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House Bill 4833 (Substitute H-4 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Kurt Heise  
House Committee: Elections and Ethics  
Senate Committee: Local Government and Elections

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to do the following:

- Increase from \$10 to \$25 the per-precinct deposit that must be paid when a petition for a recount of an election is filed with the clerk of the board of county canvassers or the Bureau of Elections.
- Require a \$125 deposit per precinct if the number of votes separating a winning candidate and the petitioner, or the number of votes separating the votes for and against a proposal, were more than 50 or 0.5% of the votes cast, whichever was greater.
- Require the refund of a petitioner's deposit if a precinct were determined to be "not recountable" or were not recounted before the recount petition was withdrawn.

MCL 168.867 & 168.881

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a positive, albeit indeterminate, fiscal impact on local units of government and on the Bureau of Elections in the Department of State. The bill would increase currently required deposits and add new deposit requirements depending on the recount outcome, as described in the bill. These provisions could result in additional revenue for local units of government and the State depending on the number of recount requests for each election. The Secretary of State does not collect data on the number of recount petitions for local elections; however, the number of recount petitions and the resulting increase in revenue are assumed to be minimal.

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