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## **SB 1083: elections; recount margin**

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### **Overview**

Modifies the recount margin for candidates or initiative or referendum measures.

### **History**

With exceptions, in a primary or general election, a recount of the vote is required when the canvass shows that the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office, or between the number of votes cast for and against initiative or referendum measures or proposals is less than or equal to the lesser of the following:

- 1) One-tenth of one percent of the number of votes cast for both such candidates or on such measures or proposals;
- 2) 200 votes in the case of an office to be filled by state electors and for which the total number of votes cast is more than 25,000;
- 3) 50 votes in the case of an office to be filled by state electors and for which the total number of votes cast is 25,000 or less;
- 4) 200 votes in the case of an initiated or referred measure or proposal to amend the Constitution;
- 5) 50 votes in the case of a member of the Legislature; or
- 6) 10 votes in the case of an office to be filled by the electors of a city, town, county or a subdivision thereof ([A.R.S. § 16-661](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Stipulates that a recount is required if the margin between two candidates or between the votes cast on an initiative or referendum measure is one-half of one percent of the votes cast for both such candidates or on such measures or proposals. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the officer in charge of elections, for special district elections, to determine the method of recount, conduct the recount and report the results in the same manner as the original count. (Sec. 1)
3. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes)     Prop 108 (40 votes)     Emergency (40 votes)     Fiscal Note