

REFERENCE TITLE: elections; recount margin

State of Arizona  
Senate  
Fifty-fifth Legislature  
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# **SB 1008**

Introduced by  
Senator Ugenti-Rita

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

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

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

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

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

24 B. Subsection A **OF THIS SECTION** does not apply to elections for  
25 precinct committeemen, school district governing boards, community college  
26 district governing boards, fire district boards or fire district chiefs or  
27 secretary-treasurers or boards of other special districts.