

## CHAPTER 8235

### SECRETARY OF STATE

### RECOUNTS

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#### 8235.0200 AUTOMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECOUNTS.

This chapter establishes procedures for the conduct of all automatic and administrative recounts provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 204C.35 and 204C.36. The secretary of state or secretary of state's designee is the recount official for recounts conducted by the State Canvassing Board. The county auditor or auditor's designee is the recount official for recounts conducted by the county canvassing board. The county auditor or auditor's designee shall conduct recounts for county offices. The municipal clerk or clerk's designee is the recount official for recounts conducted by the municipal governing body. The school district clerk or clerk's designee is the recount official for recounts conducted by the school board, or by a school district canvassing board as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.10, subdivision 5. When the person who would otherwise serve as recount official is a candidate for the office to be recounted, the appropriate canvassing board shall select an election official from another jurisdiction to conduct the recount. "Legal adviser" means counsel to the recount official and the canvassing board for the office being recounted. The scope of an automatic or administrative recount is limited to the recount of the ballots cast and the declaration of the person nominated or elected.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 201.022; 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204B 25; 204B.45; 204C.361; 204D.11; 206.57; 207A.09*

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#### 8235.0800 COUNTING AND CHALLENGING BALLOTS.

Ballots must be recounted by precinct. The recount official shall open the sealed envelope of ballots and recount them in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 204C.22. If a candidate or candidate's representative disagrees with the recount official's determination of whether and for whom the ballot should be counted, the ballot may be challenged. At a recount of a ballot question, the manner in which a ballot is counted may be challenged by the person who requested the recount or that person's representative. Challenges may not be automatic or frivolous and the challenger must state the basis for the challenge. The precinct name, the reason for the challenge, and the name of the person challenging the ballot must be marked on the back of each challenged ballot before it is placed in an envelope marked "Challenged Ballots." After the count of votes for the precinct has been determined, all ballots except the challenged ballots must be resealed in the ballot envelopes and returned with the other election materials to the custodian of the ballots. After the count of votes for all precincts has been determined, the challenged ballot envelope must be sealed and kept secure for presentation to the canvassing board.

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