



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	State Board of Elections
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	1VAC20-80-20
<b>Regulation title</b>	Recounts and Contested Elections
<b>Action title</b>	Provide standards to assist local election officials in cases of recounts or contested elections.
<b>Final agency action date</b>	1/31/2011, effective when precleared
<b>Document preparation date</b>	2/14/2011

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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

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This regulation details standards to assist local election officials and courts in conducting recounts for contested elections.

### Statement of final agency action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

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The State Board Elections at its meeting on January 31, 2011, approved the regulation titled Recounts and Contested Elections and directed that the regulation be submitted for preclearance as required by § 5 of the Voting Rights Act before the regulation takes effect.

**Family impact**

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

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None.