

Judicial Impact Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2624 HB	Title: Election errors	Agency: 055-Admin Office of the Courts
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Account	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
Counties					
Cities					
Total \$					

Estimated Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost. Please see discussion.

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Responsibility for expenditures may be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.135.060.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact on the Courts

II. B - Cash Receipts Impact

II. C - Expenditures

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part II: Narrative Explanation

This bill would authorize challenges to election measures under certain circumstances.

The timeframes for a challenge to the outcome of an election measure would be the same as a challenge to the certification of an election. This bill would allow a registered voter to challenge the right of a candidate to appear on the general election ballot after a primary election.

This bill would direct that improper conduct in the proceedings of county canvassing boards does not invalidate an election result unless the improper conduct led to a candidate being declared elected when he or she did not have the highest number of votes. Illegal votes would not invalidate an election unless the number of illegal votes, when taken away from the winning candidate's result, would result in that candidate having fewer votes than an opposing candidate.

This bill would direct that if a court determines that the results of an election measure are reversed, the court must declare a change in an election result.

The bill would make technical changes to the timing of when affidavits for a challenge to an election must be filed.

Part II.A – Brief Description of what the Measure does that has fiscal impact on the Courts

Indeterminate. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) does not have data to estimate the number of elections that would require judicial review.

II.B - Cash Receipt Impact

No cash receipt impact.

II.C – Expenditures

Indeterminate. Data is not available to estimate the number of elections that would require judicial review.