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**SENATE BILL 5311**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Hunt, Miloscia, and Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to state reimbursement of election costs; and amending RCW 29A.04.420.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec.**  RCW 29A.04.420 and 2013 c 11 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state primary or general election ((~~held in an odd-numbered year under RCW 29A.04.321~~)), the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the costs of that state primary or general election.

(2) Whenever a primary or vacancy election is held to fill a vacancy in the position of United States senator or United States representative under chapter 29A.28 RCW, the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the costs of that primary or vacancy election.

(3) The county auditor shall apportion the state's share of these expenses when prorating election costs under RCW 29A.04.410 and shall file such expense claims with the secretary of state.

(4) The secretary of state shall include in his or her biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section. Reimbursements for election costs shall be from appropriations specifically provided by law for that purpose.

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