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1 AN ACT Relating to election recounts; and amending RCW 29.64.015
2 and 29.64.051.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.64.015 and 1991 c 90 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) If the official canvass of all of the returns for any office at
7 any primary or election reveals that the difference in the number of
8 votes cast for a candidate apparently nominated or elected to any
9 office and the number of votes cast for the closest apparently defeated
10 opponent is not more than one-half of one percent of the total number
11 of votes cast for both candidates, the county canvassing board shall
12 conduct a recount of all votes cast on that position.

13 (a) Whenever such a difference occurs in the number of votes cast
14 for candidates for a position which appears on the ballot in more than
15 one county, the secretary of state shall, within three business days of
16 the day that the returns of the primary or election are first certified
17 by the canvassing boards of those counties, direct those boards to
18 recount all votes cast on the position.

1 (b) Whenever the difference in the number of votes cast for
2 (~~such~~) candidates for the state legislature is less than (~~one-~~
3 ~~fourth~~) one-tenth of one percent of the total number of votes cast for
4 both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually.

5 (2) A mandatory recount shall be conducted in the manner provided
6 by RCW 29.64.020, 29.64.030, and 29.64.040. No cost of a mandatory
7 recount may be charged to any candidate.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.64.051 and 1991 c 90 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 After being counted, the votes cast in any single precinct may not
11 be recounted more than twice, including any mandatory recount under RCW
12 29.64.015.

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