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By House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Nixon, Shabro, McDermott, Haigh, Upthegrove, Moeller and Holmquist; by request of Secretary of State)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the state to assume a share of the
2 costs of state primary and general elections; and amending RCW
3 29A.04.420, 29A.04.430, and 29A.04.216.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.04.420 and 2003 c 111 s 147 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state
8 primary or general election (~~held in an odd-numbered year~~) under RCW
9 (~~29A.04.320~~) 29A.04.321, the state of Washington shall assume a
10 prorated share of the costs of that state primary or general election.

11 (2) Whenever a primary or vacancy election is held to fill a
12 vacancy in the position of United States senator or United States
13 representative under chapter 29A.28 RCW, the state of Washington shall
14 assume a prorated share of the costs of that primary or vacancy
15 election.

16 (3) The county auditor shall apportion the state's share of these
17 expenses when prorating election costs under RCW 29A.04.410 and shall
18 file such expense claims with the secretary of state.

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

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.04.430 and 2003 c 111 s 148 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 ~~((For any reimbursement of election costs under RCW 29A.04.420, the
8 secretary of state shall pay interest at an annual rate equal to two
9 percentage points in excess of the discount rate on ninety day
10 commercial paper in effect at the federal reserve bank in San Francisco
11 on the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the payment for
12 any period of time in excess of thirty days after the receipt of a
13 properly executed and documented voucher for such expenses and the
14 entry of an allotment from specifically appropriated funds for this
15 purpose.))~~ The secretary of state shall promptly notify any county
16 that submits an incomplete or inaccurate voucher for reimbursement
17 under RCW 29A.04.420.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.04.216 and 2004 c 271 s 104 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The county auditor of each county shall be ex officio the
21 supervisor of all primaries and elections, general or special, and it
22 shall be the county auditor's duty to provide places for holding such
23 primaries and elections; to appoint the precinct election officers and
24 to provide for their compensation; to provide the supplies and
25 materials necessary for the conduct of elections to the precinct
26 election officers; and to publish and post notices of calling such
27 primaries and elections in the manner provided by law. The notice of
28 a primary held in an even-numbered year must indicate that the office
29 of precinct committee officer will be on the ballot. The auditor shall
30 also apportion to each city, town, or district, and to the state of
31 Washington ~~((in the odd numbered year))~~, its share of the expense of
32 such primaries and elections. This section does not apply to general
33 or special elections for any city, town, or district that is not
34 subject to RCW 29A.04.321 and 29A.04.330, but all such elections must
35 be held and conducted at the time, in the manner, and by the officials

1 (with such notice, requirements for filing for office, and
2 certifications by local officers) as provided and required by the laws
3 governing such elections.

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