

SB 691 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Burdick

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/27/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Burdick, Manning Jr, Wagner

Nays: 2 - Girod, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/8, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Secretary of State (SOS) to ensure that county election officials conduct election recounts for federal offices, statewide offices, and statewide measures in manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate, and pursuant to all applicable laws. Requires the county clerk(s) to notify the SOS about the date, time, and location of the recount and information about all aspects of the process. Clarifies certain aspects of the recount process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current recount process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Current law requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to ensure that the procedures used for conducting election recounts assure an accurate recount in the shortest time at the least expense, and allows the SOS to determine the most appropriate procedures for multiple simultaneous recounts. Senate Bill 691 A requires the SOS to ensure that county election officials conduct election recounts for federal offices, statewide offices, and statewide measures in manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate, and pursuant to all applicable laws.