

## **Recount Under the Authority of the Board of State Canvassers**

### **Post-Recount Meeting Agenda**

#### **A. Meeting of the County Board of Canvassers**

1. A summary of the recount proceedings will be presented by a representative of the Board of State Canvassers which will include:
  - Total number of precincts included in the original petition
  - Total number of precincts determined to be recountable
  - Total number of precincts determined not to be recountable
  - Original vote results
  - Recount vote results
2. A representative of the Board of State Canvassers will present any challenges to the Board.
3. One representative from each interested party will be given the opportunity to present oral arguments to support their challenge(s).
4. Decisions made by County Board of Canvassers may be appealed to the representative of the Board of State Canvassers.
5. Decisions made by the representative of the Board of State Canvassers may be appealed to the Board of State Canvassers at the board's next meeting.
6. The intent to appeal to the Board of State Canvassers must be clearly stated at the meeting at which the representative of the Board of State Canvassers renders a decision; at that time, the intent to appeal will be documented on the "Challenge Exhibit" form(s) and in the official board minutes.
7. Challenged Ballots - If appealed, the ballot will be returned to the exhibit envelope and the envelope will be resealed with an official red paper seal; the sealed envelope will then be delivered by a representative of the Board of State Canvassers to the Bureau of Elections in Lansing.
8. Other Challenges - If appealed, the "Challenge Exhibit" form will be delivered by a representative of the Board of State Canvassers to the Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

9. One representative from each interested party will be given a final opportunity to enter any statements or objections to the record.

B. Request for a "Motion to Accept" - A motion to accept the recount results as entered on the "Recount Statement of Votes" as the official vote for the office or proposal (pending any amendments ordered by the Board of State Canvassers in the event of an appeal) will be made by the County Board of Canvassers.

At the adjournment of the meeting, the ballots will be returned to the exhibit envelope and the envelope will be resealed with an official red paper seal; The "Challenge Exhibit" form(s) and sealed envelope(s) will be held along with all other ballots and recount materials (other than those retained by a representative of the Board of State Canvassers pending further appeal) will be held in a secure fashion as specified under statute. The final report on the outcome of a recount is to be made available to the public following certification by the board of canvassers. (MCL 168.875, 168.892):

**168.875 Recount; completion.**

Sec. 875.

All recounts shall be completed for a primary election not later than the twentieth day and for any other election not later than the thirtieth day immediately following the last day for filing counter petitions or the first day that recounts may lawfully begin. As soon as the recount is completed, the board shall return any ballots to their respective containers and seal the containers. The board shall then return the ballots, voting devices, machines, any related keys, and seals to the officer or officers having the care and custody of those items.

**168.892 Board of state canvassers; recounts in counties, certification of results.**

Sec. 892.

Whenever a recount in any county shall be completed, it shall be the duty of the county boards of canvassers to return forthwith the results of such recount to the board of state canvassers, which board shall compile said returns and certify the result. The returns made by the said boards of county canvassers of any recount shall be deemed to be correct, anything in the previous return of any board of election inspectors or any county canvassing board to the contrary notwithstanding. The final report on the results of any recount shall be open to public inspection immediately following its certification by the board of canvassers.

C. Meeting Adjourned