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## PETITION REQUESTING A RECOUNT

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(The following petition may be used for requesting a recount as provided by Section 212.001 of the Texas Election Code.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ (name of presiding officer of canvassing authority)

**For a Recount for Office:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request a recount for the \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election and name of political subdivision) election for the office of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(identify the office for which a recount is desired (e.g., County Commissioner, Precinct #1).

**For a Recount on a Measure:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request a recount for the following measure \_\_\_\_\_. For a recount on a measure, state the side of the measure that the person requesting the recount represents ("For" or "Against") \_\_\_\_\_.

Check one or more of the applicable grounds:

- Difference between number of votes received by petitioner and number of votes received by person who was elected or is entitled to a place on the runoff election ballot is less than 10% of the number of votes received by the person elected or entitled to a place on the runoff ballot; OR
- Number of votes received by all candidates is less than 1000; OR
- Electronic system used in election; OR
- An election judge swears that he or she counted paper ballots incorrectly (must also be certified by the Secretary of State).

Identify each voter registration precinct for which a recount is being requested and identify the method of voting used in each precinct.

Voter registration precinct(s) and voting system used:

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If an electronic system was used in the election, I request a manual (by-hand) count/electronic count (circle one).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person(s) or agent of person(s) requesting recount

**List Recount Requestor(s) name, mailing address, at least one phone number and email address, voter registration number (if authorization to obtain the recount is based on eligibility to vote in the election), and county of registration (if the election covers territory in more than one county):**

Name	Mailing Address	Phone Number	Voter Registration No.\County
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Provide the name and mailing address, email address, and at least one phone number for each opposing candidate (or agent):

Name of Opposing Candidate or Agent	Email Address	Mailing Address	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. For a county or precinct level county office, the petition is submitted to the county judge; and to the county chair in primaries. For state and district offices, the petition is submitted to the Secretary of State; and to the state party chair in primary elections. For a municipal election, the petition is submitted to the mayor. For a school district election, the petition is submitted to the president of the school board. For all other elections, submit the petition to the presiding officer of the board of directors.
2. Types of electronic voting systems include optical scan, in which hand-marked paper ballots are read by a light sensitive scanner; and direct recording electronic systems, in which the voter votes directly onto the voting device.
3. The amount of the deposit due, which **must** be presented at the time the petition is filed, is based in part on the number of election day polling places or precincts. Note that in this context, precinct means voter registration precinct(s). Early voting ballots are considered to be one additional polling place or voter registration precinct. This means the petitioner should determine the total number of voter registration precincts that contained the race or measure that is the subject of the recount and compare that number to the total number of election day polling places used in the election, then include one additional polling place or voter registration precinct to that number (for early voting ballots) in order to determine the total deposit due.
  - a. \$60.00 for each election day polling location or voter registration precinct, whichever results in a smaller amount, in which regular paper ballots were used.
  - b. \$100.00 for each election day polling location or voter registration precinct, whichever results in a smaller amount, in which an electronic voting system was used.
4. The deposit must be in the form of cash, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the recount coordinator and **must** accompany the petition. **The deposit may not be paid with a personal check.** [Sec. 212.111, Texas Election Code]
5. **For additional information regarding the filing of a recount petition, please see the following information available here: [Recounts](#)**