

**AUTOMATIC RECOUNT – DETERMINING ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT
R.C. 3505.011
Per Secretary of State Directive
2007-30 Recount Procedures Dated November 16, 2007**

When Several Candidates Are To be Elected

In the case of several candidates to be elected, the term in the statute, “declared winning candidate,” refers to the candidate whose election is disputed, rather than to all of the candidates for the particular office. Using the example below, if five candidates seek election as council members-at-large, with three to be elected, only the votes cast for Candidates 3, 4 and 5 are regarded as the “total votes” cast for the third council seat in computing the margin for an automatic recount. For example:

Candidate 1	4,200 votes	(elected)
Candidate 2	4,100 votes	(elected)
Candidate 3	2,300 votes	(declared elected)
Candidate 4	2,275 votes	(declared defeated)
Candidate 5	2,250 votes	(defeated)

Do not include the votes cast for Candidates 1 and 2 in computing the total vote for the third council seat.

The votes cast for Candidates 3, 4 and 5 total 6,825. Of that total, ½ of 1% is 34 votes. Thus:

- Candidate 3 defeated Candidate 4 by 25 votes, which is less than ½ of 1%.
- Candidate 4 defeated Candidate 5 by 50 votes, which exceeds ½ of 1% of the total vote cast for the third council seat.

An automatic recount must be ordered on the basis of the margin of votes cast for Candidates 3 and 4. Only the votes for Candidates 3, 4 and 5 are recounted, not all five candidates.

OFFICIAL CANVASS, GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

**MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Vote For Not More Than 3)**

ROBERT O. BARTON, JR.	858	19.28
DAVID W. HARPER.....	1,076	24.18
MEG HISS.....	890	20.00
KEVIN MCDOWELL.....	746	16.76
ED SHEPHERD	880	19.78

AUTOMATIC RECOUNT CALCULATION

Member of Board of Education Jefferson Local School District

DAVID W. HARPER.....	1,076	(elected)
MEG HISS.....	890	(elected)
ED SHEPHERD.....	880	(declared elected)
ROBERT O. BARTON, JR.	858	(declared defeated)
KEVIN MCDOWELL.....	746	(defeated)

Do not include the votes cast for David W. Harper and Meg Hiss in computing the total vote for the third board seat.

The votes cast for Ed Shepherd (880), Robert O. Barton, Jr. (858) and Kevin McDowell (746) total 2,484.

ED SHEPHERD.....	880
ROBERT O. BARTON, JR.	858
KEVIN MCDOWELL.....	<u>746</u>
Total	2,484

Of that total, ½ of 1% is 12 votes.

$$2,484 \times .01 = 24.84 \times .005 = 12.42 \text{ or } 12$$

Thus,

Ed Shepherd defeated Robert O. Barton, Jr. by 22 votes, which exceeds ½ of 1% of the total vote cast for the third board seat.

ED SHEPHERD.....	880
ROBERT O. BARTON, JR.	<u>858</u>
Total	22

Therefore, there will **not** be an automatic recount for the third board seat in Jefferson Local School District.