

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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1. Under this draft, the recount fee is unknown at the time of filing because the fee is the actual cost of the recount. Thus, under the proposed s. 9.01 (1) (ad), the appropriate clerk or body must promptly provide a petitioner with a reasonable estimate of this fee after the petition is filed. Then, the candidate or elector must either pay the estimated fee in full or post a deposit or bond equal to 50% of the estimated fee. Please review the timeline for this procedure and let me know if the procedure is inconsistent with your intent.

2. The deposit or bond allowed under this draft is equal to 50% of the estimated fee. This bond would not ensure that the fee is paid in full, if the petitioner fails to pay. In effect, the petitioner would be receiving unsecured credit equal to 50% of the estimated recount fee. Please let me know if you would like any changes to this bond requirement.

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