
General Information

Local Voters' Pamphlet

- **Primary and General Election:** Kitsap County publishes a Local Voters' Pamphlet prior to each Primary and General Election. Candidates and districts are encouraged to participate.
- **Cost:** The cost of producing the Local Voters' Pamphlet is apportioned to the districts that participate in the publication. There is no fee charged to the candidate.

If district participation would create undue financial hardship for the unit of government, the district's legislative authority may petition the county legislative authority to waive this requirement. Should there be a determination of such hardship; a waiver may be provided not later than sixty days before the publication of the pamphlet. (RCW 29A.32.220) (RCW 29A.32.270) (RCW 29A.04.410)
- **Specifications to Candidates and Committees:** Information regarding specifications for statements and critical dates are provided to each candidate at the time of filing.
- **Delivery Dates:** Approximately three weeks before the Primary and General Election, the Local Voters' Pamphlet is distributed to each residence by the Postal Service and is available on the Kitsap County website: www.kitsapgov.com.

Recount of Ballots

- **Mandatory Recounts** of ballots occur when candidates or state measures are separated by less than 2000 votes and also less than ½ of 1% of the votes cast. (RCW 29A.64.021)
- **Manual Recounts** occur when the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 150 votes (1,000 votes for statewide elections) and also less than ¼ of 1% of the total number of votes cast for both candidates. The votes will be recounted manually unless an approved alternative method is agreed to by both candidates. (RCW 29A.64.021) (RCW 29A.64.090)
- **Requests for a Recount of Votes Cast for a Candidate Contest:** Where a mandatory recount is not required, an officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast may file a written application for a recount of the votes, or a portion of the votes, cast at that election for all candidates for election to that office.

Any group of five or more registered voters may file a written application for a recount of the votes or a portion of the votes cast upon any ballot measure. The application for a recount must specify if the recount is to be done manually or by the vote tally system and be submitted no later than three (3) working days after the official certification of the election to the County Auditor for local issues and contests, or to the Secretary of State for state issues and contests. (RCW 29A.64.011)
- **Requested Recount – Fees:** Where a mandatory recount is not required, the person(s) or jurisdiction requesting the recount must pay the cost of a requested recount.

A **deposit** of \$.15 for a machine recount or \$.25 for a manual recount for each ballot cast in the jurisdiction, or portion of the jurisdiction for which the recount is requested, shall be made at the time of filing the application. The deposit shall be applied to the cost of the recount and the remaining cost, if any, will be billed to the requester. (RCW 29A.64.030) (RCW 29A.64.081)