



Shelby County Election Commission

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PROVISIONAL COUNTING BOARD TO MEET TODAY

Nov. 19, 2018 (Memphis, Tenn.) This morning at 9 a.m., the Provisional Counting Board (PCB) began counting provisional ballots at the Operations Center on Nixon Drive.

The PCB meets once following every election, and is comprised of two Democrats and two Republicans, who review the ballots.

While Shelby County Election Commission staff has completed its review and research of the provisional ballots using its resources, several hundred of the ballots were referred to the Tennessee Department of Safety (TDS) for further review.

“If we are unable to locate voters’ names in our records, those names are sent to the TDS to determine whether those individuals registered to vote while applying for or renewing their driver’s licenses,” said Linda Phillips, administrator of elections for SCEC.

While the original plan was to release results of the provisional ballots on the 20th, because so many names were referred to TDHS for review, the final provisional ballot count will likely not be complete before the afternoon of Nov. 21st.

“TDS review of the names requires that the file of each name on the list be opened individually to determine if the option to register to vote option was selected,” Phillips said. “It is a time-consuming process.”

Tennessee law requires that election results be certified by the Shelby County Election Commissioners by the third Monday following an election, which in this case falls on Nov. 26.

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