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To: All County Boards of Elections
Re: Biennial Adjustment of Recount Charges

SUMMARY

The recount fees announced in Advisory 2009-03 remain in effect for the next two years. The minimum per precinct *security deposit* for a requested (non-automatic) recount stays at \$55. The minimum per precinct *charge* for a requested recount stays at \$5, and the maximum per precinct *charge* for a requested recount stays at \$55 per precinct.

DETAIL

Pursuant to R.C. 3515.072, in January of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State adjusts the security deposit amount required for a recount under R.C. 3515.03 and the minimum and maximum per precinct charge for a recount under R.C. 3515.07. The Secretary of State calculates the biennial adjustments according to a formula explained in R.C. 3515.072(A), which is based on the yearly average of the previous two years of the Consumer Price Index.

Based on the Secretary of State's calculations in January 2011, Boards are hereby advised that there will be no change to the recount charges for the period beginning February 25, 2011, through February 24, 2013. The recount charges will remain as follows:

- The minimum per precinct security deposit required by R.C. 3515.03 shall remain at \$55.00 per precinct.
- The maximum per precinct charge for a recount required by R.C. 3515.07 shall remain at \$55.00 per precinct.
- The minimum per precinct charge for a recount required by R.C. 3515.07 shall remain at \$5.00 per precinct.

Pursuant to R.C. 3515.072(B), on or before February 25 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall create a report setting forth the recount charges and a summary of how the recount charges were calculated. The report, entitled *2011 Procedure and Findings for Recount Charges*, is attached to this advisory.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact one of the elections administrators.

Sincerely,


Jon Husted