

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }

CERTIFICATE OF POST-ELECTION AUDIT} SS

COUNTY OF BEADLE}

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED members of the Post-Election Auditing board, do hereby certify the results of the audit for the following specified questions **Supreme Court Justice Retention and Constitutional Amendment G** for the election held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

We completed the audit on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

The following is a brief description of the proceedings of this post-election audit:

PRECINCT	TOTAL VOTES
Supreme Court Justice Retention	
YES 647   Under 157	952
NO 148	
Constitutional Amendment G	
YES 261   23	952
NO 668	

Signed by a majority of the post-election auditing board:

Krista Raskin Post-Election Auditing Board Member  
Paula Conroy Post-Election Auditing Board Member  
Kim Rawn Post-Election Auditing Board Member  
Don Williams Post-Election Auditing Board Member  
Timothy Post-Election Auditing Board Member

Attested under SEAL by the Beadle County Auditor

Jill Hanson  
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To the Honorable Board of Beadle County Commissioners:

On November 19, 2024, a Post Election Audit was conducted on the following Precincts in Beadle County from the General election that was held on November 5, 2024:

Precinct 7

The results of the Post Election Audit are as follows:

7 Precinct:

The following races were audited:

Statewide Race: **Supreme Court Justice Retention**

Official Canvas

YES	647
NO	148
Undervote	<u>157</u>
Total:	952

Post Election Audit

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2<sup>nd</sup> race: **Constitutional Amendment G**

Official Canvas

YES	261
NO	668
UNDERVOTE	<u>23</u>
TOTAL:	952

Post Election Audit

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Beadle County had their Post-Election Audit on November 19, 2024. Beadle has 9 total precincts; Post-Election Audit law states five percent of precincts must be Audited with at least a total of 100 ballots. For Beadle County that is one precinct. During the County Canvass drawing the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct drawn by a commissioner was Precinct 7 (Wolsey), and they had 952 ballots.

The post-election audit took 5 hours for 952 ballots.

The Post-Election Audit members started at 8:30 a.m. in the Beadle County Commissioner Room with the Election School, and the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a 5-member post-election audit board made up of a Democrat, Republicans and an Independent. Secretary of State Johnson and Ben Chase from the Huron Daily Plainsman. After the election school, I turned the process over to them stating that I am basically here for any clarifying questions that they may have.

The very first thing they did was verify the ballot box seals matched the seals from election night, and that after breaking the seal, there were 952 ballots in the ballot box.

The hardest part of the process seemed to be finding the right flow that worked for everyone. After several trials, the right process was discovered and things started going smoothly.

Once the ballots were all counted, and tally sheets added, Constitutional Amendment G was spot on and matched 100% with the results from election night, however, Supreme Court Justice Retention number of ballots were correct, but the votes were off by 1 between Yes and Undervote.

The board discussed how to determine where they were off, and decided to go back to the relook at the first 200 ballots, as they had narrowed down that during this timeframe, they remembered they were struggling with the process and hadn't found the correct rhythm yet. In relooking at the ballots, they were able to determine that one ballot Undervote ballot was inadvertently put into the Yes pile. This correction in the manual count resulted in a 100% match of the Post-Election Audit selected precinct and races to the Official Canvass results.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Hanson  
Beadle County Auditor