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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; providing for assessment and payment of certain costs;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.37.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.37, is amended to read:

1.6 **211B.37 COSTS ASSESSED.**

1.7 Except as otherwise provided in section 211B.36, subdivision 3, the chief
1.8 administrative law judge shall assess the cost of considering complaints filed under
1.9 section 211B.32 as provided in this section. Costs of complaints relating to a statewide
1.10 ballot question or an election for a statewide or legislative office must be assessed against
1.11 the appropriation from the general fund to the general account of the state elections
1.12 campaign fund in section 10A.31, subdivision 4. Costs of complaints relating to any
1.13 other ballot question or elective office must be assessed against the ~~county or counties~~
1.14 ~~in which the election is held~~ local jurisdiction where the election contest was the subject
1.15 of the complaint. Where the election is held in more than one ~~county~~ jurisdiction,
1.16 the chief administrative law judge shall apportion the assessment among the ~~counties~~
1.17 jurisdictions in proportion to their respective populations within the election district to
1.18 which the complaint relates according to the most recent decennial federal census. Any
1.19 fin es assessed by the chief administrative law judge must be used first to offset the cost of
1.20 considering complaints filed under this chapter prior to assessing local jurisdictions.