

**BEFORE THE
INDIANA RECOUNT COMMISSION**

**ORDER 2026-18
ORDER SETTING RECOUNT DATES**

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECOUNT)
AND CONTEST FOR THE REPUBLICAN)
PARTY NOMINATION FOR ELECTION)
OF INDIANA STATE SENATE,)
DISTRICT 23)
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PAULA K. COPENHAVER, Petitioner)
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v.)
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SPENCER R. DEERY, Respondent)

1. The Indiana Recount Commission convened on May 26, 2026, and adopted Order 2026-8, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. Order 2026-8 employed Evan M. Norris as Recount Director and designated Evan M. Norris to exercise any of the powers of the Commission, except for the powers listed in Indiana Code 3-12-10-7(a).
3. The Recount Director, acting under Order 2026-8, hereby sets the dates, times, and locations for the Recount to occur in the following counties (all prevailing local time):
 - **June 16, 2026 (8:00a)** – Tippecanoe County – 20 N. Third Street, Lafayette, IN 47901
 - **June 17, 2026 (8:00a)** – Vermillion County – 255 S. Main Street, Newport, IN 47966
 - **June 18, 2026 (8:00a)** – Parke County – 116 W. High Street, Rockville, IN 47872
 - **June 22, 2026 (8:00a)** – Montgomery Co. – 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 - **June 23, 2026 (8:00a)** – Warren County – 14 Railroad Street, Williamsport, IN
 - **June 25, 2026 (8:00a)** – Fountain County – 301 4th Street, Covington, IN 47932
 - **June 26, 2026 (8:00a)** – Fountain County – 301 4th Street, Covington, IN 47932¹
4. The Recount Director, acting under Order 2026-8, orders on behalf of the Commission that a manual recount of all votes cast within the precincts located within Indiana State Senate District

¹ After consultation with State Board of Accounts, it may be necessary for Fountain County to occur over two (2) consecutive days.

23 be conducted in accordance with Indiana Code Title 3, and the *Guidelines for Conduct of an Election Recount and Contest*, as adopted by the Commission, at the above specified times and locations.

5. The Recount Commission has worked with the State Board of Accounts, the various County Clerks, and the Indiana State Police to achieve the above dates. The Recount Director would like to thank these offices for their upmost professionalism and courtesy during this Recount. To that end, it is strongly requested that each party accommodate this schedule. If either party objects to this schedule -or- is unavailable on any one or more of the above dates, they may file a motion with the Commission, as soon as practically possible, requesting relief from the schedule (please note opposing party's position).² Relief from this schedule may only be granted in very limited circumstances.

6. The Recount Director takes no further action regarding the requested Contest proceeding as part of this Order.

7. The Election Division shall send a certified copy of this order in accordance with Indiana Code 3-12-11-12(f) by electronic mail to the Petitioner and Respondents, unless the attorney for that party has filed an appearance for Petitioner or Respondent and by certified mail in all other cases.

SO ORDERED THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026



Evan M. Norris, Recount Director
Acting on behalf of and
Under the authority of the
Indiana Recount Commission

Copies to:

Indiana State Police
Indiana State Board of Accounts
Fountain County Election Board
Parke County Election Board
Vermillion County Election Board
Warren County Election Board
Montgomery County Election Board
Tippecanoe County Election Board
William Bock, attorney for Petitioner
Sarah Pfister, attorney for Petitioner
Ted Nolting, attorney for Petitioner
Samantha Dewester, attorney for Respondent

² Any motion in this matter will be deemed “filed” upon receipt by the Recount Director at enorris@dsvlaw.com. Please copy Deputy Recount Directors Jeff Kraft (jkraft@dsvlaw.com) and Nick Plopper (nplopper@dsvlaw.com) on each filing, as well as Nicolle Drake (ndrake@dsvlaw.com). Any motions filed with the Commission must also include the opposing party and Election Director Dustin Renner (durenner@sos.in.gov).