
HOUSE BILL 1367

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1 AN ACT Relating to mandatory election recounts; and amending RCW
2 29.64.015.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.64.015 and 1991 c 90 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) If the official canvass of all of the returns for any office at
7 any primary or election reveals that the difference in the number of
8 votes cast for a candidate apparently nominated or elected to any
9 office and the number of votes cast for the closest apparently defeated
10 opponent is not more than one-half of one percent of the total number
11 of votes cast for both candidates, the county canvassing board shall
12 conduct a recount of all votes cast on that position.

13 (a) Whenever such a difference occurs in the number of votes cast
14 for candidates for a position which appears on the ballot in more than
15 one county, the secretary of state shall, within three business days of
16 the day that the returns of the primary or election are first certified
17 by the canvassing boards of those counties, direct those boards to
18 recount all votes cast on the position.

1 (b) (~~Whenever~~) If the total number of votes cast for the office
2 is sixty thousand or more and the difference in the number of votes
3 cast for (~~such candidates is~~) the candidate apparently nominated or
4 elected and the number cast for the closest apparently defeated
5 opponent is small enough to require a recount under this section, the
6 votes shall be recounted manually if that difference is also less than
7 one hundred fifty votes.

8 If the total number of votes cast for the office is less than sixty
9 thousand and the difference in the number of votes cast for a candidate
10 apparently nominated or elected and the number of votes cast for the
11 closest apparently defeated opponent is small enough to require a
12 recount under this section, the votes shall be recounted manually if
13 that difference is also: Less than ten votes or less than one-fourth
14 of one percent of the total number of votes cast for both candidates,
15 (~~the votes shall be recounted manually~~) whichever difference
16 constitutes a larger number of votes.

17 (2) A mandatory recount shall be conducted in the manner provided
18 by RCW 29.64.020, 29.64.030, and 29.64.040. No cost of a mandatory
19 recount may be charged to any candidate.

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