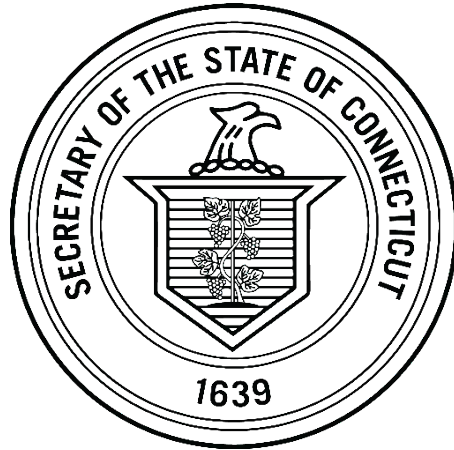


Recanvass Procedures Manual



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General Chain-Of-Custody and Counting Principles

Whenever ballots are outside of secure storage they shall at all times be under the supervision of at least two election officials representing opposing political parties or opposing candidates in a primary. This requirement applies when 1) ballots are stored and transported from the polling place after the election, 2) transported during the early voting period, 3) transported to the recanvass facility and room, and 4) during and after the recanvass until they are returned to secure storage.

Ballots, memory sticks, and tabulators shall remain sealed and in secure storage from the time of pre-election testing until they are no longer required for a potential recanvass. Tabulators shall remain sealed secured in appropriate facilities, including between elections. Exceptions to these requirements apply only for the use of ballots and equipment during pre-election testing, the election, the primary, recanvass and auditing processes.

Counting procedures should ensure that all ballot counts, vote marks, and hash marks are read or verified by two people of opposing parties or representing candidates in primaries. When ballots are counted, they should either be independently counted by two people or counted jointly, one at a time. When ballots are stacked by candidate, two people must verify that all ballots in a stack are correctly classified. When votes are read aloud, a second election official should verify that the “call” matches the mark being read. When hash marks are recorded, either two officials should independently maintain and reconcile hash mark sheets, or a second official must observe and confirm that hash marks are recorded for the correct candidate.

I. Introduction

A recanvass of the vote in an election or primary may occur in one of three ways:

Discrepancy Recanvass

The moderator of the election, or in the case of a primary, of the primary (or, head moderator in towns divided into voting districts) may call for a recanvass of the tabulator counted ballots, and/or the hand counted ballots, and/or absentee ballots and/or write-in if they determine there is a **discrepancy** in the returns of any voting district in an election or primary. (§ 9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35).

The need for any **discrepancy** recanvass must be determined by the moderator or head moderator and recanvass officials must be summoned no later than **three days** after the election or primary. Any recanvass (discrepancy, close vote or tie vote) must be **held** no later than the **fifth business day** after the election or primary.

Close Vote Recanvass

After any election or primary, a recanvass shall be conducted when the vote margin between a winning candidate (in an election) or nominated candidate (in a primary) and the defeated candidate with the next highest number of votes is either (1) less than one-half of one percent of the total votes cast for the office, but not more than 2,000 votes (or, in the case of a primary, not more than 1,000 votes), or (2) less than 20 votes.

A recanvass is not required if the defeated candidate or defeated candidates, files a written statement waiving the right to a recanvass. For offices with multiple openings, "total votes cast for the office" means the total number of electors checked as having voted in the state, district, municipality, or political subdivision. Waiver filing requirements: For municipal offices, town committees, or delegates: the waiver must be filed with the municipal clerk. For state or district offices, the waiver must be filed with the Secretary of the State. For primaries: the waiver must be filed within one day after the primary. (§§ 9-311a of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 § 93, as amended by PA 26-42 § 36, 9-445)

Tie Vote Recanvass

After any election, if there is a **tie vote** for any office, a recanvass of the returns for that office shall be conducted, unless all but one of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes dies, withdraws their name, or becomes disqualified from holding office. The recanvass shall be conducted in the same manner as provided by § 9-311 the recanvass in the event of discrepancy. (§ 9-311b, as amended by PA 26-42 § 37)

After a **primary** for a state or district office, if two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the Secretary of the State will give notice for a recanvass under §9-445. If the recanvass results in a tie, the tie shall be resolved by an adjourned primary. (§9-446) If a primary for municipal office or town committee results in a tie, the municipal clerk shall give notice for a recanvass under §9-445.-If the recanvass results in a tie, the tie will be resolved by an adjourned primary. (§9-446)

Close Question Recanvass Procedures

After any election or referendum where the difference between the "Yes" and "No" votes on a question is less than one-half of one per cent of the total votes cast on the question, but not more than 2,000 votes, the moderator must order a recanvass. For questions voted on by a regional district, a recanvass is required only if the difference between the "Yes" and "No" votes for the whole regional district comes within this margin. The recanvass procedure should follow, as closely as is practicable, the same procedures used for a discrepancy, close vote or tie vote recanvass. (§ 9-370a)

Procedures

The procedures for conducting a recanvass after an election or primary for any office are set forth in §9-311. (§9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a).

Notice requirements vary depending on the office subject to the recanvass. However, impoundment procedures, return forms, recanvass procedures, and the preparation of recanvass returns apply to all recanvasses.

This manual outlines the procedures to be followed when conducting a recanvass. It also includes suggested forms for use in connection with recanvasses of elections and primaries, as well as the text of all relevant statutes.

II. Notice Of Recanvass

Discrepancy Recanvass

For Elections and Primaries for all offices:

The moderator, within **three days** after the election or primary, determines whether a discrepancy exists in the returns of any voting district. If a discrepancy is found, the moderator shall summon recanvass officials and notify town chairs. In the case of a state election, no later than 24 hours after a determination is made regarding the need for a recanvass the moderator shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of the State. The content of the notice is provided later in this manual. (§9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a)

Close Vote or Tie Vote Recanvass

For Election or Primaries for State or District Office:

The Secretary of the State notifies the municipal clerks in the state or district, as applicable, of the state and/or district offices which qualify for an automatic recanvass. The Secretary of the State must also notify each candidate for any such qualifying state or district office. The municipal clerk notifies the moderator of the recanvass. The moderator summons the recanvass officials and notifies the town chair as provided below.

For Elections or Primaries for Municipal Office or Election of Members of a Town Committee:

Municipal Clerk promptly notifies the moderator of the recanvass. The moderator summons the recanvass officials and notifies town chair as provided below. The moderator must provide notice in writing to each candidate for a municipal office that qualifies for automatic recanvass of the place and time of the recanvass. (§9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a)

Multiple-Opening Office:

When a recanvass of the returns for a multiple-opening office is conducted, the returns for all candidates for all openings for the office must be recanvassed. (§§9-311a of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 § 93, as amended by 26-42 § 36, 9-311b as amended by PA 26-42 § 37, 9-445, 9-446)

III. Notice To Recanvass Officials

For elections and primaries for all offices:

Recanvass Officials

Recanvass officials are: the moderator, the registrars of voters (or the registrar of voters, in a primary); at least two official checkers of opposing political parties (or opposing sides, in a primary); at least two absentee ballot counters of opposing political parties who served at such election (or opposing sides in a primary); the municipal clerk; two ballot clerks; and such other officials as may be required to conduct such recanvass. (Conn. Agency Regs., § 9-242a-28, §9-

311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a).

Substitutes

If any such recanvass officials are unavailable at the time of recanvass, the registrar of voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass official unable to attend shall designate another elector who has previous training and experience in the conduct of elections to serve as a recanvass official. The municipal clerk can be replaced by their assistant or their designee.

Delivery Of Notice

The moderator must summon the recanvass officials by written notice delivered personally.

Contents Of Notice

The Municipal Clerk or the Registrars of Voters, depending on who has the materials, must bring:

1. The sealed tabulator or tabulators;
2. Sufficient ballot boxes;
3. New memory cards for each voting district;
4. Test ballots;
5. The memory stick, sealed in an anti-static pouch (or sealed in the tabulator)
6. The sealed ballot transfer cases for each voting district which contain:
 - A. All tabulator counted ballots,
 - B. The sealed depository envelopes containing
 - I. The hand-counted absentee ballots
 - II. Notes, worksheets, and other written materials used in the absentee counting procedures
 - III. The Moderator's Record of Absentee Ballot Count for Candidates
 - C. The sealed depository envelopes containing:
 - I. The counted ballots from the auxiliary bin;
 - II. Notes, worksheets, and other written materials used in the counting the ballots from the auxiliary bin (if any);
 - D. Notes worksheets, and other written materials used in counting ballots from the write-in printout;
7. The sealed depository envelopes containing rejected absentee ballots and discarded return envelopes;
8. The absentee ballot applications and same day registration applications/envelopes;
9. The list of absentee ballot applicants as provided in §9-140 of the 2026 supplement, as amended by PA 26-42 § 4;
10. The registry list;
11. The early voting affirmation logbook;
12. The Moderator's Returns, including the central absentee counting moderator's return, if applicable;
13. Replacement seals;

14. Challenges ballots, provisional ballots, presidential ballots, and all other materials.

The Recanvass Officials must meet at a specified time no later than five business after the election or primary to recanvass the returns of each tabulator, all absentee ballots, and all write in ballots used in the municipality in the election or primary. (§9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a)

The moderator must determine the place, which may include the office of the Secretary of the State, where the recanvass shall be conducted. If the recanvass is held before the tabulators are boxed and collected as required by § 9-266, then the moderator may conduct the recanvass where the tabulators are located. Alternatively, the moderator may have the tabulators moved to one central place to conduct the recanvass.

Note: Typically, the same tabulator is used during the recanvass as used in the election or primary. However, a recanvass may be conducted with either a different or high-speed tabulator whenever such recanvass is conducted at the office of the Secretary of the State. Alternatively, if a recanvass is conducted in the municipality in which the election was held, the moderator may request to use a different or high-speed tabulator and the Secretary may agree.

Notice To Town Chair

The moderator must give written notice to the chair of the town committee of each political party which nominated candidates for the election, or to the chair of the town committee of the party holding the primary. The notice must state the time and place at which the recanvass will be conducted. Each chair may send party representatives to be present at the recanvass. The party representatives may observe the recanvass, but must not participate in the recanvass. No one other than a recanvass official may take part in the recanvass.

If a party representative notices any irregularity in the recanvass procedure, the party representative is permitted to present evidence of the irregularity at any contest related to the election or primary. Any party representative present shall have a right to view each ballot as it is being recanvassed by the recanvass officials, so as to be able to discern the markings on such ballot.

Each political party or if there is more than one candidate from each party, each candidate, may appoint one representative to communicate directly with the moderator during the recanvass.

Notice To Candidates

In the case of a close vote or tie vote recanvass for municipal office or for the election of members of a town committee, the moderator shall provide written notice of the time and place of the recanvass to each candidate. (§§9-311a of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 § 93, as amended by 26-42 § 36, 9-311b as amended by PA 26-42 § 37, 9-445, 9-446). The Secretary of the State must notify each candidate for any state or district office which qualifies for an automatic recanvass due to a close vote. (§9-311a of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 § 93, as amended by 26-42 § 36)

Notice To Public

The registrars of voters should ensure that the location of the recanvass is identified with sufficient signage so that members of the public can easily locate the building and/or room where the recanvass is being conducted. Additionally, posting notice on the town's website is recommended.

IV. Impoundment Of Ballots, Memory Sticks, Tabulators and Written Materials

Immediately after determining that a discrepancy recanvass or a close or tie vote recanvass will be held for an election or primary, certain materials shall be impounded. The municipal clerk must impound the official registry list and the moderator's returns. The registrars of voters must impound: Sealed ballot transfer cases containing the ballots; The tabulators; The memory sticks sealed in an anti-static pouch (or sealed in the tabulator); Write-in materials; Absentee ballot materials; and all notes, worksheets and other written materials used in the election or primary subject to recanvass. (§9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a)

Impoundment Procedures

1. The Following Documents, Written Materials, Memory Sticks and Tabulators Must Be Secured:
 - i. The tabulators,
 - ii The memory sticks for all voting districts sealed in anti-static pouch(s) or sealed in the tabulators.
 - iii. The sealed ballot transfer cases for each voting district, which contain:
 - All tabulator counted ballots;
 - Sealed depository envelopes containing the hand-counted absentee ballots;
 - Notes, worksheets and other written materials used in the absentee ballot counting procedures, including the Moderator's Record of Absentee Ballot Count for Candidates;
 - Sealed depository envelopes containing ballots counted from the auxiliary bin, notes, worksheets and other written materials (if applicable);
 - Notes, worksheets and other written materials used in counting the ballots from the write-in printout;
 - Sealed depository envelopes containing the counted ballots from the early voting periods, notes, worksheets and other written materials used in counting those ballots.
 - iv. The sealed depository envelopes containing rejected absentee ballots, discarded envelopes, same day registration envelopes, and any impounded documents not already placed in a sealed and locked ballot transfer case

must be securely sealed. These transfer cases, tabulators, and memory sticks sealed in a static free pouch/container (or in sealed tabulators) must be stored in a secure location by the registrars of voters. These transfer cases and tabulators may not be removed from the secure location until the time of the recanvass.

2. Moderator's Returns and Check Lists Available for Public Inspection.

The moderator's returns and registry lists used at the polling places and, if applicable, at a central absentee ballot counting location, must be available for public inspection. The municipal clerk must secure these materials in a locked file cabinet or drawer accessible only to the municipal clerk. The municipal clerk must maintain a log of all public inspections, noting the document viewed, as well as the date, time and name of each person inspecting such documents. All public inspections must be conducted in full view of the municipal clerk or their assistant.

V. Procedure For Recanvass

Recanvass Of Tabulator Counted Ballots, Hand Counted Ballots, And Write-Ins

A. General Procedures and Recount of Tabulator Counted Ballots

The Head Moderator (or Moderator in a town with a single voting district) is in charge of the recanvass. The recanvass officials are the moderator, the registrars of voters (or the registrar of voters, in a primary); at least two official checkers of opposing political parties (or opposing sides, in a primary); at least two absentee ballot counters of opposing political parties who served at such election (or opposing sides in a primary); and two ballot clerks. (Conn. Agency Regs., § 9-242a-28, §9-311 of the 2026 supplement as amended by PA 26-1 §§ 91, 92, as amended by PA 26-42 § 35, 9-381a)

(a) The registrars of voters must provide tally sheets and moderator's returns, including, in towns where absentee ballots were counted at a central location, the special central counting tally sheets and the central counting moderator's return. The same forms for tally sheets and moderator's returns used at the original canvass, adjusted as necessary, must be used for the recanvass.

(b) All recanvass procedures shall be open to public observation; however, no member of the public can actively participate or interfere with the conduct of the recanvass.

(c) The recanvass officials shall, in the presence of the moderator make a record of the number on the seals on the tabulator and ballot transfer case and indicate whether they are unbroken.

(d) The recanvass officials shall break the seal on the tabulator, remove the memory stick (if it was stored in the tabulator) and place it in a storage container approved by the Secretary of the State. Seal the storage container and record the seal number on the recanvass return. **Note:** this process need only be performed if a back-up tabulator, requested high speed, or different tabulator with a fully tested and unused memory stick is not available for use.

(e) The new memory stick shall be installed in the tabulator, the tabulator shall be installed on an empty ballot box, the pre-election testing procedures should be followed to prepare the new tabulator for use and a record shall be made. The test ballots shall be removed and packaged.

(f) After the tabulator is properly tested and those present agree that the tabulator is properly set, the tabulator shall be set in election mode. When the tabulator prints the election zero report, check that it identifies the town or voting district and the office and candidates being recanvassed. The report shall be signed by the moderator and registrars and left attached to the tape in the tabulator.

(g) Fill out a Certificate of Pre-Election Testing. (See the Moderator's Handbook as a guide, but a second 000 tape is not required at a recount.) **Note:** If a fully tested back-up tabulator with an unused memory stick is available for use, the moderator should provide the certificate of pre-election testing for the tabulator for full public inspection to ensure all individuals present are confident that such tabulator had been fully tested and that all tabulator seals remain intact and the numbers on those seals match the numbers recorded on the pre-election testing report.

(h) Ballot Transfer Case - The recanvass officials shall break the seal of the ballot transfer case and begin the recount required by law for that voting district.

(i) Hand Counted - Two recanvass officials of opposing political parties shall open the depository envelopes containing the absentee ballots which were hand counted on election day, hand count the votes for the offices and questions subject to recanvass, record them on the tally sheets and reseal them in labeled depository envelopes. Repeat for SDR.

(j) Write-Ins - Two recanvass officials of opposing political parties shall examine the tabulator printouts with the copies of the write-in ballots. Look at each copy of the ballot and ascertain the written name in the write-in location, if any. Tabulate the votes for each write-in candidate in the office in question.

(k) Auxiliary Bin – if a tabulator was used for polling place voting, open the depository envelope containing the ballots from the **auxiliary bin**, hand count the votes for the offices and questions subject to recanvass, record them on the tally sheets and reseal them in a labeled depository envelope.

(l) Polling Place Ballots - The recanvass officials of opposing political parties shall remove all other ballots in the ballot transfer case. Any ballots marked “spoiled ballots” shall not be recanvassed. They shall examine all these ballots which were **tabulator counted on election day** to determine whether the markings for the office being recanvassed are sufficiently clear to be read by the tabulator. (See examples of properly and improperly marked ballots in this handbook as a guide) Also, if a stickered race is being recanvassed, make sure that early absentee ballots issued without the corrected name are not tabulator counted. If any such error or defect is found, the ballot should be set aside for hand counting of the races involved in the recanvass. If two recanvass officials of opposing political parties agree that such ballots are sufficiently clear to be read by the tabulator, such ballots shall be processed through the tabulator.

(m) Tabulator Results Tape - For each voting district, the recanvass officials shall print and sign two elections results tapes that are printed by the tabulator and announce the tabulator results for the offices and questions subject to recanvass. Ignore the results for offices not subject to recanvass. The original tape which remains attached to the opening 000 tape should be removed and attached to the Recanvass Moderator's Return. The other copy of the report is posted.

(n) Mismarked Ballots - All other ballots which were counted by tabulator but contain marks that either of the two election officials believes may not have been properly read by the tabulator shall be counted by hand by recanvass officials of opposing political parties. These ballots shall be recorded on the tally sheets on a "hand recount" line and sealed in a newly labeled depository envelope. IMPORTANT: Even if a voter selected "Accept Ballot" on the tabulator when casting their ballot, during a recount all mismarked ballots must be counted as marked. The tabulator's original interpretation of these ballots **shall not** be taken into account during the recount.

(o) Return & Rejected AB Envelopes - The recanvass officials must, in the presence of the moderator and town clerk, open the depository envelopes containing the discarded return envelopes and rejected absentee ballots. The recanvass officials must check all absentee ballot return envelopes against the registry list to verify postmarks, addresses, and registry list markings. Verify that the number of absentee ballot return envelopes is the same as the number of persons checked as having voted by absentee ballot.

(p) Moderator's Return and Seals - The recanvass officials shall complete the moderator's returns for each office and question subject to recanvass and announce the results. All ballots shall be sealed in depository envelopes in the same manner as on Election or Primary Night, placed in the ballot transfer case, and secured with a new seal. The Election or Primary Day memory stick shall be sealed in a secure **antistatic** memory stick container. The tabulator shall be locked, and the recanvass memory stick shall be sealed in it.

(q) After all votes for the offices subject to the recanvass have been counted and recorded on the proper tally sheets, a "Certificate of Ending Recanvass" shall be completed and signed by the moderator and at least two recanvass officials from opposing political parties. The seal numbers on the ballot transfer case, the tabulator and any additional memory stick containers must be recorded on the certificate.

B. Use Of More Than One Tabulator

In conducting the recanvass, the moderator may utilize more than one tabulator to count votes simultaneously, provided that each tabulator processes ballots from only one voting district at a time. Each tabulator shall be set up and shut down in accordance with the procedures established for use of a single tabulator, as described above. At all times, each tabulator shall be operated by at least two recanvass officials from different parties.

C. Completion Of the Recanvass

Upon completion of the recanvass, the tabulators, the sealed ballot transfer cases, and all previously impounded materials shall be immediately returned to the registrars of voters or

municipal clerk (depending on who delivered the materials to the recanvass). The tabulators, memory stick storage container(s), and all other materials shall then be sealed and secured for 14 days after the election or primary, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Secretary of the State, or the State Elections Enforcement Commission. The seals shall be recorded on the Moderator's Return.

The absentee ballots, including the return envelope, absentee ballot counters' notes, and, in an election, write-in printouts, shall be resealed by the moderator in the presence of the recanvass officials in depository envelopes.

Upon the completion of the recanvass, the moderator and at least two recanvass officials representing different political parties (in an election) or different candidates (in a primary) shall prepare and sign the moderator's return forms. These forms must include a written statement of the recanvass results for each tabulator and each package of absentee ballots, indicating whether the original canvass was correctly conducted and, in the case of a discrepancy recanvass, whether any discrepancy remains unaccounted for. Appended to the return forms shall be a statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and place of the recanvass, as well as the name, addresses, titles and party affiliations (in an election) of the recanvass officials.

The tally sheets and moderator's returns (with election or primary results reports attached) shall be filed by the moderator in the office of the municipal clerk. If the recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was not correctly conducted, the return forms filed with the town clerk shall constitute a corrected return.

The moderator shall return the keys, the tabulator, and the ballot transfer case to the registrar of voters. The moderator shall return the polling place's Moderator's Return with attached election results and other election materials to the municipal clerk. The moderator shall return the polling place's Moderator's Return with attached election results and other election materials to the municipal clerk.

D. Moderator's Return to Secretary of The State

Upon completion of the recanvass, two original recanvass returns shall be made both on a form prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State. The moderator shall file one copy with the Secretary of the State and one copy with the municipal clerk no later than ten days after the election or primary. Such recanvass return shall be substituted for the original return and shall have the same force and effect as an original return.

If a Federal Office is on the ballot, the Head Moderator must include information regarding provisional ballots on the recanvass return. As part of the return, the Head Moderator shall provide the number of provisional ballots received, counted, and rejected as reported by the registrar of voters. This information can be obtained from the report filed by the registrar of voters with the municipal clerk.

In addition, the Head Moderator shall provide: 1) the offices involved, 2) indicate (in the column provided) if any recount was conducted for such office, 3) the candidates involved, 4) party, 5) the

total number of provisional ballot votes cast for each candidate, and 6) the total number of votes for each candidate including the number of votes cast by provisional ballot, write-in and any changes to the total votes of such candidate as a result of any recount conducted.

Important: It is important to remember that even if no recount was conducted, the Head Moderator must still file a corrected return with the Municipal Clerk and Secretary of the State indicating the results of any provisional ballots cast at the election or primary.

VI. Other Important Information

All recanvass procedures shall be open to public observation; however, no member of the public can actively participate or interfere with the conduct of the recanvass. The Moderator should make it clear that individuals and candidate representatives are not to interfere, participate, or communicate with the recanvass officials. The moderator must maintain order during the recanvass. If a person refuses to submit to the lawful authority of the moderator, such person may be removed by the recanvass officials until such person can conform to order or until the recanvass is complete.

Each candidate (or slate of candidates in a town committee primary) subject to the recanvass is permitted to have representatives present. Candidates and their representatives are allowed to observe the conduct of the recanvass and to make notes regarding their observations. The candidates and their representatives should not be allowed to be so close to the recanvass officials as to disrupt their activities. The Moderator shall have the sole discretion to define the distance between the candidates and their representatives and the recanvass officials and shall have the ability to move or remove any such individual who fails to comply with such instructions.

If, during the recanvass, recanvass officials agree that there are certain ballots that may not be read by the tabulator or there are ballots that are being hand counted where voter intent is in question, the Moderator shall make the final decision regarding the intention of the voter. During this process, candidates, their representatives, and members of the general public shall not interfere or otherwise attempt to intimidate the Moderator. We have provided some of the more common forms of mismarked ballots in this manual along with the decisions made by the Connecticut Supreme Court regarding those markings in an attempt to assist the Moderator with their decisions.

Important: Even if a voter selected “Accept Ballot” on the tabulator when casting their ballot, during a recount all mismarked ballots must be counted as marked. The tabulator’s original interpretation of these ballots **shall not** be taken into account during the recount.

Forms Appendix

Form I (Rev. 8/26)
Primary

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Suggested Form

Letter to Moderator from Municipal Clerk informing them of
Recanvass on Close Vote (§9-445) or Tie Vote (§9-446)

Dear _____:

This is to officially inform you that a recanvass will be conducted for the
office of _____ from the _____ primary.
(date of primary)

The recanvass is being held pursuant to: ☐ §9-445, recanvass on close vote
☐ §9-446, recanvass on tie vote.

The recanvass will review the tabulator vote, absentee vote, early voting vote and
same day registration vote for this office, and no others.

You are responsible for setting the time and place of the recanvass, which must be held
no later than the fifth business day after the primary.

Sincerely,

Municipal Clerk

(ED-631a - Municipal Clerk to Moderator, Primary)

Form II (Rev. 8/26)

Primary

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Suggested Form

Summons

To: (Names of recanvass officials)

By authority of the State of Connecticut, vested in me by virtue of §§9-311 and 9-445 of
the Connecticut General Statutes, you are hereby summoned to meet at

_____ on the ____ day of _____,
(address)

at _____ to recanvass the returns of the tabulator, and absentee, early

voting and same day registration ballots used in the _____ voting districts in the Primary for the
office of _____. (number)

in the Town/City/Borough of _____, held on _____
(date of primary)

and thence to the several voting districts of this Municipality where tabulators in

use _____ are stored.
(date of primary)

Dated at _____, Connecticut, this ____ day of _____.

To any individual to deliver personally.

Moderator/Head Moderator

(ED-631b - Summons)

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Suggested Form

Notice of Recanvass in Case of Discrepancy (§§9-311, 9-381a)

Town _____

Date _____

To: (Town chair of Party Holding the Primary)
(Secretary of the State) *

Notice is hereby given pursuant to §9-311 and §9-381a of the Connecticut General

Statutes that on _____, the ____ day of _____, at

_____, a recanvass of the returns of the tabulators, and absentee, early voting
(time)

and same day registration ballots, used in the

_____ voting districts in the Primary for the office of _____

in the Town/City/Borough of _____ held on _____
(date of primary)

will be conducted at _____, _____.
(place) (address)

Moderator/Head Moderator

*Only in the case of a primary for any office on the ballot at a state election.
(ED-631 - Notice of Recanvass, Discrepancy, Primary)

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Suggested Form

Notice of Recanvass on Close Vote (§9-445) or Tie Vote (§9-446)

Town _____

Date _____

To: (Town chair of Party Holding the Primary)
(Candidate)*

Notice is hereby given to you pursuant to §9-311 and ☐ §9-445 or ☐ §9-446 of the

Connecticut General Statutes, that on _____, the _____ day of

_____, at _____, a recanvass of the returns of the tabulator, and absentee,
(time)

early voting and same day registration ballots used in the _____ voting districts in the

(Town/State) Primary for the office of _____ in the Town/City/Borough

of _____ on _____, will be held in
(date of primary)

(address)

Moderator/Head Moderator

*In the case of a recanvass of a primary for municipal office.
(ED-631c - Notice of Recanvass, Close Vote, Primary)

Primary

Suggested Form
Return of Delivery of Notice

To: _____, Moderator/Head Moderator

_____, Connecticut _____
(Date)

The undersigned hereby certifies that a Summons relative to the Recanvass was delivered personally by me to the following:

Name

Address

Official Checker

Official Checker (at least 2 of different factions in primary day)

Absentee Counter

Absentee Counter (at least 2 of different factions in primary day)

Ballot Clerk (at least 2 of different factions who served)

Ballot Clerk

Registrars of Voters

Municipal Clerk

And a Notice of Recanvass was delivered personally by me to the following:

*Secretary of the State

Address

Town chair of Party Holding the Primary

Address

**Candidate

Address

**Candidate

Address

**Candidate

Address

By placing a copy in the hands of each of the foregoing persons, or by leaving a copy of the foregoing at the place of abode of the foregoing persons.

Name

* In the case of a primary for any office on the ballot at the state election. Such Notice to the Secretary of the State may be delivered personally, emailed or by mail.

** In the case of a close vote or tie vote recanvass of a primary for municipal office.

(ED-631d - Return of Service, Primary)

Primary

Primary Recanvass / Provisional Ballot Return Form

TO: Secretary of the State

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Attention: Election Services Division

Town _____

City of _____

Borough _____

Date of Recanvass / Provisional Ballot Count: _____

Number of Provisional Ballots: Received _____ **Counted** _____ **Rejected** _____

I certify that on the date above, a recanvass/provisional ballot count was made of the votes cast at the

_____ ☐ Republican ☐ Democratic **Primary**

(date of primary)

for the office(s) specified below, and that at said recanvass/provisional ballot count the following candidates received the number of votes indicated:

Office(S)	C a n d i d a t e s	Original Vote Total	Total Provisional Ballot Vote	Vote Total After Recount (Including Provisional Ballots)

A copy of this return has been filed with the clerk of the town.

The original canvass ☐ was ☐ was not correctly made.

Signature of Recanvass Moderator

(ED-653a/PR - Recanvass Return Form)

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Suggested Form

Letter to Moderator from Municipal Clerk informing them of
Recanvass on Close Vote (§9-311a) or Tie Vote (§9-311b)

Dear _____:

This is to officially inform you that there will be a recanvass of the vote for the office of

_____ that was contested at the _____ election;
(date of election)

said recanvass to occur pursuant to ☐ §9-311a, recanvass on close vote
☐ §9-311b, recanvass on tie vote.

The recanvass will review the tabulator vote, absentee vote and write-in ballots for this office, and no others.

You must set the time and place of the recanvass, but it must be held not later than the fifth business day after the election.

Sincerely,

Municipal Clerk

(ED-631e - Municipal Clerk to Moderator, Election)

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT 06106

Suggested Form

Summons

To: (Names of recanvass officials)

By authority of the State of Connecticut, vested in me by virtue of §§9-311 and 9-311a of the Connecticut General Statutes, you are hereby summoned to meet at

_____ on the ____ day of _____,
(address)

at _____ to recanvass the returns of the tabulators, and absentee, early
(time)

voting and same day registration ballots, and write-in ballots used in the _____ voting districts in the Election for the office of _____ in the Town of _____

on _____, and thence to the several voting
(date of election)

districts of this Town/City/Borough where tabulators in use _____ are
(date of election)

stored.

Dated at _____, Connecticut, this ____ day of _____, _____.

To any individual to deliver personally.

Moderator/Head Moderator

(ED-631f - Summons, Election)

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT 06106

SUGGESTED FORM

Notice of Recanvass in Case of Discrepancy (§9-311)

Town _____

Date _____

To: (Town chair (R))
(Town chair (D))
(Town chair (Other))
(Secretary of the State)*

Notice is hereby given to you pursuant to §9-311 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that on

_____, the ____ day of _____, _____, at _____, a recanvass
(time)

of the returns of the tabulators and/or absentee, early voting and same day registration

ballots and/or write-in ballots used in the _____ voting districts in the Election for the
(number)

office of _____ in the Town/City/Borough of _____,

on _____, will be held in
(date of election)

(place) (address)

Moderator/Head Moderator

*Only in the case of any office at a state election
(ED-631g - Notice of Recanvass, Discrepancy, Election)

From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT 06106

Suggested Form

Notice of Recanvass on Close Vote (§9-311a) or Tie Vote (§9-311b)

Town _____

Date _____

To: (Town chair (R))
(Town chair (D))
(Town chair(Other))
(Candidate*)

Notice is hereby given to you pursuant to §9-311a/ §9-311b of the Connecticut General Statutes,

that on _____, the ____ day of _____, _____, at _____,
(time)

a recanvass of the returns of the tabulators, and absentee, early voting, same day registration ballots,
and write-in ballots used in the

_____ voting districts in the Election for the office of _____ in
(number)

the Town/City/Borough of _____ on _____, will be held in
(date of election)

_____, _____.
(place) (address)

Moderator/Head Moderator

*In the case of a recanvass of a municipal office.
(ED-631h - Notice of Recanvass, Close Vote, Election)

Form IV (Rev. 8/26)
Election

Suggested Form
Return Of Service

To: _____, Moderator/Head Moderator
(Name)

_____, Connecticut _____
(Date)

The undersigned hereby certifies that a Summons relative to the Recanvass was delivered personally by me to the following:

Name

Address

Official Checker

Official Checker (at least 2 of different parties in an election)

Absentee Counter

Absentee Counter (at least 2 of different parties in an election)

Ballot Clerk (at least 2 different parties in an election)

Ballot Clerk

Registrars of Voters

Registrars of Voters

Municipal Clerk

And a Notice of Recanvass was delivered personally by me to the following:

*Secretary of the State

Address

Town chair(R)

Address

Town chair(D)

Address

Town chair(Other)

Address

**Candidate

Address

**Candidate

Address

**Candidate

Address

By placing a copy in the hands of each of the foregoing persons, or by leaving a true copy of the foregoing at the place of abode of the foregoing persons.

Name

* In the case of a state election. Such notice to the Secretary of the State may be delivered personally or by mail.

** In the case of a close vote or tie vote recanvass of a municipal office

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(ED-631i - Return of Service, Election)

Form V (Rev. 8/26)

Election

Election Recanvass / Provisional Ballot Return Form

TO: Secretary of the State

165 Capitol Avenue

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Attention: Election Services Division

Town}

City of} _____

Borough}

Date of Recanvass: _____

Number of Provisional Ballots: Received _____ **Counted** _____
Rejected _____

I certify that on the date above, a recanvass/provisional ballot count was made of the votes cast at the _____ election for the office(s) specified below, and that at said recanvass/ provisional ballot count the following candidates received the number of votes indicated:

Offices(S) (Including District)	C a n d i d a t e s	Party	Vote Totals Before Recount	Total Provisional Ballot Vote	Total Votes After Recount (Including Provisional Ballots and Write-in votes for Candidates Listed)

A copy of this return has been filed with the clerk of the town.

The original canvass ☐ **was** ☐ **was not** **correctly made.**

Signature of Recanvass Moderator

(ED-653a - Recanvass Return Form)

General Statutes

Sec. 9-310. Sealing of tabulator by moderator. As soon as the count is completed and the moderator's return required under the provisions of section [9-259](#) has been executed, the moderator shall place the sealed tabulator in the tabulator bag, and so seal the bag, and the tabulator shall remain so sealed against voting or being tampered with for a period of fourteen days, except as provided in section [9-309](#) or [9-311](#) or pursuant to an order issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission. If it is determined that a recanvass is required pursuant to section [9-311](#) or [9-311a](#), immediately upon such determination the tabulators, write-in ballots, absentee ballots, moderators' returns and all other notes, worksheets or written materials used at the election shall be impounded at the direction of the Secretary of the State. Such package shall be preserved for one hundred eighty days after such election and may be opened and its contents examined in accordance with section [9-311](#) or upon an order of a court of competent jurisdiction. At the end of one hundred eighty days, unless otherwise ordered by the court, such package and its contents may be destroyed. Except as provided in section [9-309](#) for moderators temporarily interrupting a canvass, any person who unlocks the voting or operating mechanism of the tabulator or the counting compartment after it has been locked as above directed or breaks or destroys or tampers with the seal after it has been affixed as above directed or changes the indication of the counters on any voting tabulator within fourteen days after the election or within any longer period during which the tabulator is kept locked as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the State Elections Enforcement Commission in any special case, except as provided in section [9-311](#), shall be imprisoned for not more than five years. Any tabulator may be released in less than fourteen days, for use in another election, by order of a court, if there is no disagreement as to the returns from such machine and no order directing impoundment has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

Section 9-311 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by sections 91 and 92 of public act 26-1, as amended by section 35 of public act 26-42.. Recanvass in case of discrepancy. Authority of moderator to prevent or suppress disorder. (a) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the moderator that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by written notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of at least two checkers of different political parties and at least two absentee ballot counters of different political parties who served at such election, and the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the election was held and such other officials as may be required to conduct such recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars of voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository envelopes required by section 9-150a, as amended by public act 26-1, the package of write-in ballots provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of absentee ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns and shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not later than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the returns of each voting tabulator, except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, and all absentee ballots and write-in ballots used in the municipality in such election. If any of such recanvass officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the registrar of voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass official unable to attend shall designate another elector having previous training and experience in the conduct of elections to take such

recanvass official's place. Before such recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in writing, to the chairperson of the town committee of each political party which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such chairperson may send party representatives to be present at such recanvass. Such party representatives may observe, but no one other than a recanvass official may take part in the recanvass. If a party representative notes any irregularity in the recanvass procedure, such party representative shall be permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest relating to the election.

(b) The moderator shall determine the place or places, which may include the office of the Secretary of the State, where the recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-266, the moderator may require that such recanvass of such tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located, or the moderator may require that such tabulators be removed to one central place where such recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open to public observation, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of the number on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided, on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials, in the presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then open the package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials shall check all return envelopes for absentee ballots against the registry list to verify postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to determine whether the number of envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed is the same as the number of persons checked as having voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed at this time. Any party representative present shall have a right to view each ballot as it is being recanvassed by the recanvass officials, so as to be able to discern the markings on such ballot. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

(c) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner prescribed in section 9-309 on return forms provided by the registrars of voters and appended thereto shall be a statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and place of the recanvass and the names, addresses, titles and party affiliations of the recanvass officials. The write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly secured sealed package. Upon the completion of such recanvass, any tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked and sealed, the keys thereof shall immediately be returned to such registrars of voters and such tabulator shall remain so locked until the expiration of fourteen days after such election or for such longer period as is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their wrappers and be resealed by the moderator in the presence of the recanvass officials. Upon the completion of such recanvass, such moderator and at least two of the recanvass officials of different political

parties shall forthwith prepare and sign such return forms which shall contain a written statement giving the result of such recanvass for each tabulator and each package of absentee ballots whose returns were so recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the original canvass was correctly made and stating whether or not the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for. Such return forms containing such statement shall forthwith be filed by the moderator in the office of such clerk. If such recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was not correctly made, such return forms containing such statement so filed with the clerk shall constitute a corrected return. In the case of a state election, a recanvass return shall be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one copy with the Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk not later than ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be substituted for the original return and shall have the same force and effect as an original return.

(d) (1) The moderator may, when any disorder arises that interferes with the conduct of a recanvass, including any attempt by a person other than a recanvass official to take part in such recanvass or by such a person to communicate with a recanvass official, and the offender refuses to submit to the moderator's lawful authority, order that the offender be removed by the recanvass officials from such recanvass until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until such recanvass is completed.

(2) Each political party or, in the case of an office subject to recanvass for which there is more than one candidate from a political party, each candidate may appoint one representative to communicate directly with the moderator during a recanvass.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section, a recanvass under this section may be conducted with, instead of the voting tabulator or voting tabulators used at the election, either a different voting tabulator or a high-speed voting tabulator whenever (A) such recanvass is conducted at the office of the Secretary of the State, or (B) such recanvass is conducted in the municipality in which such election was held and both (i) the moderator requests to borrow from the Secretary of the State either a different voting tabulator or a high-speed voting tabulator for such purpose, and (ii) the Secretary agrees to such request.

(2) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(f) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts, the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was moderator.

Section 9-311a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 93 of

public act 26-1, as amended by public act 26-42 section 36 (a) For purposes of this section, state, district and municipal offices shall be as defined in section 9-372 except that the office of presidential elector shall be deemed a state office. Forthwith after a regular or special election for municipal office, or forthwith upon tabulation of the vote for state and district offices by the Secretary of the State, when at any such election the plurality of an elected candidate for an office over the vote for a defeated candidate receiving the next highest number of votes was either (1) less than a vote equivalent to one-half of one per cent of the total number of votes cast for the office but not more than two thousand votes, or (2) less than twenty votes, there shall be a recanvass of the returns of the voting tabulator or voting tabulators and absentee ballots used in such election for such office unless such defeated candidate or defeated candidates, as the case may be, for such office file a written statement waiving this right to such canvass with the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office, or with the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office. In the case of state and district offices, the Secretary of the State upon tabulation of the votes for such offices shall notify the town clerks in the state or district, as the case may be, of the state and district offices which qualify for an automatic recanvass and shall also notify each candidate for any such office. When a recanvass is to be held, the municipal clerk shall promptly notify the moderator, as defined in section 9-311, as amended by public act 26-1, who shall proceed forthwith to cause a recanvass of such returns of the office in question in the same manner as is provided in section 9-311, as amended by public act 26-1. In addition to the notice required under section 9-311, as amended by public act 26-1, the moderator shall, before such recanvass is conducted, give notice in writing to each candidate for a municipal office that qualifies for an automatic recanvass under this section of the time when and place, which may include the office of the Secretary of the State, where such recanvass is to be conducted. Nothing in this section shall preclude the right to judicial proceedings on behalf of a candidate under any provision of chapter 149. For the purposes of this section, "the total number of votes cast for the office" means, in the case of multiple openings for the same office, the total number of electors checked as having voted in the state, district, municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be. When a recanvass of the returns for an office for which there are multiple openings is required by the provisions of this section, the returns for all candidates for all openings for the office shall be recanvassed. If a candidate notes any irregularity in the recanvass procedure, such candidate shall be permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest relating to the election.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a recanvass under this section may be conducted with, instead of the voting tabulator or voting tabulators used at the election, either a different voting tabulator or a high-speed voting tabulator whenever (A) such recanvass is conducted at the office of the Secretary of the State, or (B) such recanvass is conducted in the municipality in which such election was held and both (i) the moderator requests to borrow from the Secretary of the State either a different voting tabulator or a high speed voting tabulator for such purpose, and (ii) the Secretary agrees to such request.

(2) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 9-311b, as amended by public act 26-42 sec. 37. (a) If the electors fail to elect a candidate

for any office by reason of an equality of votes at any election, there shall be a recanvass of the returns for such office, in the same manner as is provided in section 9 311, as amended by this act, unless, prior to the time of such recanvass, all but one of the candidates so receiving an equal number of votes dies, withdraws his name or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold such office.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a recanvass under this section may be conducted with, instead of the voting tabulator or voting tabulators used at the election, a different voting tabulator or a high-speed voting tabulator whenever (A) such recanvass is conducted at the office of the Secretary of the State, or (B) such recanvass is conducted in the municipality in which such election was held and both (i) the moderator requests to borrow from the Secretary of the State either a different voting tabulator or a high speed voting tabulator for such purpose, and (ii) the Secretary agrees to such request.

(2) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 9-311c. Secretary of the State to develop recanvass procedures instructional training video. Requirement for recanvass officials to view. The Secretary of the State shall develop an instructional training video on recanvass procedures, based on the most recent Recanvass Procedure Manual published on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the State. Whenever a recanvass is required to be conducted, the Secretary shall distribute such instructional training video to the recanvass officials and such recanvass officials shall view such instructional training video immediately before commencing such recanvass.

Sec. 9-370a. Recanvass on close question vote. In the case of an election or referendum wherein the difference between the “Yes” and “No” vote on a question was less than one-half of one per cent of the total number of votes cast for the question but not more than two thousand votes, the moderator shall proceed forthwith to cause a recanvass of such returns to be made as nearly as may be in the manner provided in section [9-311](#). In the case of a regional school district referendum where there is a tabulation of the vote as a whole, the moderators in the district shall proceed forthwith to cause such recanvass to be made upon such tabulation.

Sec. 9-445. Recanvass on close vote. Forthwith after a primary for nomination to a municipal office or for election of members of a town committee, or forthwith upon tabulation of the vote for a state or district office by the Secretary of the State when the plurality of an elected or nominated candidate over the vote for a defeated candidate receiving the next highest number of votes was either (1) less than a vote equivalent to one-half of one per cent of the total number of votes cast at the primary for the office or position but not more than one thousand votes, or (2) less than twenty votes, there shall be a recanvass of the returns of the voting tabulator or voting tabulators used in such primary for such office or position unless within one day after the primary, in the case of nomination to a municipal office or for election of members of a town committee, or prior to the time the Secretary of the State notifies the town clerk of state and district offices which qualify for an automatic recanvass, the defeated candidate or defeated candidates, as the case may be, for such office or position file a written statement waiving the

right to such recanvass with the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office or town committee, or with the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office. In the case of a state or district office, the Secretary of the State, upon tabulation of the votes for such an office, shall notify the town clerks in the state or district, as the case may be, of the state and district offices which qualify for an automatic recanvass and shall also notify each candidate for any such office. When a recanvass is to be held, the municipal clerk shall promptly notify the moderator, as defined in section [9-311](#), who shall proceed forthwith to recanvass such returns of the office in question in the same manner as is provided for a recanvass in regular elections, except that the recanvass officials shall be divided equally, as nearly as may be, among the candidates for such office. In addition to the notice required under section [9-311](#), the moderator shall, before such recanvass is made, give notice in writing of the time and place of such recanvass to each candidate for a municipal office which qualifies for an automatic recanvass under this section. For purposes of this section, “the total number of votes cast at the primary for the office or position” means, in the case of multiple openings for the same office or position, the total number of electors checked as having voted in the primary in the state, district, municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be. When a recanvass of the returns for an office for which there are multiple openings is required by the provisions of this section, the returns for all candidates for all openings for the office shall be recanvassed. Nothing in this section shall preclude the right to judicial proceedings on behalf of such defeated candidate under any provision of this chapter.

Sec. 9-446. Tie vote. (a) If two or more candidates obtain the same and the highest total number of votes at a primary held to nominate candidates for a state or district office or the municipal office of state senator or state representative, and a tie vote thereby occurs, any of such candidates, or the state chairman of the political party, may apply for a recanvass of the returns in the manner provided in section [9-445](#). If no such application is made, or if any such recanvass results in a tie vote, such primary shall stand adjourned for three weeks at the same hour at which the first primary was held. Ballots of the same form and description as described in section [9-437](#) shall be used in the primary on such adjourned day, and the primary shall be conducted in the same manner as on the first day, except that the votes shall be cast for such office only and may only be cast for a candidate who received such a tie number of votes in the primary on the first day. Ballots for the primary on such adjourned day shall be provided forthwith by the registrars of voters of each municipality wherein such primary stands adjourned, and each clerk of the municipality shall furnish the Secretary of the State with an accurate list of all candidates to be voted for at such adjourned primary. The clerk of each municipality in the state or the district, whichever is applicable, wherein such primary so stands adjourned shall, at least three days prior to the day of such adjourned primary, give notice of the day, hours, place and purpose thereof by publishing such notice in a newspaper published in such municipality or having a circulation therein. No such primary shall be held if prior to such primary all but one of the candidates for such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold such office, and, in such event, the remaining candidate shall be deemed to be lawfully voted upon as the candidate for such office. No withdrawal shall be valid until the candidate who has withdrawn has filed a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the State. When such a primary is required to be held under the provisions of this section and prior

to such primary all but one of the candidates for such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold such office, the Secretary of the State shall forthwith notify the registrars of voters of such fact, and shall forthwith direct the registrars that such primary shall not be held. In the case of a multiple-opening office only the names of those candidates whose votes are equal shall be placed on the ballot of the adjourned primary. If such second primary results in a tie vote with two or more candidates receiving the same highest total number of votes, the Secretary of the State, in the presence of not fewer than three disinterested persons, and after notification to the candidates obtaining the same number of votes and the chairperson of the state central committee of the party holding the primary of the time when and the place where such tie vote is to be dissolved, shall dissolve such tie vote by lot. The Secretary of the State shall execute a certificate attesting to the result of the dissolution of such tie vote, and the person so certified or the slate so certified as having been chosen by lot shall be deemed to have received a plurality of the votes cast and shall be deemed to have been chosen as the nominee of such party to such office.

(b) If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes at a primary held to nominate candidates for a municipal office, other than the municipal office of state senator or state representative, or to elect members of a town committee, or if two or more slates of candidates obtain the same number of votes at a primary held for justices of the peace, and a tie vote thereby occurs, any of such candidates, or the town chairman of the political party, may apply for a recanvass of the returns in the manner provided in section [9-445](#). If no such application is made, or if any such recanvass results in a tie vote, such primary shall stand adjourned for three weeks at the same hour at which the first primary was held. Ballots of the same form and description as described in section [9-437](#) shall be used in the primary on such adjourned day, and the primary shall be conducted in the same manner as on the first day, except that the votes shall be cast for such office only. Ballots for the primary on such adjourned day shall be provided forthwith by the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such primary stands adjourned, and the clerk of the municipality shall furnish the Secretary of the State with an accurate list of all candidates to be voted for at such adjourned primary. The clerk of the municipality wherein such primary so stands adjourned shall, at least three days prior to the day of such adjourned primary, give notice of the day, hours, place and purpose thereof by publishing such notice in a newspaper published in such municipality or having a circulation therein. No such primary shall be held if prior to such primary all but one of the candidates for such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold such office, and, in such event, the remaining candidate shall be deemed to be lawfully voted upon as the candidate for such office. No withdrawal shall be valid until the candidate who has withdrawn has filed a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the municipal clerk. When such a primary is required to be held under the provisions of this section and prior to such primary all but one of the candidates for such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold such office, the Secretary of the State shall forthwith notify the municipal clerk of such fact, and shall forthwith direct the clerk that such primary shall not be held. In the case of a multiple-opening office only the names of those candidates whose votes are equal shall be placed on the ballot of the adjourned primary. If such second primary results in a tie vote, the registrar, in the presence of not fewer than three disinterested persons, and after notification to the candidates obtaining the same number of votes and the chairperson of the town committee of the party

holding the primary of the time when and the place where such tie vote is to be dissolved, shall dissolve such tie vote by lot. The registrar shall execute a certificate attesting to the result of the dissolution of such tie vote, and the person so certified or the slate so certified as having been chosen by lot shall be deemed to have received a plurality of the votes cast and shall be deemed to have been chosen as the nominee of such party to such office.

Sec. 9-381a. Election procedures applicable to primaries unless otherwise provided. Except as otherwise provided by statute, the provisions of the general statutes concerning procedures relating to regular elections shall apply as nearly as may be, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, to primaries held under the provisions of this chapter.

Conn. Agency Regs., § 9-242a-28 If a recanvass is required by law in a municipality which uses marksense voting tabulators, the head moderator shall summon the recanvass officials consisting of at least two checkers, two ballot clerks and two absentee ballot counters of opposing political parties, the registrars of voters, and the municipal clerk. The registrars of voters shall be required to bring with them the sealed tabulators, the sealed ballot transfer cases, replacement seals, sufficient ballot boxes, new memory cards for each voting district, test ballots prepared in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, and the other materials required by law. The recanvass officials shall, in the presence of the moderator, make a record of the number on the seals on the tabulator and ballot transfer case. The recanvass officials shall break the seal on the tabulator, remove the memory card and place it in a storage container approved by the Secretary of the State. The new memory card shall be installed in the tabulator, the tabulator shall be installed on an empty ballot box, the test ballots shall be test voted in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State and a record shall be made. When the tabulator prints the election zero report, the report shall be signed by the moderator and registrars and left attached to the tape in the tabulator. The recanvass officials shall break the seal of the ballot transfer case and begin the recount required by law for that voting district. Two recanvass officials of opposing political parties shall (1) open the depository envelope containing the ballots from the auxiliary bin, hand count the votes for the offices and questions subject to recanvass, record them on the tally sheets and reseal them in a labeled depository envelope, (2) open the depository envelopes containing the absentee ballots which were hand counted on election day, hand count the votes for the offices and questions subject to recanvass, record them on the tally sheets and reseal them in labeled depository envelopes, and (3) open the depository envelope containing the ballots from the write-in bin, count by tabulator and by hand the votes for the offices and questions subject to recanvass in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, record them on the tally sheets and reseal them in a labeled depository envelope. The recanvass officials of opposing political parties shall examine all ballots which were tabulator counted on election day to determine whether the markings for the office being recanvassed are sufficiently clear to be read by the tabulator. If two recanvass officials of opposing political parties agree that such ballots are sufficiently clear to be read by the tabulator, such ballots shall be processed through the tabulator. For each voting district, the recanvass officials shall print and sign two elections results reports, announce the tabulator results for the offices and questions subject to recanvass, post one copy of the report and attach the other copy of the report to the moderator's return. All other ballots which were counted by tabulator on election day shall be counted by hand by recanvass officials of opposing political parties, recorded on the tally sheets and sealed in labeled

depository envelopes. The recanvass officials shall complete the moderator's returns for each office and question subject to recanvass and announce the results. All ballots shall be placed in the ballot transfer case which shall be sealed with a new seal, and the seal number recorded on the moderator's return. The memory card shall be sealed in the tabulator and the seal number recorded on the moderator's return. The memory card which has been removed from the tabulator shall be sealed in a storage container in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State and the seal number recorded on the moderator's return. The moderator shall return the keys, the tabulator, and the ballot transfer case to the registrars of voters and the polling place moderator's returns with elections results reports attached, and other election materials to the municipal clerk. The moderator shall also prepare the head moderator's return in duplicate as prescribed by law and file one with the municipal clerk and one with the Secretary of the State. The tabulator and memory card storage container shall be sealed for the period of time prescribed for sealing voting machines. The recanvass may be conducted in such other manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

2. Voter makes an invalid correction on the ballot...

OFFICE	1 FIRST SELECTMAN	2 SELECTMAN
?????????? PARTY ?	ABRAHAM LINCOLN X 1A	DWIGHT EISENHOWER 2A
REPUBLICAN	GEORGE WASHINGTON 1B	U. S. GRANT 2B
DEMOCRATIC		

In this example a vote should be counted for Abraham Lincoln.

3. Voter makes invalid and written correction on ballot...

OFFICE ?????????? PARTY ?	1 FIRST SELECTMAN	2 SELECTMAN
REPUBLICAN	ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1A NO - WRONG	DWIGHT EISENHOWER 2A
DEMOCRATIC	GEORGE WASHINGTON 1B	U. S. GRANT 2B

In this example a vote should be counted for Dwight Eisenhower.