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## Bill Summary

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This bill modifies the law governing payment of costs incurred by the office of administrative hearings to consider a fair campaign practices complaint. The new language in the bill provides that costs to consider a complaint related to a local ballot question or local elected office must be paid by the jurisdiction against which the complaint was filed, rather than by the county in which the election was held. The bill also replaces references to “counties” with “jurisdictions.” These changes would effectively require the appropriate political subdivision to pay the costs of considering a complaint related to an election in that subdivision, rather than the county paying for the costs of considering any complaints within the county, regardless of which subdivision’s election is at issue.

This bill also provides that the chief administrative law judge must first use any fines assessed to offset the costs of considering the complaint before assessing charges to the local jurisdiction.