<u>AMENDATORY SECTION</u> (Amending WSR 12-14-074, filed 7/2/12, effective 8/2/12)

WAC 434-264-010 Recount. (1) A recount is the process for retabulating the votes, including write-ins, for a specific office or issue on all valid ballots cast in a primary or election.

(2) All questions of voter registration, voter qualification, and voter intent previously considered during the original count shall not be reconsidered during a recount. If a ballot has been duplicated in accordance with WAC 434-261-005, the duplicate shall be counted.

(3) <u>A voter may not cure a missing or mismatched signature for purposes of counting the ballot in a recount.</u>

<u>(4)</u> Prior to beginning the recount, the county auditor shall exercise due diligence to confirm that all returned ballots have been identified and reconciled, and that no ballots have been erroneously omitted from the original count.

((~~(4)~~)) <u>(5)</u> If any ballots or votes are discovered during the recount process that were erroneously not counted or canvassed during the original count or during a previous recount, the ballots shall be presented to the county canvassing board in accordance with RCW 29A.60.050, and the county canvassing board shall determine whether such ballots are to be included in the recount.

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