



NEW HAMPSHIRE SECRETARY OF STATE
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RULES FOR RECOUNTS

1. The Secretary of State shall designate the location of the recount which shall take place at any suitable state facility in the city of Concord.
2. Each candidate will be informed as to how many two-person teams will be conducting the candidate's recount and the time and place of the recount.
3. For each two-person recount team, each candidate may have one counsel or designee. Only the candidate, their counsel, or designee may lodge a challenge to how a ballot is counted.
4. No candidate, counsel, or designee may use pencil or pen while sitting at the recount table.
5. No food or drink is allowed on or near the recount tables.
6. Candidates, counsel, designees, and observers are prohibited from touching any ballots or election materials.
7. If there is a challenge to how a ballot is counted, it must be made immediately, and the Secretary of State will rule on such ballot. If that decision is protested, the Secretary of State will attach a statement of fact to the challenged ballot.
8. The candidate who requested the recount may cancel the recount at any time during the procedure, at which time the Secretary of State will publicly announce the candidate's request to cancel the recount. That recount will cease at once. The Secretary of State shall declare elected the candidate(s) originally declared prior to the recount.
9. The Secretary of State will maintain a tally sheet showing the original and recounted numbers. At the completion of the recount, the Secretary of State will announce the official winner based on the recounted ballots.
10. Following each recount, if the candidate wishes to appeal the way a ballot was or was not counted, he or she may do so to the Ballot Law Commission under the terms of RSA 665:6.