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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sSB 467**

***AN ACT CONCERNING OBSERVATION OF THE CONDUCT OF ELECTION RECANVASS PROCEDURES.***

**SUMMARY**

State law requires that election recanvasses (recounts) must generally be open to public observation. This bill (1) specifically requires them to be open to in-person observation and not just electronically, (2) specifies that moderators may not impede members of the public from observing, and (3) establishes a fine of at least \$100 for moderators who violate these provisions. (The bill does not specify a maximum allowable amount for the fine nor how it will be imposed or enforced.)

The bill specifies that these provisions may not be construed to allow the public to interfere in a recanvass. By law, unchanged by the bill, a moderator may order the removal of a person from a recanvass if disorder happens that interferes with the recanvass and the offender refuses to submit to the moderator's lawful authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19    Nay 0    (03/23/2026)