

# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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## Wisconsin Elections Commission Receives \$3.5 million Payment from Stein Campaign for Presidential Election Recount

MADISON, WI – Here are the latest developments:

- The Wisconsin Elections Commission has received a bank wire transfer of \$3,499,689 from the Jill Stein presidential campaign to prepay the estimated cost of conducting a statewide recount.
- With payment received, the Commission is issuing an order for the recount to begin on Thursday. The complete schedule is here: <http://elections.wi.gov/node/4445>
- The campaign of Roque De La Fuente withdrew its recount petition today, and will not be participating financially in the cost of the recount.
- Yesterday, the Commission released an estimate of nearly \$3.5 million to the campaigns of Green Party candidate Jill Stein and independent candidate Rocky Roque De La Fuente. Unfortunately, there was an error in adding up figures from the 72 Wisconsin county clerks of their estimated recount costs, and the actual total is \$3,898,340.
- At this time, the Commission will not be requiring the Stein campaign to pay the additional amount. When counties report their actual costs, the Commission will either bill the Stein campaign for any costs over the \$3.5 million or refund the campaign any unused funds.

The Commission's role in a recount is to order the recount, to provide legal guidance to the counties during the recount, and to certify the results. If the candidates disagree with the results of the recount, the law gives them the right to appeal in circuit court within five business days after the recount is completed. The circuit court is where issues are resolved that may be discovered during the recount but are not resolved to the satisfaction of the candidates.

Wisconsin's Recount Manual and comprehensive information about past recounts, including the last statewide recount in the 2011 Wisconsin Supreme Court election, are available here: <http://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/recount>.

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The Wisconsin Elections Commission is responsible for administration and enforcement of election laws in Wisconsin. The Commission is made up of six Commissioners – four appointed directly by the State Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the Assembly and the Minority Leaders in the State Senate and Assembly. The remaining two Commissioners are by the Governor with confirmation by the State Senate from lists of former municipal and county clerks submitted by the legislative leadership in each party.