

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 11-24-064, filed 12/6/11, effective 1/6/12)

WAC 434-262-013 Crediting voters. (1) A voter may not be credited for voting if the ballot was voted after election day, was received later than the day before certification of the election, or will otherwise not be counted.

(2) The crediting of voters in the county election management system must be completed prior to certification of the election.

(3) The reconciliation of voters credited with ballots counted shall be completed prior to certification of the election. The certification must include, but is not limited to, information indicating that the number of ballots counted equals the number of voters credited. If these numbers do not match, the county auditor must take steps to reconcile the numbers and any discrepancies. If the county auditor cannot reconcile the numbers, documentation of steps taken to reconcile and any other applicable information must be included with the official reconciliation.

(4) Changes to the list of registered voters, such as new registrations, transfers, or cancellations, may not be made following a general election until the crediting reconciliation is complete. Correction of errors is allowed.

(5) The county auditor shall make an electronic or paper copy of the list of registered voters immediately following this reconciliation. ~~((Using this data))~~ Following each general election, the county auditor shall ~~((also))~~ use this data to produce ~~((validation statistics))~~ the number of voters participating in the election for each ~~((minor))~~ taxing district in the county as required by WAC 434-262-017. Once the list is copied and the ~~((validation statistics are))~~ taxing district voter turnout report is complete, changes to the database may be made.

(6) Following certification of the election, each credited voter's history of voting must be updated in the statewide voter registration database.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-05-120, filed 2/19/08, effective 3/21/08)

WAC 434-262-017 ~~((Calculating validation figures and results for))~~ General election turnout for validation of bonds and levies. ~~((1) For bonds and levies other than school district levies, before determining a jurisdiction's validation figures,))~~ Following each general election, the county auditor must determine the number of ~~((votes cast in the jurisdiction))~~ voters participating in the ~~((last))~~ general election ~~((must be determined. For levies, the state Constitution states, "...the number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three fifths of a number equal to forty per centum of the total votes cast in such taxing district at the last preceding general election..." For example:~~

~~10,000 votes cast in the jurisdiction in the last general election x 40% = 4,000 votes x 3/5 = 2,400 votes~~

~~These numbers should be calculated based on the number of voters credited for voting in each jurisdiction, before adding, deleting, or transferring voters following the general election.~~

~~(2) When determining the results of a specific bond or levy, county auditors must not include overvotes or undervotes in the calculation. Rounding must not be used to reach the percentage of "yes" votes required for a bond or levy to pass)) for each taxing district in the county and provide this number to each district. Districts may use that number to determine the number of votes required for bond and levy passage in the next year.~~

~~The county auditor is not responsible for determining minimum turnout or yes votes required for ballot measures and shall not determine if ballot measures meet requirements for passage.~~