



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 418

Assembly Amendment 2

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Under *current law*, if the vote margin in an election is not more than 0.5% of the total votes cast if more than 1,000 votes are cast (or less than 10 if 1,000 or less votes are cast), the petitioner in a recount is not required to pay a fee. If the vote margin is more than 0.5% but not more than 2.0% if more than 1,000 votes are cast (or at least 10 if 1,000 or less votes are cast), the petitioner must pay a fee of \$5 per ward. If the vote margin is more than 2.0% if more than 1,000 votes are cast, the petitioner must pay a fee equal to the actual cost of performing the recount.

Assembly Bill 418 increases the recount fee for the 0.5% to 2.0% vote margin (or the vote margin of at least 10 if 1,000 or less votes are cast) from \$5 per ward to \$25 per ward.

Assembly Amendment 2 changes the vote margins for recount fees in elections in which more than 1,000 votes are cast:

- If the vote margin is not more than **0.25%**, the petitioner is not required to pay a fee.
- If the vote margin is more than **0.25%** but not more than **1.0%**, the petitioner must pay a fee of \$25 per ward, as prescribed by the bill.
- If the vote margin is more than **1.0%**, the petitioner must pay a fee equal to the actual cost of performing the recount.

Bill History

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Bernier. On October 29, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 418, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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