



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 418

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to:** fees for election
2 recounts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, any candidate who receives votes in an election and any elector who votes in a referendum may petition for a recount of the votes cast. If the difference between the votes cast for the leading candidate and those cast for the petitioner or the difference between the affirmative and negative votes cast upon any referendum question is at least ten votes if 1,000 or fewer votes are cast or more than 0.5 percent but not more than 2 percent of the total votes if more than 1,000 votes are cast, the petitioner must pay a fee of \$5 per ward or \$5 per municipality if a municipality is not divided into wards. The bill increases that amount to \$25 per ward or \$25 per municipality if a municipality is not divided into wards.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. If the difference between the votes cast for the leading
5 candidate and those cast for the petitioner or the difference between the affirmative
6 and negative votes cast upon any referendum question is at least 10 if 1,000 or less

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1 ~~fewer~~ votes are cast or is more than ~~0.5%~~ 0.5 percent but not more than ~~2%~~ 2 percent
2 if more than 1,000 votes are cast following canvassing of all valid provisional and
3 absentee ballots, the petitioner shall pay a fee of \$~~5~~ \$25 for each ward for which the
4 petition requests a ballot recount, or \$~~5~~ \$25 for each municipality for which the
5 petition requests a recount where no wards exist.

6 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

7 (1) This act first applies with respect to recounts of elections held on the
8 effective date of this subsection.

9 (END)