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SENATE BILL 5311

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1            AN ACT Relating to state reimbursement of election costs; and  
2 amending RCW 29A.04.420.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.04.420 and 2013 c 11 s 11 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

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

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

18           (4) The secretary of state shall include in his or her biennial  
19 budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section.

1 Reimbursements for election costs shall be from appropriations  
2 specifically provided by law for that purpose.

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