

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

HB 2564 provides that a candidate for political office petitioning for a recount of the vote may request the vote be counted manually or electronically. If the candidate or individual requests that the ballots be recounted by electronic device, the petition must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check in the amount of \$600.00 for the first 3,000 ballots and \$300.00 for each 5,000 ballots thereafter. The measure also provides that the Governor or Attorney General may request a recount of any state question. The request shall be in the form of a petition prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

The measure also directs the Secretary of the State Election Board to order an automatic recount of the state question's vote if the margin of votes required for approval is less than 0.5% or less of the total number of votes cast for and against a state question involving a statutory issue or question. The recount shall also be order if the margin of votes required for approval is 1% or less of the total number of votes cast for and against a state question involving a constitutional issue or question. The recount will not occur if there is less than \$250,000.00 in the State Question Recount Revolving Fund. The Fund shall never exceed \$500,000.00.

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