

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Facilitating review of election procedures.

Sponsors: Senators Winsley, Haugen and Hale; by request of Secretary of State.

Senate Committee on Government Operations
House Committee on Government Administration

Background: The election review staff of the Office of Secretary of State must review election procedures in counties where a mandatory recount is likely in a primary or general election for a position in the state Legislature, or a mandatory recount is likely in a statewide election or an election for federal office.

Periodically, at the direction of the Secretary of State or at the request of the county auditor, the election review staff of the Office of Secretary of State must conduct a review of election-related policies, procedures, and practices in the county after a county primary or special or general election. Each county must periodically be reviewed not less than once every four years.

Summary: The periodic review by the election review staff of the Office of Secretary of State must be conducted in conjunction with an election. The requirement that each county must periodically be reviewed not less than once every four years is eliminated.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	1
House	61	37

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