

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 786, Page 1,
2 Section A, Line 7, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "115.063. 1. When any question or candidate is submitted to a vote by the state, any
5 political subdivision, or special district and no other question or candidate is submitted at the same
6 election, all costs of the election shall be paid from the general revenue of the state, political
7 subdivision, or special district submitting a question or candidate at the election.

8 2. All costs of special elections involving a statewide candidate or statewide issue and all
9 costs of special elections involving candidates for state senator or state representative shall be paid
10 by the state, except that if a political subdivision or special district holds an election on the same
11 day, the costs shall be shared proportionately by the state and the political subdivisions and special
12 districts affected in the manner provided in section 115.065.

13 3. [The state shall not be liable for any costs of a general election or primary election held
14 in even-numbered years as designated in subsections 1 and 2 of section 115.121.

15 4.] When a proposed political subdivision submits a petition requesting an election as part
16 of the formation thereof, the petitioners shall submit together with the petition sufficient security to
17 pay all costs of the election. If such proposition is successful, the political subdivision thereby
18 created shall reimburse those persons advancing funds to pay the costs of the election.

19 115.065. 1. Except as provided in sections 115.069, 115.071, 115.073 and 115.077, when
20 any question or candidate is submitted to a vote by two or more political subdivisions or special
21 districts, or [except] in primary and general elections by the state and one or more political
22 subdivisions or special districts at the same election, all costs of the election shall be paid
23 proportionally from the general revenues of the state and all political subdivisions and special
24 districts submitting a question or candidate at the election, except that costs of publications of legal
25 notice of elections shall not be paid proportionally. The state and each political subdivision and
26 each special district shall pay for publication of its legal notice of election. At the discretion of the
27 election authority, ballot printing costs, if any, may be paid proportionally or the state and each
28 political subdivision and each special district may pay for such ballot printing costs, if any.

29 2. Except as provided in sections 115.069, 115.071 and 115.073, when any question or
30 candidate is submitted to a vote by two or more political subdivisions or special districts at the same
31 election or in primary and general elections by the state and one or more political subdivisions or
32 special districts, all costs of the election shall be paid proportionally from the general revenues of
33 the state and all political subdivisions and special districts submitting a question or candidate at the
34 election.

35 3. Proportional election costs paid under the provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall
36 be assessed by charging the state and each political subdivision and special district the same

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1 percentage of the total cost of the election as the number of registered voters of the political
2 subdivision or special district on the day of the election is to the total number of registered voters on
3 the day of the election, derived by adding together the number of registered voters in each political
4 subdivision and special district submitting a question or candidate at the election.

5 4. "Proportional costs" and "election costs", as used in this chapter, are defined as those
6 costs that require additional out-of-pocket expense by the election authority in conducting an
7 election. It may include reimbursement to county general revenue for the salaries of employees of
8 the election authority for the hours worked to conduct an election, any indirect expenses identified
9 under an independent cost allocation study and an amount not to exceed five percent of the total cost
10 of election to be credited to the election services fund of the county. The election services fund
11 shall be budgeted and expended at the direction of the election authority and shall not be used to
12 substitute for or subsidize any allocation of general revenue for the operation of the election
13 authority's office without the express consent of the election authority. The election services fund
14 may be audited by the appropriate auditing agency, and any unexpended balance shall be left in the
15 fund to accumulate from year to year with interest. The election services fund shall be used by the
16 election authority for training programs and purchase of additional supplies or equipment to
17 improve the conduct of elections, including anything necessarily pertaining thereto. In addition to
18 these costs, the state shall, subject to appropriation, compensate the election services fund for
19 transactions submitted pursuant to the provisions of section 115.157."; and
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21 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
22 accordingly.