
HOUSE BILL 2514

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1 AN ACT Relating to the costs of elections; and amending RCW
2 29A.04.410.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.04.410 and 2003 c 111 s 146 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Every city, town, and district is liable for its proportionate
7 share of the costs when such elections are held in conjunction with
8 other elections held under RCW ((29A.04.320)) 29A.04.321 and
9 29A.04.330. The proportionate share of each city, town, and district
10 shall not include any costs associated with a revote due to county
11 error in elections.

12 Whenever any city, town, or district holds any primary or election,
13 general or special, on an isolated date, all costs of such elections
14 must be borne by the city, town, or district concerned.

15 The purpose of this section is to clearly establish that the county
16 is not responsible for any costs involved in the holding of any city,
17 town, or district election, except when a revote is necessary due to
18 errors made by the county.

1 In recovering such election expenses, including a reasonable pro-
2 ration of administrative costs, the county auditor shall certify the
3 cost to the county treasurer with a copy to the clerk or auditor of the
4 city, town, or district concerned. Upon receipt of such certification,
5 the county treasurer shall make the transfer from any available and
6 appropriate city, town, or district funds to the county current expense
7 fund or to the county election reserve fund if such a fund is
8 established. Each city, town, or district must be promptly notified by
9 the county treasurer whenever such transfer has been completed.
10 However, in those districts wherein a treasurer, other than the county
11 treasurer, has been appointed such transfer procedure does not apply,
12 but the district shall promptly issue its warrant for payment of
13 election costs.

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