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Prime Sponsor: Northrup

Catch Title: Elections-recount deposits.

Subject: Deposits for election recounts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under existing law, an applicant seeking a recount of votes cast in an election must pay a deposit of \$100. If the recount does not show sufficient error to change the result of the election, the applicant is liable for the actual cost of conducting the recount up to a maximum of \$500 per county recounted.
- This act amends those dollar amounts. The act provides that an applicant seeking a recount must pay a deposit of:
 - \$500 if the difference in number of votes cast between the winning candidate and losing candidate is 1% or greater but less than 5%; or
 - \$3,000 if the difference in number of votes cast between the winning candidate and losing candidate is 5% or greater.
- The act also provides that if the recount does not show sufficient error to change the result of the election, an applicant is liable up to a maximum of the amount deposited per county recounted.
- This act does not apply to recounts initiated by a county canvassing board or required by law.

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