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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1669**

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**State of Washington                      58th Legislature                      2003 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Benson, Ahern, Armstrong, Wood, Shabro, Moeller, Blake, Condotta and Upthegrove)

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1            AN ACT Relating to election costs; and amending RCW 29.13.047.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.13.047 and 1985 c 45 s 2 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            (1) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state  
6 primary or general election held in an odd-numbered year under RCW  
7 29.13.010, the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the  
8 costs of that state primary or general election.

9            (2) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state  
10 primary or general election held in an even-numbered year under RCW  
11 29.13.010, the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the  
12 costs for state officers or measures voted upon in the primary or  
13 election according to the following schedule:

14            (a) 2004, twenty-five percent;

15            (b) 2006, fifty percent;

16            (c) 2008, seventy-five percent; and

17            (d) 2010 and thereafter, one hundred percent.

18            (3) Whenever a primary or vacancy election is held to fill a  
19 vacancy in the position of United States senator or United States

1 representative under chapter 29.68 RCW, the state of Washington shall  
2 assume a prorated share of the costs of that primary or vacancy  
3 election.

4 ~~((3))~~ (4) The county auditor shall apportion the state's share of  
5 these expenses when prorating election costs under RCW 29.13.045 and  
6 shall file such expense claims with the secretary of state.

7 ~~((4))~~ (5) The secretary of state shall include in his or her  
8 biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section.  
9 Reimbursements for election costs shall be from appropriations  
10 specifically provided by law for that purpose.

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