

Senate Engrossed
elections; recount margin

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SENATE BILL 1083

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-661, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-661, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-661. Automatic recount; requirements

5 A. A recount of the vote is required when the canvass of returns in
6 a primary or general election shows that the margin between the two
7 candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office,
8 or between the number of votes cast for and against initiated or referred
9 measures or proposals to amend the Constitution of Arizona, is less than
10 or equal to ~~the lesser of the following:~~

11 ~~1. One-tenth~~ ONE-HALF of one ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of the number of
12 votes cast for both such candidates or ~~upon~~ ON such measures or proposals.

13 B. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF A RECOUNT
14 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS, THE OFFICER IN
15 CHARGE OF ELECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE THE METHOD OF RECOUNT, CONDUCT THE
16 RECOUNT AND REPORT THE RESULTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS FOR THE ORIGINAL
17 COUNT.

18 ~~2. Two hundred votes in the case of an office to be filled by state~~
19 ~~electors and for which the total number of votes cast is more than~~
20 ~~twenty-five thousand.~~

21 ~~3. Fifty votes in the case of an office to be filled by state~~
22 ~~electors and for which the total number of votes cast is twenty-five~~
23 ~~thousand or less.~~

24 ~~4. Two hundred votes in the case of an initiated or referred~~
25 ~~measure or proposal to amend the constitution.~~

26 ~~5. Fifty votes in the case of a member of the legislature.~~

27 ~~6. Ten votes in the case of an office to be filled by the electors~~
28 ~~of a city or town or a county or subdivision of a city, town or county.~~

29 ~~B. Subsection A does not apply to elections for precinct~~
30 ~~committeemen, school district governing boards, community college district~~
31 ~~governing boards, fire district boards or fire district chiefs or~~
32 ~~secretary-treasurers or boards of other special districts.~~