

Cost and payment

The elections official shall determine the amount of deposit necessary to cover costs of the recount for each day
(E.C. 15624)

The voter filing the request for recount must deposit, before the recount commences and at the beginning of each day following, such sums as required by the elections official to cover the cost of the recount for that day.
(E.C. 15624)

If upon completion of the recount the results are reversed, the deposit shall be returned. (E.C. 15624)

COST BREAKDOWN FOR MANUAL TALLY*	
No. of Boards	Cost per Day
1	\$2,000
2	\$3,239
3	\$4,479
4	\$5,718
5	\$7,718
6	\$8,958
7	\$10,197
8	\$11,437
9	\$13,437
10	\$14,676
11	\$15,915
12	\$17,155
*Cost will include labor, facilities, material and personnel. Cost will vary according to type of election and personnel involved.	

Automatic Manual Recount

By law, a random sample of ballots from every election must be recounted manually to verify the computer count. A minimum of all votes cast in one percent (1%) of the precincts is included in this process. *The Automatic Manual Recount is open to the public.*
(E.C. 15360)

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REQUESTING



A RECOUNT

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A recount is conducted by the elections official for the purpose of verifying the number of votes counted for any office or measure in an election. California Elections Code Chapter 9, Sections 15620 through 15634 govern voter requested recounts.

REQUESTING A RECOUNT

Who can request

Any voter of the state may file a request.
(E.C. 15620)

Timing of Request

The request must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the completion of the official canvass. The canvass is complete when the elections official signs the Certification of the Election Results.
(E.C. 15620)

Exceptions: *For statewide contests, the request must be filed within five (5) calendar days beginning on the 29th day after the election.*

Format of request

- The request must be in writing.
(E.C. 15620)
- Must specify the contest to be recounted.
(E.C. 15620)
- Must state on behalf of which candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure (affirmative or negative) it is filed.
(E.C. 15620)
- May specify the order in which precincts shall be counted.
(E.C. 15622)
- May specify the method of counting to be used (computer, manual or both).
(E.C. 15627)
- May specify any other relevant material to be examined.
(E.C. 15630)
- For statewide contests, may specify in which county or counties the recount is sought.
(E.C. 15621)

Place of filing

- With the county elections official responsible for conducting the election, if the contest is not voted upon statewide.
(E.C. 15620)
- If election is conducted in more than one county, the request may be filed with the county elections official of, and the recount conducted within, any or all of the affected counties.
(E.C. 15620)
- With the Secretary of State if the contest is voted upon statewide.
(E.C. 15621)
- With the City Clerk if it is a city election (or if the city has not consolidated with the county).
(E.C. 15620)

Notice of recount

- A notice stating the date and place of the recount will be posted by the elections official at least one day prior to the recount and the following persons will be notified in person or by telegram:
(E.C. 15628)
- All candidates for the office being recounted.
- Authorized representatives for presidential candidates, if the race for presidential delegates is to be recounted.
- Proponents of any initiative or referendum or persons filing ballot arguments for or against any initiative, referendum or measure to be recounted.
- Secretary of State if the recount is for candidates for any state or federal office, delegates to a national convention, or any state measure.

Process of recount

- The recount is open to the public.
(E.C. 15629)
- Recount must start no later than seven calendar days following the receipt of the request and shall be continued daily, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, for not less than six hours each day until completed.
(E.C. 15626)
- A manual recount must be conducted under the supervision of the elections official by recount boards, consisting of four voters of the county, appointed by the elections official.
(E.C. 15625)

Result of Recount

- The results of a recount are declared null and void unless every vote in which the contest appeared is recounted.
(E.C. 15632)
- Upon completion of a recount, if a different candidate, slate of electors, or position on a measure receives a plurality of votes, the results of the official canvass will be changed and the election results re-certified.
(E.C. 15632)
- A copy of the results of any recount conducted shall be posted conspicuously in the office of the elections official.
(E.C. 15633)