






RECOUNT 2020: Key states, their laws, and deadlines

States	Automatic recounts	Options for candidate or voter requested recounts (1)		Recount completion deadline (2)	Counting methods
		Availability of requested recounts	Deadline for requesting a recount		
 ARIZONA	Vote margin less than or equal to 200 votes (3)	No options for candidate requested recounts	The only recount option is automatic and does not require a candidate request	No completion deadline in state law	Mix of hand counting and re-running the ballots through the voting machines
 GEORGIA	No automatic recounts	A candidate may request a recount when there is a vote margin of 0.5% or less	Within 2 business days after the certification of results which will take place by November 20	No completion deadline in state law	Re-running the ballots through the voting machines
 NEVADA	No automatic recounts	Any defeated candidate may apply for a recount	Within 3 business days after the certification of results which will take place on November 24	Within 10 days of the request	Re-running the ballots through the voting machines and electronic review (4)
 PENNSYLVANIA	Vote margin less than or equal to 0.5%	There are no candidate requested recounts, but voters may request a recount for offices	Varies by county, and is 5 days after a county completes its vote computation	For automatic recounts by November 24. For voter initiated recounts no set deadline	Hand counting and re-running the ballots through the voting machines
 WISCONSIN	No automatic recounts	A vote margin of less than or equal to 0.25% gives candidate right to a taxpayer funded recount. A vote margin greater than 0.25% but less than 1% gives a candidate a right to paid recount	By 5 p.m. on the first business day following the day on which the Wisconsin Elections Commission receives the last county canvassing report, but no later than November 18	Not more than 13 days after the order directing the recount	Hand counting and re-running the ballots through voting machines. The method is chosen by election officials

- (1) A recount is recounting of the ballots cast. After a recount, candidates may with cause be able to contest the election in court. The courts may have the option to order recounts as part of the proceedings.
- (2) Note there are federal and constitutional time constraints for the selection of a state's presidential electors.
- (3) Arizona has other recount thresholds, but 200 votes is the threshold that is **likely to apply** to the results of the 2020 presidential election. **All automatic recounts are taxpayer funded.**
- (4) For touchscreen voting devices used for in person voting, an electronic review involves re-running the electronic records of the votes.