The KANSAS ELECTION PROCESS

SAFE ★ SECURE ★ TRANSPARENT

From Election Night to Official Results

STEP 1

ELECTION NIGHT

Results are unofficial and do not include:

- Write-in votes
- Provisional ballots
- County canvass certified results

Official results will be posted on the Secretary of State's website after the State Board of Canvassers meets December 1st, until then they remain unofficial.

STEP 2

POST-ELECTION AUDIT

- Secretary of State initiates the audit (9:00 a.m. after Election Day).
- Sworn, bipartisan, trained election board conducts the audit.
- Contact your county election office for results.

★ ***REMINDER:*** *Every vote cast in Kansas results in a paper ballot and is subject to the audit.*

Audits must be completed and approved by the Secretary of State before the county canvass.

STEP 2A

CLOSE-RACE AUDIT

If a race is within 1% on Election Night, a close race audit is triggered. 10% of precincts are audited in each county.

STEP 3

COUNTY CANVASS

- County commissioners review provisional ballots.
- Certify final results within the county.
- Must be completed 6-13 days after Election Day.

Certification of primary and general election results is required for all elections.

STEP 4

RECOUNT (OPTIONAL)

- Must be requested by 5:00 p.m. the day after certification by the county canvassers.
- Can occur in a candidate or constitutional amendment race.
- Recount requested must include area and manner, and requires a bond.

In the general election, the state will cover the recount cost if the race is within 1/2% if the candidate requests the recount in the same manner as the original count.

STEP 5

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

- Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General (or their designees).
- Meets after county canvasses are complete.
- Certifies primary and general election results for all national and state offices and constitutional amendments.
- Must be completed by the first business day of the month following the election.

ELECTION RESULTS ARE NOW OFFICIAL

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