

Information on an Election using the Tabulator, and a Post Election Audit

A Post Election Audit is required by law, unless there is a Recount. A post-election audit must be conducted in 5% of the precincts by manually counting all votes cast in two contests and comparing the results of the manual count to the official results for those precincts presented at the county canvass.

The county auditor will draw the precincts for the audit at random without the use of a computer in the public during the meeting of the county canvassing board. If a precinct is selected that does not exceed 100 ballots, additional precincts will be drawn until the total of all ballots exceeds 100 voted ballots.

The county auditor will select the contests for the audit at random without the use of the computer in public during the meeting of the county canvassing board. One contest randomly selected must be a statewide contest. The post-election audit will be open to the public, and the county auditor will post notice of the time and place in the same manner as a public meeting agenda is, and the notice will be provided to the county chair of each political party. Results of the post-election will be sent to the secretary of state and presented to the county commission at the next meeting. Results will be included in the minutes of the county commission meeting. The secretary of state will publish the results of the post-election audit on their website.

If the results of the post-election audit show a discrepancy in the results greater than the margin by which any contest for elected office on the ballot in the county was decided, the auditor shall notify the candidates for that office. Any candidate who receives a notification from the county auditor shall have an additional seven days from the date from when the county auditor sends the notification to file a verified petition requesting a recount of the official returns, pursuant to SDCL 12-21-10 or 12-21-11. The petition may be filed regardless of the margin by which the contest was decided.

*Note – if requested, there will be an opportunity for small groups to mark test ballots to be run through the tabulator for accuracy prior to the election (starting September 20th. 2024). Please contact the Auditor's office to schedule a time.

Fall River Primary votes cast by precincts: Beaver- 92; Cascade-85; EDA Edgemont Area) -240; HS1-205; HS2-192; HS3-153; HS4-168; Jackson-466; OLA (Oelrichs Area) - 121