
HOUSE BILL 1541

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1 AN ACT Relating to election costs; and amending RCW 29.13.047.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.13.047 and 1985 c 45 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state
6 primary or general election held in an odd-numbered year under RCW
7 29.13.010, the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the
8 costs of that state primary or general election.

9 (2) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state
10 primary or general election held in an even-numbered year under RCW
11 29.13.010, the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the
12 costs of the primary or election according to the following schedule:

13 (a) 2000, twenty-five percent;

14 (b) 2002, fifty percent;

15 (c) 2004, seventy-five percent; and

16 (d) 2006 and thereafter, one hundred percent.

17 (3) Whenever a primary or vacancy election is held to fill a
18 vacancy in the position of United States senator or United States
19 representative under chapter 29.68 RCW, the state of Washington shall

1 assume a prorated share of the costs of that primary or vacancy
2 election.

3 (~~(3)~~) (4) The county auditor shall apportion the state's share of
4 these expenses when prorating election costs under RCW 29.13.045 and
5 shall file such expense claims with the secretary of state.

6 (~~(4)~~) (5) The secretary of state shall include in his or her
7 biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section.
8 Reimbursements for election costs shall be from appropriations
9 specifically provided by law for that purpose.

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