

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. If any provision of this 1973 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 82

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2033]

STATE BALLOT MEASURE RECOUNT--STATE EXPENSE

AN ACT Relating to the recount of ballot measures; and adding two new sections to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.64 RCW.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.64 RCW a new section to read as follows:

When the official canvass of returns of any election reveals that the difference in the number of votes cast for the approval of a state-wide measure and the number of votes cast for the rejection of such measure is not more than one-half of one percent of the total number of votes cast on such measure, the secretary of state shall direct that a recount of all votes cast on such measure be made on such measure, in the manner provided by RCW 29.64.030 and 29.64.040, and the cost of such recount shall be at state expense.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 9, laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.64 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Each county auditor shall file with the state auditor a statement listing only the additional expenses incurred whenever a mandatory recount of the votes cast on a state measure is made as provided in section 1 of this 1973 amendatory act. The state auditor shall compile such claims for presentation to the next succeeding session, regular or extraordinary, of the legislature in the same manner as other legislative relief claims.

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