Existing law (R.S. 18:1313) provides relative to the tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots. Provides that if the number of absentee by mail and early voting ballots cast for all candidates for an office could make a difference in the outcome of the election for such office, the parish board of election supervisors shall recount the absentee by mail ballots if a candidate makes a written request for a recount. Requires that the written request be filed with the clerk of court. Provides deadlines for making the request. Provides that the candidate requesting the recount shall be responsible for all reasonable costs associated with such recount, which shall be payable to the clerk of court. Provides for the method of payment.

New law applies existing law to proposition elections in addition to candidate elections. Requires a request by a person who voted in the proposition election for a recount to be conducted. Additionally provides that if the recount changes the outcome of the election, the costs paid by the candidate or voter in the proposition election shall be refunded by the clerk of court and that the costs of the recount shall be a reimbursable election expense as provided in existing law (Ch. 8-A of Title 18–R.S. 18:1400.1-1400.8).

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(Amends R.S. 18:1313(J)(2)(a), (b), and (d))