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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bill Analysis

Bill No. HB 1541

Relating to election costs.

Brief title

Hearing Date 2/9/99

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BACKGROUND:

Primary and general elections which state officers and measures are on the ballot require the state to pay a prorated share of the cost of election odd-numbered years. Each county auditor determines the state's share of the election and file for reimbursement with the Secretary of State. The county assumes the state's cost during even-numbered years.

SUMMARY:

The state must pay a prorated share of the cost of any primary or general election even-numbered years when state officers or measures are on the ballot. There is a six-phase plan with the state paying 25 percent in 2000 and increasing 5 percent every year up to 100 percent in 2006. The state must pay 100 percent of the cost thereafter starting in 2006.

FISCAL NOTE: Requested 2/4/99

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session which bill passed.