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The Honorable William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
State House, Room 337
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Secretary Galvin:

On September 13, 2021, I forwarded to your office a preliminary uniform polling hours certification per Chapter 503 of the Acts of 1983. As you know the re-districting and re-precincting processes were delayed this past year. My office's Division of Local Mandates (DLM) recently received new data from your office that included updated precinct numbers for each community as well as the number of sub-precincts caused by redistricting.

To update Chapter 503 estimated expenses for the 2022 state elections, DLM multiplied the previously certified cost for each city and town by the percent change in the number of precincts and sub-precincts. In total, re-precincting increased DLM's Chapter 503 preliminary certifications by \$206,634.60, or 11.01%, bringing the total certification to \$2,083,736.08. These changes had an impact on the numbers for 89 communities. Included in the re-certified amounts is the City of Boston, whose 2022 Uniform Polling Hours funding is based on the current number of 255 precincts. Once Boston re-precincting is finalized, DLM will update the City's expenses accordingly.

A detailed listing by community is attached to this letter. Thank you for your cooperation during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. M. Bump'.

Suzanne M. Bump
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cc: Representative Aaron Michlewitz, House Chair, Joint Committee on Ways & Means
Senator Michael Rodrigues, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Ways & Means
Representative Daniel Ryan, House Chair, Joint Committee on Election Laws
Senator Barry Finegold, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Election Laws