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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Senate Bill 268 addresses wages paid to election officials who conduct a recount. The bill provides that compensation paid to election officials performing duties during a recount cannot differ from compensation paid for similar work at the election.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 adds a new provision prohibiting a county or municipality from renting a private facility to conduct a recount in an election for state or national office, unless the Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the rental.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Bill 268 provides that compensation paid to election officials performing duties during a recount may not differ from that paid for similar work at the election. Senate Amendment 2 deletes this language from the bill, and instead, provides that election officials performing duties during a recount must be paid the same daily compensation as other election officials in the same county performing similar duties during the recount. The amendment further provides that the daily compensation may not exceed the highest rate paid in the county for similar duties performed during the election.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Bernier on May 21, 2021. On May 28, 2021, the Senate Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform, and Ethics recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

Senate Amendment 2 was offered by Senator Bernier on June 17, 2021. On June 23, 2021, the full Senate adopted the amendment on a voice vote, then passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 18; Noes, 12.

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