

Hand Count Audit Report 2016 General Election

Synopsis:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602(b), Cochise County conducted the hand count audit for the November 8, 2016 General Election with representatives appointed by both major political parties: Democratic and Republican. The Hand Count Board convened on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Election Office in Bisbee, Arizona. Five representatives from each party participated. Following the administration of the Oath and instructions, random draws were conducted to determine batches and races to be counted.

All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process started. Via a random draw, the parties drew one Vote Center batch (Vote Center 14) and two Early ballot batches (Batch #s 61 & 106). There were 18 physical Vote Centers for the 2016 Primary in Cochise County with 20 separate election boards and 20 Vote Center tabulation machines. We are required to count 2% of precincts; however, voters can vote at any Vote Center so ballots are no longer separated by precinct. Therefore we selected a single Vote Center for audit, which exceeds the requirement (2% of 20 VCs is .4). Since you cannot verify just a portion of a Vote Center's results, one complete Vote Center was chosen for audit. Also, prior to the counting of the dropped off Early ballots, at the time of the Hand Count there were 29,625 Early ballots counted. 1% of that is 296.25 ballots, rounded to 293 ballots. Most of our batches are around 200 ballots which is less than the 1% requirement, so two Early ballot batches were selected.

In accordance with A.R.S. § 16-602, the following contested races were included in the Hand Count: President, statewide race for office (Corporation Commissioner), race for federal office (US Senator), race for state legislative office (State Senator) and one statewide ballot measure (Proposition 205). Ballots cast for all candidates in each race were included in the Hand Count. [Refer to Cochise County Master List of all Contested Races (to be Included in Hand Count)]

Results of the Hand Count are summarized, by batch, below:

Vote Center 14 Batch

➤ State Corporation Commission	Absolute Difference = 0
➤ State Legislative: State Senator	Absolute Difference = 0
➤ President	Absolute Difference = 0
➤ Federal: US Senator	Absolute Difference = 0
➤ Ballot Measure: Proposition 205	Absolute Difference = 0

COCHISE COUNTY

MASTER LIST OF ALL CONTESTED RACES

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Race: President

Race: Corporation Commissioner

Race: U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative

Race: State Senator or State Representative

Race: Proposition