




FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

MEMORANDUM

TO: Supervisor of Elections, Palm Beach County

FROM: John Boynton, Deputy Secretary for Administrative Services, Corporations and Elections 

DATE: August 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Conduct of Machine Recount

Attached is the "Order by Secretary of State on Conduct of Machine Recount" ordering a machine recount in your county. The machine recount should commence as soon as possible and the 2nd unofficial returns reflecting the machine recount totals must be filed with the Division of Elections (via the SOE E-night program) no later than 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2012. Only the recounted race will be reported on the 2nd unofficial canvass.

From your 2nd unofficial returns, the Secretary of State will determine if a manual recount is warranted and, if so, will notify you so that you may begin the manual recount. If you conduct a manual recount, your manual recount results will be included in your official certification of results which is due at 5 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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ORDER BY SECRETARY OF STATE ON CONDUCT OF MACHINE RECOUNT

Section 102.141(7), Florida Statutes, provides that the Secretary of State is responsible for ordering recounts in federal, state, and multicounty races when the unofficial returns reflect that a candidate for any office was defeated or eliminated by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast for such office, that a candidate for retention to a judicial office was retained or not retained by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on the question of retention, or that a measure appearing on the ballot was approved or rejected by one-half of a percent or less of the votes cast on such measure.

Based upon the above statute and the unofficial results reported to the Division of Elections for the Primary Election, **State Senate District 27**, held on August 14, 2012, **I hereby order the canvassing board(s) responsible for canvassing the above race to conduct a machine recount of the votes cast in the race in accordance with Section 102.141, Florida Statutes.**

Pursuant to section 102.141(7)(c), Florida Statutes, the canvassing board(s) shall file with the Division of Elections a second set of unofficial returns no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2012.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida,
at Tallahassee, this the 16th day of
August, A.D., 2012.

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