

STATE ELECTION BOARD

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Revisions to Subject 183-1-12-.12. *Tabulating Results*

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSON AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Election Board, (hereinafter “SEB”) proposes the attached amendments to Subject 183-1-12-.12 (Tabulating Results).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed new rules and a synopsis of the proposed rules, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official state holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E., 8th Floor West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. These documents will also be available for review on the State Election Board’s web page at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/proposed-elections-division-rules-and-rule-amendments> Copies may also be requested by contacting the State Election Board at 470-312-2715.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will take place in Room 341, at the Georgia State Capitol Building in Atlanta, Georgia. Information regarding how to join and provide public comment at the meeting will be available on the State Election Board’s webpage at <https://sos.ga.gov/state-election-board>

Public comments given at the meeting will be limited to two minutes per person. Additional comments may be given using the following means and must be received by noon August 18, 2024 to be considered by the State Election Board:

- Electronically by emailing SEBPublicComments@sos.ga.gov
- By mailing comments to:
State Election Board
C/O Alexandra Hardin
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
8th Floor West Tower Suite 802
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

The Georgia State Election Board
This 18th day of July 2024.

Posted: July 18, 2024

**SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE
OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD
RULE 183-1-12-.12. *Tabulating Results***

Purpose: The purpose of the rule is to ensure that the public is able to readily view the Reconciliation Report that is generated, which outlines discrepancies between the total ballots cast and the total number of voters credited with voting in each precinct within 30 days of certifying election results.

Main Features: The main feature of the amendment to this rule is that the Reconciliation Report will be visible to the public via the county election results website.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD, RULE 183-1-12-.12(e)**

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added.

Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)

(e) Reconciliation Report

1. As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report.
2. Upon submission of the completed Reconciliation Report to the Secretary of State, each county shall publish the report on their county election results website.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31, 21-2-493(b)

COPY OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULE

Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)

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2. Upon submission of the completed Reconciliation Report to the Secretary of State, each county shall publish the report on their county election results website.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31