

1 S.122

2 Introduced by Senators Ayer and Brock

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Election; statewide office; recount

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide that in an election for a
7 statewide office, if the difference between the number of votes cast for a
8 winning candidate and the number of votes cast for a losing candidate is less
9 than two percent of the total votes cast for all the candidates for an office,
10 divided by the number of persons to be elected, that losing candidate shall have
11 the right to have the votes for that office recounted.

12 An act relating to recounts in elections for statewide offices

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2601 is amended to read:

15 § 2601. RECOUNTS

16 ¶ In an election for a statewide office, if the difference between the number
17 of votes cast for a winning candidate and the number of votes cast for a losing
18 candidate is less than two percent of the total votes cast for all the candidates
19 for an office, divided by the number of persons to be elected, that losing
20 candidate shall have the right to have the votes for that office recounted. In an

1 election for all other offices, if the difference between the number of votes cast
2 for a winning candidate and the number of votes cast for a losing candidate is
3 less than five percent of the total votes cast for all the candidates for an office,
4 divided by the number of persons to be elected, that losing candidate shall have
5 the right to have the votes for that office recounted.