's office. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Proposed law in H.512:

§ 2602i. COSTS

- (a) Recount committee members and assistants designated by the county clerk shall be paid by the State at the same per diem and mileage rates and according to the same procedures by which jurors are paid.
- (b) (b)(1) These and other necessary expenses, as approved by the court, shall be paid by the State through the Court Administrator's Office.

(2) The Secretary of State shall bear the costs of recounts conducted under this subchapter and shall reimburse the Court Administrator's Office.

Existing Law:

§ 2602i. Costs

Recount committee members and assistants designated by the county clerk shall be paid by the State at the same per diem and mileage rates and according to the same procedures by which jurors are paid. These and other necessary expenses, as approved by the court, shall be paid by the State through the Court Administrator's Office. The Secretary of State shall reimburse the Court Administrator's Office.