

CHAPTER 193.

[ S. S. B. 158.]

RECANVASS OF VOTES ON VOTING MACHINES.

AN ACT providing for recanvass of votes on voting machines; and amending sections 29.62.050, 29.62.060, and 29.62.070, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.62.050, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 7, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Whenever the board authorized to canvass the returns finds, in its discretion, that there is an apparent discrepancy or an inconsistency in the election returns such board may order that recanvass of the voting machines be made of all, or of any number less than all, of the precincts of the county, and said recanvass may, in the discretion of said board, be made as to all, or as to any number less than all, of the candidates or measures voted upon. In conducting such recanvass said board, or any duly authorized representative or employee of the board, may open the counter compartment of any voting machine without unlocking the machine against voting and recheck the vote cast thereon. If in the course of such recanvass the board determines that there is an error in the return of any precinct said board shall summon the inspector and judges of the precinct and the inspector and judges shall correct such error by making notation thereof in the poll book and shall initial such notation: *Provided*, That in the event that the election officials do not appear, or fail or refuse to make the correction as indicated, the canvassing board shall correct such error in the poll book and initial such correction.

Apparent discrepancy or inconsistency in returns; canvassing board may order re-canvass.

Counter compartment may be opened.

Precinct officers to be summoned.

Correction; how made.

[R.C.W. 29.62.050 was derived from the proviso of R.R.S. § 5315.]

[The portion of R.R.S. § 5315 preceding the proviso is codified in R.C.W. 29.33.230 and R.C.W. 29.65.030.]

SEC. 2. Section 29.62.060, R.C.W., as derived from  
Amendment. section 1, chapter 7, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended  
to read as follows:

Notice of  
re-canvass;  
who to  
attend.

Before recanvassing the votes cast on a voting machine, the canvassing board or officer shall give notice in writing to the custodian and to each political party that nominated candidates for the election, of the time and place where the canvass is to be made, and may invite representatives of organizations or other persons involved or interested in any candidate or measure voted upon to be present at the time any such recanvass or recount be made. Each political party may send two representatives to be present at the recanvass. After the recanvass shall have been made the voting machines shall be immediately reclosed and the counter compartments relocked.

Machines;  
reclosed  
after re-  
canvass.

[R.C.W. 29.62.060 was derived from R.R.S. § 5315 part (last sentence p. 580, vol. 6).]

SEC. 3. Section 29.62.070, R.C.W., as derived from  
Amendment. section 1, chapter 7, Laws of 1917, is hereby amended  
to read as follows:

Voting and  
counting  
mechanism  
of machine;  
unlocking,  
examination  
and testing  
of.

If upon such recanvass, it should be found that the original canvass of the returns has been correctly made from the machine, and that the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the canvassing board, with the assistance of the custodian shall in the presence of such said inspector and judges of election and the authorized representatives of the several political parties or organizations who are attendant, make a record of the number or other designating mark on the seal, and the number on the protective counter and unlock the voting and counting mechanism of said machine and proceed to thoroughly examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in the returns from said machine. Before being tested the counter shall be set at "000," after which each counter shall be operated at least one

hundred times. After the completion of said examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement in writing giving in detail the result thereof and said statement shall be witnessed by the persons present and shall be filed with the county auditor or other election officer.

Statement  
of results of  
examination.

[R.C.W. 29.62.070 was derived from the portion of R.R.S. § 5315 found on p. 581, vol. 6 of R.R.S.]

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## CHAPTER 194.

[ S. B. 160. ]

### INSURANCE OF PROPERTY.

AN ACT relating to insurance of property; and amending section 48.27.020, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.27.020, R.C.W., as derived from section .27.02, chapter 79, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

By any contract of insurance of property or of any insurable interest therein, the insurer may in connection with a special provision or endorsement made a part of the policy insure the cost of repair or replacement of such property, if damaged or destroyed by a hazard insured against, and without deduction of depreciation, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be made by the commissioner.

Cost of  
repair or  
replacement  
of property  
may be  
insured.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1947, § 45.27.02.]

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