

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.869 Commencement of recount; delay; expenses of local recount.**

Sec. 869. A recount must not be commenced until the board of county canvassers determines, by communicating with the secretary of state in a form and manner as provided by the secretary of state, that a petition has not been filed requesting a recount by the board of state canvassers of ballots cast in the same district. If the board of county canvassers is advised by the secretary of state that a petition has been filed with the secretary of state praying for a recount by the board of state canvassers of the ballots cast in the same county or district, then no action must be taken on the recount until the board of county canvassers receives instructions from the board of state canvassers. Nothing contained in this section shall act to delay any recount of the ballots cast at any city, ward, township, or village election if the ballots cast at that election are not sealed in the same ballot containers with the state and county offices. For any recount of ballots cast in any city, ward, township, village, school, or district election, the board of county canvassers shall charge the appropriate local unit the actual and necessary expenses of conducting the recount, and the local unit shall pay those charges to the county treasurer.

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