

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2564
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Caldwell/ Sen. Quinn
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The Senate Amendment to HB 2564 strikes the title, enacting clause and entire bill and inserts new language of which the summary is included here.

The Senate amendment to HB 2564 provides that if a recount is conducted manually, the recount petition must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for \$600.00 for each 3,000 ballots or fraction thereof to be recounted in each affected county. If the candidate or individual requests an electronic recount then the petition must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check for \$600 for the first 3,000 ballots and \$300 for each additional 5,000 ballots, of fraction thereof to be recounted.

The Governor or Attorney General may request a recount of any state question accompanied by a petition and a cashier's check or certified check of the correct amount. Subject to funding, the Secretary of the State Election Board shall order an automatic recount of a state question if the margin of votes required for approval is one half of one percent or less of the total number of votes cast for or against a state question involving statute or the margin of votes required for approval is one percent or less of the total number of votes cast for or against a state question involving a constitutional amendment. Available funding in this case means having at least \$250,000 or more in the State Question Recount Revolving Fund at time of the election. Dates and times of recounts are determined by the Secretary of the State Election Board, provided they are completed no later than 45 days after the election. The measure also creates a revolving fund in the State Treasury called the State Question Recount Revolving Fund consisting of money appropriated from the legislature. The amount of money in the fund shall not exceed \$500,000 and the funds shall be used for costs of the State Election Board related to conducting a recount and for reimbursements to county election boards for costs associated with conducting a recount.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

