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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE
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AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE TITLE NUMBER: 153

CITE AUTHORITY: LEGISLATIVE

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 20

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: PROCEDURES FOR RECOUNT OF ELECTION RESULTS

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

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THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.

Natalie Tennant

Authorized Signature

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

PROCEDURES FOR RECOUNT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Rule Title: _____

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

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Fiscal Note Detail

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3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

Amending existing rules to clarify. No additional costs or revenues.

MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

Date: JUNE 22, 2014

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Mitchell E. Bennett

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule: Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period; Proposed Rule, and if needed, Emergency and Modified Rule.)

DATE: JULY 22, 2014

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

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LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: PROCEDURES FOR RECOUNT OF ELECTION RESULTS

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation WV CODE §3-1A-6

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:
JUNE 16, 2014

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?
NONE

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) *or* Public Comment Period ended:
JULY 21, 2014

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

Attached X No comments received

- e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing: (be exact)

JULY 22, 2014

- f. Name, title, address and **phone/fax/e-mail numbers** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

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- g. **IF DIFFERENT FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give Name, title, address and phone number(s) of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)
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3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

- a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

N/A

b. Date of hearing or comment period:

N/A

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

N/A

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached N/A

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Kevin Baker

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED.

Commenter – Kevin Bacon

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SERIES 20

PROCEDURES FOR RECOUNT OF ELECTION RESULTS

1 §153-20-1. General.
2

3 1.1. Scope -- This rule details procedures for the board of canvassers for completing a recount of
4 results of elections conducted with paper ballots or electronically tabulated ballots, including optical scan
5 ballots.
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7 1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §3-1A-6.
8

9 1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 7, 2007~~ _____.
10

11 1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~May 7, 2007~~ _____.
12

13 §153-20-2. Definitions.
14

15 2.1. "Board of canvassers" or "board" means:
16

17 2.1.a. The county commission of each county for any statewide primary, general or special
18 election held throughout the county, and for any other election conducted in conjunction with a statewide
19 election using the same precincts and election officials;
20

21 2.1.b. The county commission of the affected county for any special election ordered by the
22 Commission and held throughout all or part of that county, ~~and~~ for any other election conducted in
23 conjunction with that county election using the same precincts and election officials; and for any special
24 levy or bond election ordered by the county board of education or other governing board or a special
25 election ordered by the county board of education or other governing board and not held in conjunction

1 with any other election conducted by the county commission; or
2

3 ~~2.1.e. The county commission and the county board of education or other governing board,~~
4 ~~jointly, for any special levy or bond election ordered by the county board of education or other governing~~
5 ~~board or a special election ordered by the county board of education or other governing board and not~~
6 ~~held in conjunction with any other election conducted by the county commission; or~~
7

8 ~~2.1.d~~2.1.c. The municipal governing body for any primary, general or special election conducted
9 by the municipal governing body entirely within the city and not held in conjunction with any county or
10 state election.
11

12 2.2. "Recount" means the proceeding required by W. Va. Code §3-6-9 in which the tally of votes
13 recorded for a specific elected office or on a specific issue in an election is reviewed by counting a second
14 time the ballots containing votes for that office or issue, correcting and officially recording the results.
15

16 2.3. "Election" means any primary, general or special election held under the provisions of the West
17 Virginia Code throughout the state or any of its political subdivisions.
18

19 2.4. "Electronically tabulated ballots" means ballots authorized under the provisions of W. Va. Code
20 §3-4A-1 et seq., including those ballots referred to as optical scan ballots, which are counted by means of
21 electronic scanners or readers.
22

23 2.5. "Paper ballots" means ballots authorized under the provisions of W. Va. Code §3-1-1 et seq.
24 which are counted by hand.
25

26 2.6. "Hand-count" means a manual review and tabulation of ballots, electronically tabulated ballots,
27 or voter-verified paper ballots, by deputized counting and recording teams.
28

29 2.7. "Voter-verified paper ballot" means a physical printout on which the voter's ballot choices, as
30 registered by a direct recording device, are recorded, and has the same definition as "voter verified paper
31 audit trail" in W.Va. State Code §3-4A-2(8).
32

33 2.8. "Immediate family" means parent, child, sibling, or spouse.
34

1 **§153-20-3. Requesting a Recount.**

2
3 3.1. The person requesting a recount for an elected office must be a candidate for the elected office in
4 which the recount is requested. The person requesting a recount for a special issue election must be a
5 voter of the jurisdiction of the election.

6
7 3.1.a. The request for a recount shall include all precincts covered by that election unless the
8 person filing the request specifies otherwise.

9
10 3.1.b. If the candidate filing the request specifies only specific precincts to be recounted, that
11 candidate cannot afterwards add other precincts to the list to be recounted.

12
13 3.1.c. The person filing the request, or preserving his or her right to demand a continuation of the
14 recount, may specify precincts which are not to be hand-counted. Any precinct recounted which was not
15 to be hand-counted, will be recounted by processing the votes as required by W.Va. Code §§3-4A-27 and
16 3-6-9.

17
18 3.2. A candidate shall make a request for recount within forty-eight (48) hours after the canvass. The
19 forty-eight-hour (48) period begins when the board of canvassers publicly declares the results of the
20 election. For offices filled by the voters of more than one county, the forty-eight (48) hours begins when
21 the last of the counties voting for the office declares the results. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays
22 are excluded when computing the forty-eight-hour (48) period.

23
24 3.2.a. A candidate shall make the request in writing to the county clerk who shall present the
25 request to the board.

26
27 3.2.b. The recount request of an elected office shall state the name of the candidate making the
28 request, the elected office for which the recount is requested, ~~and~~ the precincts which the candidate is
29 requesting to be recounted, and which recounted precincts need not be hand-counted.

30
31 3.2.c. The recount request for an issue shall state the voter's name and address and the precincts
32 in which the recount is requested.

33
34 3.2.d. The person requesting a recount must furnish bond in an amount sufficient to pay for the

1 cost and expenses of the recount if the results do not change. The recount bond shall be set as described
2 in section 4.7 of this rule.

3
4 3.3. The board shall give notice of the recount to candidates who filed for the same elected office as
5 the one in which a recount has been requested or the governing board that officially requested the special
6 issues election in which a recount has been requested within the twenty-four (24) hours following the
7 meeting held for the purpose of certifying the election according to the provisions of section 5 of this rule.
8 ~~For recount requests of a special issues election, the board shall also post the notice of a recount on the~~
9 ~~door of the office where the recount is to be held.~~

10
11 3.4. Candidates who filed for the same elected office as one in which a recount has been requested or
12 the governing board that officially requested the special issues election in which a recount has been
13 requested may preserve their right to demand a recount of precincts not recounted in the original recount
14 request or to have the recount continued and completed should the candidate or voter initiating the
15 recount request stop the recount.

16
17 3.4.a. The candidate shall file the request to preserve the right to recount in writing to the county
18 clerk who will present the request to the board. This request must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours
19 from the time the notice of recount is served. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays are excluded when
20 computing the twenty-four (24) hour period.

21
22 3.4.b. The request to preserve the right to recount shall state the name of the candidate(s) or of
23 the governing board filing the request to preserve the right to recount and the intention to preserve the
24 right to request the recount of precincts not originally requested by the initiating candidate or to continue
25 the recount should the initiating candidate or voter stop the recount.

26
27 3.4.c. The candidate(s) or the governing board filing the request to preserve the right to recount
28 shall furnish bond in an amount sufficient to pay for any recount cost incurred by request for a
29 continuation of the recount or a recount of additional precincts. The bond must be the same amount as the
30 bond required of the original candidate or voter requesting the recount.

31
32 **§153-20-4. Preparation.**

33
34 4.1. If a recount is requested, the governing body constituting the board of canvassers shall certify

1 the results for all offices and issues not subject to the recount at the end of the forty-eight (48) hour period
2 following the declaration.

3
4 4.2. The clerk of the county commission for recounts conducted by the county commission ~~and by~~
5 ~~county commissions jointly with a governing board for special issue elections~~, or the municipal clerk or
6 recorder for recounts conducted by the municipal governing body, shall assist the board.

7
8 4.3. The officers having custody of the materials of the election shall bring before the board at the
9 appropriate time the paper ballots, the electronically tabulated ballots and the record of the tally of votes
10 for all election precincts.

11
12 4.4. For a recount conducted by the county commission ~~or a joint recount conducted by the county~~
13 ~~commission and county board of education or other governing board~~, the canvass shall be held at the
14 county courthouse or designated annex.

15
16 4.5. For a recount conducted by a municipal governing body, the recount shall be held at city hall.

17
18 4.6. Employees of the county commission or county clerk may assist or other persons may be
19 employed to assist in the recount.

20
21 4.6.a. No candidate or member of his or her immediate family may assist in the recount.

22
23 4.6.b. No member of a governing board which requested a special issue election or any member
24 of a board member's immediate family may assist in the recount.

25
26 4.6.c. No voter requesting the recount of a special issue election or member of his or her
27 immediate family may assist in the recount.

28
29 4.6.d. All persons participating in the recount proceedings shall work in teams of two (2) persons
30 of opposite political parties, shall be deputized in writing and shall take an oath that they will faithfully
31 perform their duties.

32
33 4.6.e. All procedures shall be conducted under the supervision of a quorum of the board.
34

1 4.7. The board shall set the amount of bond for a recount "in a reasonable amount with good
2 sufficient surety" but not to exceed three-hundred dollars (\$300.00). The recount bond amount shall be
3 determined during the canvass procedures before any recount request is received.

4
5 4.7.a. The bond may be a cash, personal property or other bond.

6
7 4.7.b. The costs of the recount shall be paid by the candidate or voter initiating the recount, so
8 long as it continues at his or her request. However, if the outcome of the election is reversed at the
9 conclusion of the recount, the canvassing board shall not assess costs to the candidate or voter requesting
10 the recount.

11
12 4.7.c. If the initiating candidate pulls ahead during the recount and stops the recount, the
13 responsibility for costs incurred after that time then shifts to the candidate requesting the continuation, but
14 only if the outcome is not again reversed.

15
16 4.7.d. If a recount of a special issue requested by a voter reverses its outcome during the recount
17 and the voter stops the recount, the responsibility for costs incurred after that time then shifts to the
18 governing board requesting the continuation, but only if the outcome is not again reversed.

19
20 4.8. The board shall immediately schedule a date for the recount to begin and shall prepare the proper
21 recount notices to be served on each of the other candidates in the elected office in which the recount has
22 been requested or to the governing board that officially requested the special issue election in which the
23 recount has been requested and at the door of the place where the recount is to be held.

24
25 **§153-20-5. Notification of Recount.**

26
27 5.1. The recount notice shall be served in the ~~twenty-four hour (24)~~ forty-eight (48) hour period
28 beginning at the end of the ~~forty-eight (48) hours following the declaration of the election results given at~~
29 ~~the end of the canvass~~ recount request period.

30
31 5.1.a. The recount notice shall state the date, time and place of the recount.

32
33 5.1.b. The recount notice shall advise candidates who did not request a recount that, in order to
34 preserve their right to continue the recount when stopped, notice preserving their right must be filed

1 within twenty-four (24) hours of the time of service of the recount notice.

2
3 5.1.bc. The date may not be sooner than three (3) days after the recount notice is delivered.

4
5 5.2. The recount notice shall be delivered by the sheriff of the county or the sheriff's designee.

6
7 5.2.a. The recount notice shall be delivered to the candidate in person or to the members of the
8 governing board that officially requested a special issue election in person.

9
10 5.2.b. If a candidate or member of the governing board is not found to receive the recount notice
11 in person, the notice may be given to the spouse of the candidate or a governing board member or to some
12 other family member over the age of sixteen (16) found at the usual place of residence of the candidate or
13 of a governing board member.

14
15 5.2.c. If the notice is given to a person other than the candidate or a governing board member, the
16 sheriff or the sheriff's designee shall inform the person receiving the notice of its purpose and meaning.

17
18 5.2.d. If the candidate or a governing board member or appropriate family member is not found
19 to receive the notice, it shall be posted on the front door of the usual place of residence ~~or~~ of the candidate
20 or governing board member.

21
22 5.2.e. The sheriff or the sheriff's designee who delivers the notice shall record how, to whom and
23 the time each notice is delivered.

24
25 5.2.f. If the candidate or a governing board member does not have a usual place of residence in
26 the county where the recount notice is being served, the recount notice shall be delivered to the sheriff of
27 the county in which the candidate or governing board member to be served does have a usual place of
28 residence. The sheriff of that county shall serve the recount notice in the same manner as provided in this
29 section.

30
31 5.3. For recount requests of a special issue election, the board shall also post a notice of the recount
32 on the door of the office where the recount is to be held.

33
34 **§153-20-6. Conducting the Recount.**

1
2 6.1. A quorum of the board of canvassers, ~~or in the case of a joint board of canvassers as prescribed~~
3 ~~in subdivision 2.1.c. of this rule, a quorum of each governing body,~~ shall be present at all times during the
4 recount of the ballots and the recount shall be conducted under their supervision.

5
6 ~~6.1.a. The presiding officer of the governing board shall act as the presiding officer of the board.~~
7 ~~In the case of a joint board of canvassers of the county commission and the governing board of a special~~
8 ~~issue election, the presiding officer of the county commission shall act as the presiding officer of the~~
9 ~~board.~~

10
11 ~~6.1.b~~6.1.a. If a quorum of the board of canvassers is not present, the recount shall stand
12 adjourned until the next business day.

13
14 ~~6.1.c~~6.1.b. If the recount cannot be completed in one day, the board shall adjourn until the next
15 business day, and so on from day to day until the recount is completed and the results declared.

16
17 6.2. The candidate or officially designated representative or voter or officially designated
18 representative initially requesting a recount as well as the candidate(s) or officially designated
19 representative or governing board or a member's officially designated representative who preserve their
20 right to participate in the recount and a reasonable number of the general public shall be freely admitted to
21 the room where the recount is being conducted. The board shall hold the recount in a room of sufficient
22 size and satisfactory arrangement to permit such observation of the recount.

23
24 6.2.a. The official representative of a candidate, voter or governing board member shall have a
25 written and signed statement from the candidate, voter or governing board member designating him or her
26 as the official representative. The name of the representative must be included in the statement. Each
27 candidate, member of a governing board, or voter initiating a recount may appoint only one official
28 representative to act for him or her in the candidate's absence. ~~Each member of a governing board may~~
29 ~~appoint only one official representative to act in his or her absence. A voter initiating a recount may~~
30 ~~appoint only one official representative to act in his or her absence.~~

31
32 6.2.b. The official representative shall have the right to observe the recount proceedings
33 including observing each ballot as it is read in a hand count process. They may view and examine the
34 tally sheets and ballots, but may not handle the election material.

1
2 6.2.c. The candidate or his or her representative or voter or his or her representative or governing
3 board member or his or her representative has the right to question any ballot during the recount.
4

5 6.3. The processing and handling of the ballots in a recount shall be conducted by teams consisting of
6 two (2) persons of opposite political parties who shall be appointed and deputized in writing by the board
7 of canvassers.
8

9 6.3.a. If a ballot is questioned, the deputized team shall reexamine that ballot and reach their
10 finding. Any ballot questioned shall be marked to provide for its identification at any future contest of the
11 election.
12

13 6.3.b. If a majority of the deputized team cannot agree on the intent of the voter's markings on a
14 ballot, it shall remain questioned and the votes for that ballot shall not be recorded.
15

16 6.3.c. Only authorized persons may handle the election materials. These persons include the
17 board of canvassers, the county clerk, the employees of the clerk and persons specifically employed to
18 process the election materials and who have been deputized in writing and who have taken an oath to
19 perform faithfully their duties.
20

21 6.4. The evidence considered at a recount shall be only that obtainable from the viewing of the
22 election material as it exists or from relevant evidence from the election commissioners, poll clerks or
23 other persons present at the election in which the recount is being conducted. The board may not consider
24 extraneous evidence.
25

26 6.5. When ballots are being counted by hand, two deputized teams are required. One of the
27 deputized teams shall read the ballots together. The votes shall be read aloud so that the second deputized
28 team that is recording the vote can hear. Each member of the recording team shall mark separate tally
29 sheets. The recording team should compare their vote count on a scheduled basis (as an example, after
30 every twenty (20) ballots) in order to catch marking errors.
31

32 6.6. If a recount has been requested in more than one elected office or special issue, one deputized
33 team may handle only one elected office or special issue recount proceeding at a time. The team shall
34 work with its elected office or special issue recount (one precinct at a time) until that recount is

1 completed. After a recount of a particular elected office or special issue is completed, the teams that
2 worked with the completed recount may be assigned to work with a recount of another elected office or
3 special issue.

4
5 6.7. Each team shall count or otherwise work with only one precinct at a time. The precinct
6 materials may not be mixed.

7
8 6.7.a. The challenged ballots of each precinct shall be handled as they were during the canvass.
9 The same procedures shall be in place to maintain the secrecy of the ballots and to preserve them for any
10 future contest.

11
12 6.8. Each precinct may be recounted only one time, regardless of whether recounted electronically or
13 hand-counted. However, if after recounting a precinct, the results do not match the canvass results the
14 ballots and tallies shall be rechecked at that time by one of the deputized teams in order to discover any
15 error in reading the ballots or marking and computing the tally figures.

16
17 6.8.a. The candidate or voter who requested the recount has the right to stop the recount at the
18 conclusion of any precinct by withdrawing his or her request. At this time, the candidate(s) or governing
19 board that has preserved the right to continue may exercise that right, including identifying which
20 precincts need not be hand-counted. Once a person has stopped the recount, he or she may not resume the
21 recount later.

22
23 6.9. Before starting the recount, the board shall determine the order in which the precincts will be
24 recounted. The board shall use a logical means of determining the order, either by drawing or using a
25 sequential order, beginning with the lowest number and continuing to the highest number. The
26 determined order should meet with the agreement of the parties to the recount or their designated
27 representatives.

28
29 6.10. Before recounting any precincts, the board shall resolve any incorrect recordation or tabulation
30 of votes pursuant to W.Va. Code §3-4A-29 and announce any adjusted vote totals resulting from that
31 resolution.

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33 **§153-20-7. Order of Recount Procedures by Voting System.**

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1 7.1. For all recounts of election conducted with paper ballots, the board shall proceed as outlined in
2 sections 3, 4, 5, 6, ~~10 and 11~~ 8 and 9 of this rule.

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4 7.2. ~~For recounts of elections conducted with electronically tabulated ballots, the board shall proceed~~
5 ~~as outlined in sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 of this rule.~~

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7 ~~§153-20-8. Special Recount Procedures for Elections Conducted with Electronically Tabulated~~
8 ~~Ballots: Hand Counting Five Percent (5%) of Precincts.~~

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10 8.1. ~~The board shall tally by hand the votes of the elected office or special issue for which the~~
11 ~~recount has been requested on the ballots of a number of precincts equal to five percent (5%) of~~
12 ~~the total number of precincts in the jurisdiction, not fewer than one (1) precinct, and with~~
13 ~~fractions rounded to the nearest whole number, as in the following table.~~

When the total precincts equal:	Count the ballots of:
1 - 29	One (1) precinct
30 - 49	Two (2) precincts
50 - 69	Three (3) precincts
70 - 89	Four (4) precincts
90 - 109	Five (5) precincts
110 - 129	Six (6) precincts
130 - 149	Seven (7) precincts
150 - 169	Eight (8) precincts
170 - 189	Nine (9) precincts

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28 ~~8.2. The board shall identify the precincts to be counted by random drawing.~~

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30 ~~8.3. The hand count shall be conducted using the procedures described in 6.4 of this rule.~~

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32 ~~8.4. After the hand count of each precinct is recorded, the board shall compare the recorded tallies~~
33 ~~with the electronically tabulated results for the same elected office of the same precincts or the issue in a~~
34 ~~special issue election.~~

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2 ~~8.5. If the difference between the electronically tabulated results of the randomly selected precincts~~
3 ~~and the hand counted results of the same ballots is more than one percent (1%) of the total votes cast for~~
4 ~~the elected office being examined in the recount proceedings, the board shall hand count all precincts for~~
5 ~~that elected office or the issue in a special issue elections.~~

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7 ~~8.6. The board, a candidate or voter requesting a recount or a candidate(s) or governing board~~
8 ~~preserving their right to recount may demand that the recount of any precinct be conducted by hand count.~~

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10 ~~§153-20-9~~153-20-8. **Recount by Step Procedures.**

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12 ~~9.1.8.1.~~ The Secretary of State shall provide a step procedures manual for the recount of an election's
13 votes cast in an elected office or special issue. The manual shall be used by each governing body
14 responsible for recount procedures.

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16 ~~9.1.a.8.1.a.~~ The manual shall include detailed descriptions of the steps required to review, correct
17 and officially record the results of a designated election office in an election.

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19 ~~9.1.b18.1.b.~~ The manual shall include worksheets for the board to record their recount
20 procedures and the findings for each precinct recounted.

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22 ~~9.2.8.2.~~ In a recount procedure, the board shall perform the step procedures and complete the
23 worksheets for each precinct recounted.

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25 ~~§153-20-10~~153-20-9. **Certifying the Results.**

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27 ~~10.1.9.1.~~ The recount is not complete until the board seals the ballots in a suitable container with
28 their endorsement and delivers them to the care of the county or municipal clerk.

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30 ~~10.2.9.2.~~ Upon completion of the recount as described in subsection ~~10.1.~~ of this rule, the board
31 shall take official action to certify the result of the elected office recounted as it is determined by the
32 recount.

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34 ~~10.3.9.3.~~ The board shall prepare duplicate certificates for a primary election for each elected office

1 considered by the recount with total votes for each candidate in the recounted office. The certificates
2 shall be in words and numbers. In a general election, the certificates for federal, statewide, legislative and
3 judicial offices shall be prepared in triplicate originals.

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5 ~~10.4.9.4.~~ Each member of the board shall sign each certificate.

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7 ~~10.5.9.5.~~ The board of canvassers shall prepare and transmit the certificates for elected offices and
8 special issues involved in the recount as directed in W. Va. Code §§3-6-2-10 and 3-6-11.