

(a) Prior to each recount under G.S. 163-182.7, the county board of elections or State Board shall inform the political parties and candidates of the recount and describe to them the process of conducting recounts. A county board of elections shall notice the recount at least 48 hours prior to the start of the recount. The county board shall send notice by email to the county board's regular notice list, county party chairs, and the candidates in the contest subject to the recount.

(c) During the conduct of recounts, ballots shall be counted in accordance with the principles in G.S. 163-182.1(a).

(e) The county board of elections shall conduct recounts only as follows:

- (f) A candidate shall have the right to call for a hand-eye recount within 24 hours after a discretionary recount in G.S. 163-182.7(a) or by noon on the next business day of the county board office, whichever is later, if the apparent winner is the apparent loser after the discretionary recount. A candidate shall have the right to call for a hand-eye sample recount within 24 hours after a mandatory machine recount, pursuant to G.S. 163-182.7A.

(h) Recounts shall be performed in the presence of a quorum of county board members or in the presence of a bipartisan team of two county board members. Determinations of voter intent shall be made by a quorum of the board and at least one board member of each political party shall be represented.

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