

SHB 1156 - H AMD **236**

By Representative Volz

1 On page 10, after line 33, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. RCW 29A.04.410 and 2020 c 337 s 1 are each
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Every county, city, town, and district, and the state is liable
5 for its proportionate share of the costs when such elections are
6 held in conjunction with other elections held under RCW 29A.04.321
7 and 29A.04.330. However, the costs of implementing a ranked choice
8 voting election as provided in section 1 of this act must be billed
9 directly to the jurisdiction using ranked choice voting prior to all
10 other election costs being prorated and billed to all jurisdictions
11 under this section.

12 Whenever any county, city, town, or district, or the state holds
13 any primary or election, general or special, on an isolated date,
14 all costs of such elections must be borne by the county, city, town,
15 or district concerned, or the state as appropriate.

16 The purpose of this section is to clearly establish that the
17 county is not responsible for any costs involved in the holding of
18 any city, town, district, state, or federal election.

19 In recovering such election expenses, including a reasonable
20 proration of administrative costs, the county auditor shall certify
21 the cost to the county treasurer with a copy to the clerk or auditor
22 of the city, town, or district concerned, or the secretary of state
23 as appropriate. Upon receipt of such certification relating to a
24 city, town, or district, the county treasurer shall make the
25 transfer from any available and appropriate city, town, or district
26 funds to the county current expense fund or to the county election
27 reserve fund if such a fund is established. Each city, town, or

1 district must be promptly notified by the county treasurer whenever
2 such transfer has been completed. However, in those districts
3 wherein a treasurer, other than the county treasurer, has been
4 appointed such transfer procedure does not apply, but the district
5 shall promptly issue its warrant for payment of election costs.
6 State and federal offices are to be considered one entity for
7 purposes of election cost proration and reimbursement."

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9 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
10 internal references accordingly.

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12 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Provides that the costs of implementing a ranked choice voting election must be billed directly to the jurisdiction using ranked choice voting prior to all other election costs being prorated and billed to all jurisdictions.

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