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## Local Government Committee

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### HB 2932

**Brief Description:** Allowing forgiveness of certain election costs.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Lantz, McMahan, Haigh, Romero, Rockefeller and Edwards.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allows a county governing authority to assume responsibility for the costs of up to two local park and recreation district elections.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/5/04

**Staff:** Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

**Background:**

A city, town, or district is liable for the payment of its own election costs. If a city, town, or district holds an election in conjunction with another local governmental entity, each is liable for its own proportionate share of the costs. A county is not responsible for any costs associated with a city, town, or district election.

**Summary of Bill:**

The general rule requiring that a local park and recreation district pay its own election costs may be waived by the county governing authority for up to two election cycles, provided that two conditions are met:

- the district board of commissioners of the park and recreation district must petition the county to assume responsibility for the costs of the election(s); and
- the local park and recreation district must have no current operating levy.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 30, 2004.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.