

Amendment to SB 83

Amend the bill by replacing Part III-V with the following:

PART III

Relative to Recount Fees.

1 State General Election Recounts; Fees. Amend RSA 660:2 to read as follows:

I. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be less than **or equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%)** of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, ~~[the following fees shall apply:]~~ **no fee is due.**

II. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be greater than one quarter of one percent but less than or equal to one percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

(a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, ~~[\$500]~~ **\$1,000.**

(b) Candidate for United States representative, ~~[\$250]~~ **\$500.**

(c) Candidate for executive councilor, ~~[\$100]~~ **\$200.**

(d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, ~~[\$50]~~ **\$100.**

(e) Candidate for state representative, ~~[\$10]~~ **\$20.**

~~[II.]~~ **III.** If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be ~~[between]~~ **greater than** one percent and **less than or equal to** 2 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

(a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,000.**

(b) Candidate for United States representative, ~~[\$500]~~ **\$1,000.**

(c) Candidate for executive councilor, ~~[\$200]~~ **\$400.**

(d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, ~~[\$100]~~ **\$200.**

(e) Candidate for state representative, ~~[\$20]~~ **\$40.**

~~[III.]~~ **IV.** If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be ~~[between]~~ **greater than** 2 percent and **less than or equal to** 3 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the following fees shall apply:

(a) Candidate for president, United States senator or governor, ~~[\$2,000]~~ **\$4,000.**

(b) Candidate for United States representative, ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,000.**

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(c) Candidate for executive councilor, [~~\$400~~] **\$800**.

(d) Candidate for state senator or county officer, [~~\$200~~] **\$400**.

(e) Candidate for state representative, [~~\$40~~] **\$80**.

[~~IV~~] **V**. If the difference between the vote cast for the applying candidate and a candidate declared elected shall be greater than 3 percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the office to be recounted, the candidate shall pay the fees as provided in RSA 660:2, [~~III~~] **IV** and shall agree in writing with the secretary of state to pay any additional costs of the recount. The secretary of state may require that the applying candidate pay the estimated additional costs of the recount prior to commencing the recount.

2 State General Election Recounts; Reference Changed. Amend RSA 660:6, III to read as follows:

III. If any person who has applied for a recount loses the recount by a margin of less than one percent of the total votes cast in the towns which comprise the district for the office recounted, the secretary of state shall return to the person within 10 days of the recount any fees that were paid in excess of those required by RSA 660:2, [~~I~~] **II**.

3 Effective Date. Part III of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

PART IV

Relative to Itemized Statements Filed by Political Committees and Candidates.

1 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Reports of Receipts and Expenditures. RSA 664:9-a and RSA 664:9-b are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:9-a Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Filed Electronically. A political committee of a candidate or a candidate may file such candidate's report of receipts and expenditures, pursuant to RSA 664:6, RSA 664:7, and RSA 664:7-b, electronically online by using the New Hampshire Campaign Finance System, which may also be used to register, file reports, and search information filed by candidates, political committees, and candidate committees.

664:9-b Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Filed by Other Methods. A political committee of a candidate or a candidate may file such candidate's required reports as an email attachment, a facsimile, or a paper copy, provided that:

I. The font size of the document as printed is not less than an 8 point font.

II. Email attachments are to be in portable document format archive (PDF/A) or other acceptable format as determined by the secretary of state.

III. The report is mailed, delivered, or sent to the secretary of state on or before the date and time that the report is due.

2 New Section; Reports; Legibility Required. Amend RSA 664 by inserting after section 9-b the following new section:

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adopts legislation:

- I. Clarifying the circumstances under which certain persons are disqualified from performing certain duties of an election official.
- II. Relative to the establishment of an election information portal.
- III. Relative to recount fees.
- IV. Relative to itemized statements filed by political committees and candidates.
- V. Providing for optional town meeting procedures.