

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2564</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>See Analysis Below</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2564 amends the process of election recounts to require for recounts on statewide issue or question elections under certain conditions. The margin of votes required is 0.5% or less of the total number of votes cast for or against a statutory issue or question and one percent (1%) or less cast for or against a constitutional issue or question. A recount can also be requested by the Governor, Attorney General, or Oklahoma State Election Board Secretary.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 2564 in its current form requires recounts under certain conditions for state questions. Officials for the State Election Board (SEB) estimate that if HB 2564 had been in place during the June 2020 election for State Question 802 the actual cost of recount would have been approximately \$181,500, and the November 2020 election for State Question 805 would have had an approximately \$328,500 actual cost of recount. For these reasons the cost per state question recount can be estimated to range from \$150,000 to \$350,000 depending on voter turnout. SEB anticipates that in future years if such state question recounts provided by HB 2564 were to be triggered, SEB would likely request a supplemental appropriation from the Legislature to cover such costs.

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**Other Considerations**

None.