



Jefferson County WASHINGTON

Observing the Election Process

Public Access at the Election Center:

Citizens may view ballot processing at the Jefferson County Election Center, located at 1820 Jefferson St, Port Townsend during the dates and times listed in the official Notice of Election published in the Port Townsend Leader and posted on our web page. Although space is limited, we will attempt to accommodate as many citizens as we can. Visitors may be required to sign an oath of non-divulgence when observing ballot processing at the Election Center.

Acts Prohibited in the Vicinity of a Voting Center or Ballot Deposit Site:

During the voting period, no person may, within a voting center or ballot deposit site:

- Suggest, persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure;
- Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts administration of the voting center.
- Circulate cards or handbills of any kind;
- Solicit signatures for any kind of petition;
- Without lawful authority, remove any ballot from a voting center or ballot deposit site.
- Within 25 feet of a ballot deposit site not located within a voting center, no person may electioneer, circulate campaign material, solicit petition signatures or interfere or impede the voting process.

Election Results

Election Night results are available at approximately:

- 8:05 -8:15 p.m. on-line at <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us> click on *Elections* then *Election Results*

After Election Day

Election Division staff will continue to verify, open, count, and update results until certification. Updated results are posted to our website as they become available. Dates and times of additional updates are in the Notice of Election. Depending on the number of additional ballots to count, not all dates and times listed will be utilized. Additionally, as part of the canvassing process, depending on the number of additional ballots to count, additional dates may be added.

Mandatory / Automatic Recounts

An automatic recount applies to candidates and statewide measures and will occur if less than 2,000 votes and also less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount is applicable only to candidates apparently nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent. The automatic recount will tally only votes for the position or measure in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

For statewide elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 1,000 votes and also less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually.

For all other elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 150 votes and also less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually. An alternative counting method may be used if both candidates agree in writing and the procedure is suited to the ballot system that was used for casting the votes for the office.

If a mandatory recount is required for a candidate in a jurisdiction, the costs of the recount are billed as a direct cost to the jurisdiction.

Local Measure, Question, or Issue

Automatic recounts do not apply to non-statewide ballot measures, such as levy, bond and other questions or issues.

Requested Recounts

All requested recounts must be submitted no later than two business days after the certification of the election. A deposit equal to \$.15 (machine recount) or \$.25 (manual recount) per ballot by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be determined by the canvassing board and may be less or more than the deposit.