

CHAPTER 24.

[ S. B. 46. ]

GENERAL ELECTIONS—CHECKING LISTS OF VOTERS AT POLLING PLACES.

AN ACT relating to elections; and adding a new section to chapter 29.51 RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 29.51 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Check-off of voters at polling places authorized.

Each major political party, at any general election, may assign any one of its precinct election officers at each polling place to check a list of registered voters of the precinct so that they may determine who has and who has not voted: *Provided*, That such lists shall be furnished by the major political parties concerned.

Proviso.

Passed the Senate April 3, 1963.

Passed the House April 2, 1963.

Approved by the Governor April 17, 1963.

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CHAPTER 25.

[ S. B. 47. ]

ELECTIONS—STATUTORY RECOUNT PROCEEDINGS.

AN ACT relating to elections and canvassing; amending section 1, chapter 215, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1961 and RCW 29.64.010; and adding a new section to chapter 29.64 RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

RCW 29.64.010 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 215, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 1, chapter 50, Laws of 1961 and RCW 29.64.010 are each amended to read as follows:

An officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast in a primary election for nomination as a candidate for election to an office who was not declared nominated may file with the appropriate canvassing board or boards a written application for a recount of the votes cast at such primary in any precinct for all persons for whom votes were cast in such precinct for such nomination.

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An officer of a political party or any person who was a candidate at any general election for election to an office or position who was not declared elected, may file with the appropriate canvassing board or boards a written application for a recount of the votes cast at such election in any precinct in such county for all candidates for election to such office or position.

Any group of five or more registered voters may file with the appropriate canvassing board or boards a written application for a recount of the votes cast at any election, regular or special, in any precinct upon any question or issue, provided that the members of such group shall state in such application that they voted on such question or proposition. Such group of electors shall, in such application, designate one of the members of the group as chairman, and shall indicate therein the voting residence of each member of such group. In the event the recount requested concerns a regular or special district election whereat the precincts were combined and the election results of the individual precincts impossible to determine, the application for the recount shall embrace all ballots cast at such district election.

All applications for recount shall be filed within three days, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, after the canvassing board has declared the official results of the primary or election, as the case may be.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the

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recounting of votes cast by paper ballots and counted at the polling places and to the recheck of votes recorded on voting machines. The provisions of this chapter shall neither apply to votes cast by absentee ballot and counted by the canvassing authority, nor to votes cast on voting machines printing election returns: *Provided*, That this chapter shall apply to votes cast by absentee and counted by the canvassing authority if specific request for such recount is made at the time the application is filed and the additional deposit is made as provided in RCW 29.64.020.

Proviso.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 29.64 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Mandatory recount, when.

If the official canvass of the returns of any primary or election reveals that the difference in the number of votes cast for a candidate apparently nominated or elected to office, as the case may be, and the number of votes cast for his closest apparently defeated opponent is not more than one-half of one percent of the total number of votes cast for both candidates, the canvassing board shall, of its own motion, make a recount of all votes cast on such position in the manner provided by RCW 29.64.030 and 29.64.040, and no cost of such recount shall be charged to either candidate concerned.

Passed the Senate March 28, 1963.

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