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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 291
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “election;” insert “prohibiting a recount under certain circumstances;”; in line 14, strike “, 12-101(a), and 12-103(a)”; and in line 19, after “(aa),” insert “12-101(a), 12-103(a)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 11, inclusive; after line 16, insert:

“(a) **(1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A candidate for public or party office who has been defeated based on the certified results of any election conducted under this article may petition for a recount of the votes cast for the office sought.**

(2) A CANDIDATE MAY NOT PETITION FOR A RECOUNT IF THE MARGIN OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY AN APPARENT WINNER AND THE LOSING CANDIDATE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR THE OFFICE IS GREATER THAN 5% OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR THOSE CANDIDATES.”;

strike in their entirety lines 18 through 21, inclusive; and after line 24, insert:

“(a) **(1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A petition for a recount based on the certified results of a question on the ballot in an election conducted under this article may be filed by a registered voter eligible to vote for that question.**

(2) A REGISTERED VOTER MAY NOT FILE A PETITION FOR A RECOUNT IF THE MARGIN OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR AND THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST AGAINST THE QUESTION IS GREATER THAN 5%.”