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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1618 by Wentworth (Relating to the election of the governing body of certain municipalities.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more to modify its governing body to consist of a mayor elected at large and at least six members elected from single-member districts that meet certain requirements.

Local Government Impact

Municipalities that do not yet meet the requirements of the bill would face costs related to creating the single-member districts, allowing for public hearings and comment, responding to legal challenges to the districts, and submitting the plan to the Voting Rights Division of the United States Office of the Attorney General.

There would be no fiscal impact to municipalities that already meet the requirements.

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