Electronic Statewide Election Reporting System (eSERS) Nontana Secretary of State

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GUIDE TO ENTERING ELECTION RESULTS AND COMPLETING CANVASS REPORT OCTOBER, 2016



Included in this training

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Reporting Results



All of the planning and training c night when results are reported to the waiting candidates, public and media. Timely and accurate results reporting is critical to instill confidence in the election process in the public. Results entered by each county into eSERS on election night, are published live so that the public can see statewide and county results as they come in. The Election is not over until results have been *zz* counted/tabulated and reported – we are ALL tired on election night, but PLEASE DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT COMPLETING YOUR RESULTS REPORTING! ZZZ2:



Overview



Overview of eSERS

- eSERS stands for "Electronic Statewide Election Reporting System".
- It is the system that collects all election results from each county, and reports those results to the public. Media outlets use eSERS to track results as they come in.
- eSERS also generates the official canvass reports for the county canvass, and for the state canvass.



Overview of eSERS

- Each county manually enters their precinct level results into eSERS on election night or
- If the county uses ERM, the county uploads results from ERM into eSERS.
- The SOS has an election night results coordinator assigned to each county to assist with getting results into eSERS.
 - Contact information for the eSERS coordinator will be provided to each county.







Logging into eSERS

*Note – the login process and web address for eSERS has changed

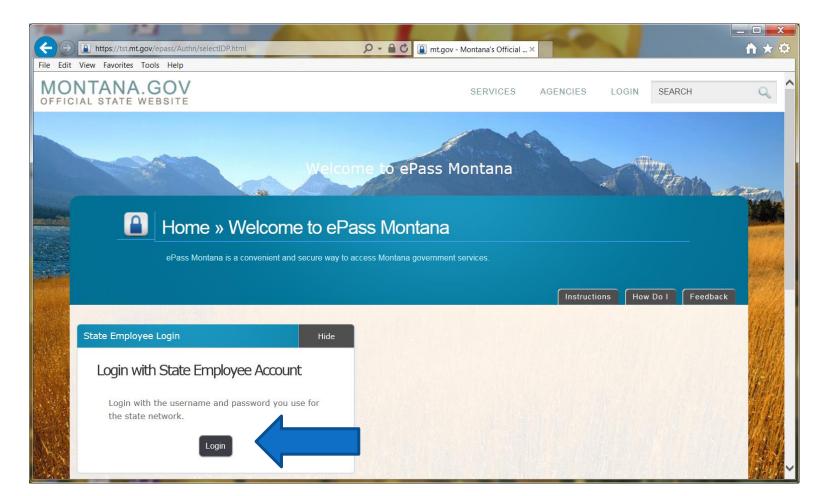
Click on the eSERS logo that is on your computer desktop <u>or</u>, type the following URL into your Internet browser: <u>mtcountyresults.gov</u>

Select "Login using ePass Montana"

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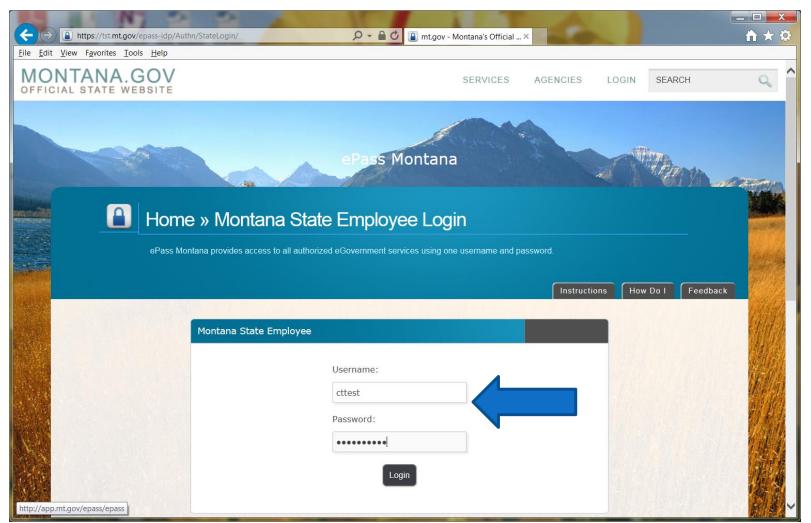


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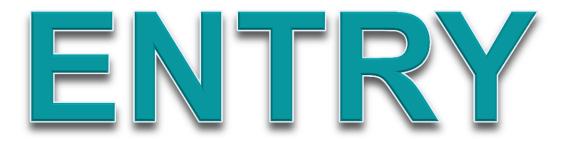


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<u>CT 15</u>		1198
<u>CT 16</u>		603
PCT 16A		197
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A list of your precincts appears at the top of the page.

Voter registration numbers for each precinct are updated on election day

Results Entry

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		MT	DEM	HILLARY CLINTON AND TIM KAINE	0	
		MT	ADP	"ROCKY" ROQUE DE LA FUENTE AND MICHAEL STEINBERG	0	
		MT	LIB	GARY JOHNSON AND BILL WELD	0	
		MT	GRN	JILL STEIN AND AJAMU BARAKA	0	
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		MT	REP	COREY STAPLETON	0	
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Select the first precinct that you receive returns for.



Results Entry

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440 registered voters.

General Election - 11/8/2016 Change



Results Entry

If you are entering absentee results first, and entering poll results later, the results from the polls must be added to the votes already entered. Example:

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	MT	LIB	GARY JOHNSON AND BILL WELD	0
	MT	GRN	JILL STEIN AND AJAMU BARAKA	0
	MT	REP	DONALD J. TRUMP AND MICHAEL R. PENCE	0
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Candidate Hillary Clinton has 100 absentee votes previously entered for this precinct. After votes at the polls are counted, she has 400 more votes. You should remove the 100 votes and enter 500 votes.



WRITE-IN RESULTS ENTRY



Enter Write-in Results

ELECTION NIGHT RETURNS ENTRY

General Election - 11/8/2016 Change

440 registered voters.

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Enter the total write-in votes from your tabulator tape/report or from your precinct returns report; go down to the bottom, and hit "submit".

Enter Write-in Results Detail

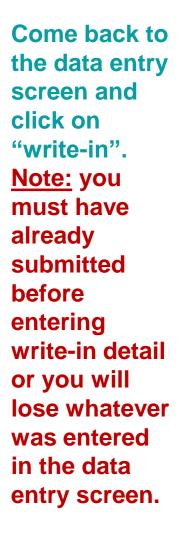
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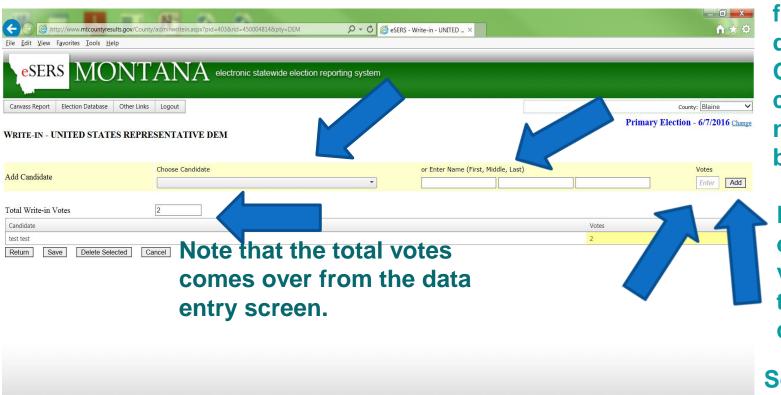
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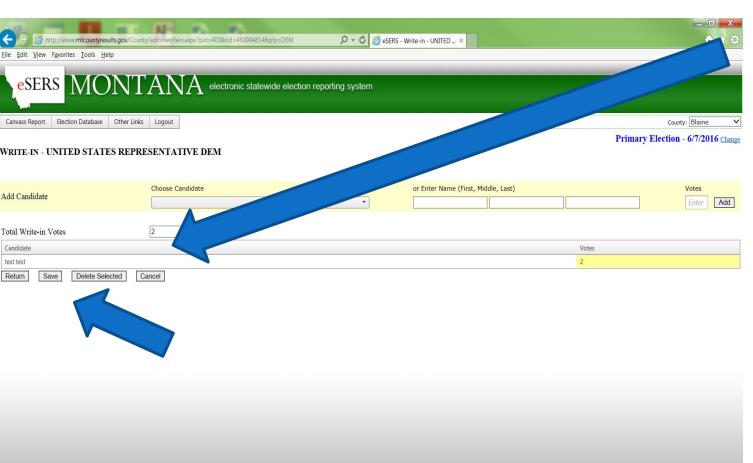
Choose the write-in candidate from the drop-down OR type the candidate name in box.

Enter the # of write-in votes for that candidate

Select "Add"



Enter Write-in Results Detail

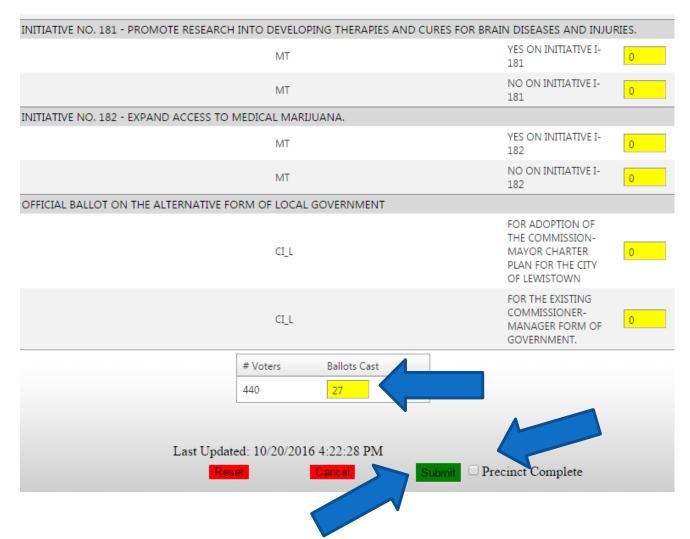


Write-in names entered will appear here. Once write-ins for the office are complete, select "Save" and "Return" to return to the results entry screen.



FINALIZING RESULTS

Finalizing Results





When all results for the precinct are entered, type in the number of ballots cast for the precinct, check Precinct Complete, and hit Submit. **The Precinct** Complete checkbox is a critical component of results reporting, and must be checked for each precinct!



Finalizing Results

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Repeat the process for each precinct, checking Precinct Complete when you complete results entry for a precinct.



Before you go home for the night:

- ✓ Have you checked "Precinct Complete" for each Precinct?
- ✓ Is your "Ballots Cast" number correct for each Precinct?
 - Compare carefully to your tabulator tape/report or to your results report from each precinct
 - ✓ Ballots Cast cannot be more than the number of voters

✓ Have you checked in with your SOS Results Coordinator?





ENTERING PROVISIONAL/ OTHER VOTES



BUT WAIT.....

Your work's not done! Provisional ballots not resolved on election day, plus certain eballots and FWABS, must be counted after 3 p.m. the Monday after election day. Results from counting of these ballots must be entered into eSERS.

- Remember that results are cumulative, so you must add the results to the results already entered into eSERS
- Refer to slides #11-14 on how to enter updated results
- Remember to also update "ballots cast"



CANVASS REPORT



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A report will generate with results entered into eSERS. Check this report carefully before your canvass to make sure that any updates to results have been entered into eSERS and are reflected in this report.



Canvass Report

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This report serves as your official canvass that is sent to the SOS after being certified by your county commissioners. Once results are certified to this office, they become the official results and cannot be changed except via a recount or a court order.



Canvass Certification/Coversheet

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Write-in Canvass

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RECOUNT CANVASS REPORT



In the event of a recount, the county canvass board must meet to re-canvass the results of the recount.

You follow the same steps as the regular canvass, except there will be a "Recount Canvass Report", and a "Recount Certification" to print, have signed, and sent by certified mail to SOS (unless it's a local race being recounted; the recount report does not need to be sent to SOS for local recounts).







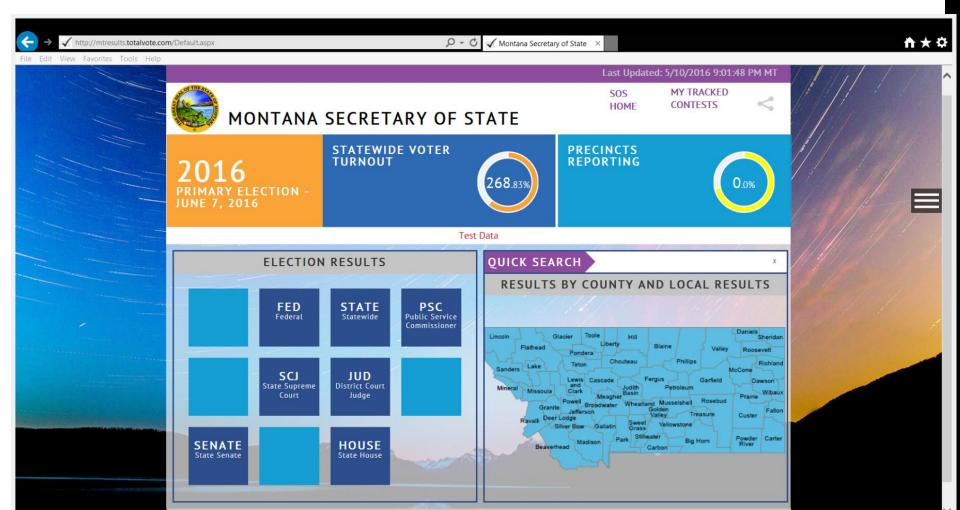
- Get to the public results site from the SOS webpage OR
- Get to the public results site directly from the URL:
 - <u>mtelectionresults.gov</u>



Public Results Site – PLEASE HELP US!

Enter/Upload results into eSERS FIRST. All Montanans are watching the election night results site, and results should be provided to our citizens first, before going to select news outlets. We get frequent phone calls/social media inquires on "why does X newspaper/TV station already have X county's results, but your website does not."







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BERNIE SANDERS Democrat	0%		0
NO PREFERENCE Democrat	0%		0



- All results are exportable
- All results can be viewed by state, by county, and by precinct
- Turnout is displayed (for state only), and is updated as results come in
- Potential recount races are flagged (but only after all precincts for that race are checked as "precinct complete")



PUBLIC RESULTS SITE

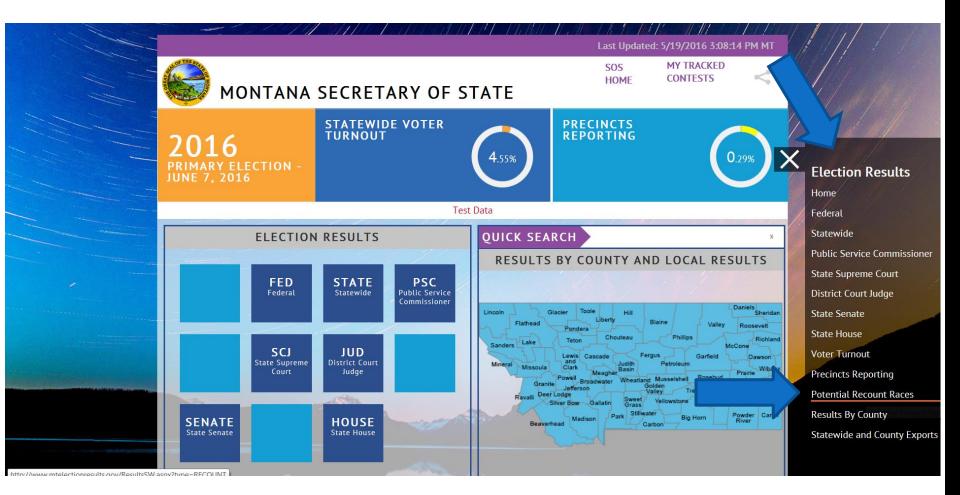
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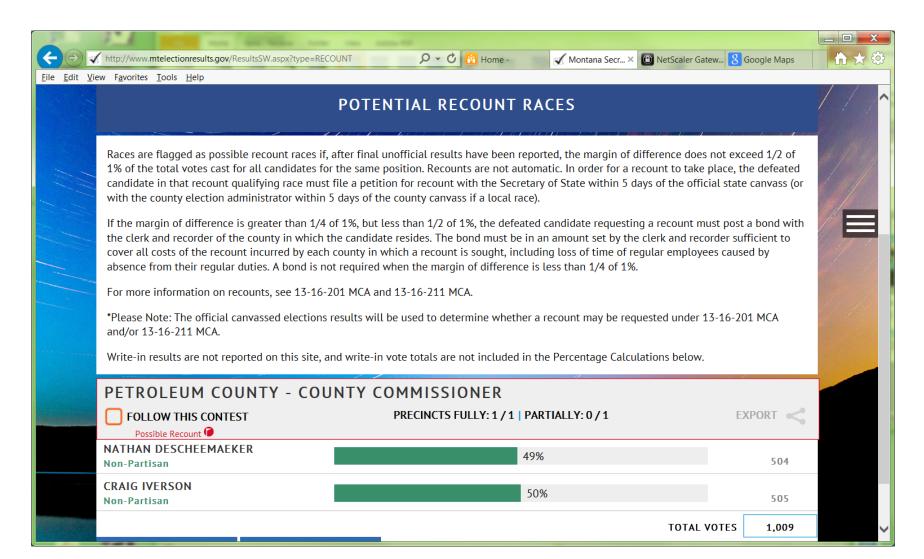
Potential Recount Races

- eSERS will flag a race as a potential recount if the margin of difference does not exceed 1/2 of 1% once reporting for all precincts for that race are complete.
- Remember that recounts are not automatic -
 - If the margin does not exceed ¼ of 1%, the unsuccessful candidate may petition for a recount
 - If the margin exceeds ¼ of 1%, but does not exceed ½ of 1%, the unsuccessful candidate may petition for a recount and must pay the estimated costs of the recount
- Potential recounts are calculated after the county or state canvass, depending on if the race is local or state.











On Election Day/Night, who do I call with questions?

- > Call your SOS ENR Coordinator if:
 - You do not know your C#
 - You do not remember the link to get to your data entry
 - You do not remember your ePass log-in information
 - · You are having problems with your ERM upload
 - You are having problems with precinct data entry

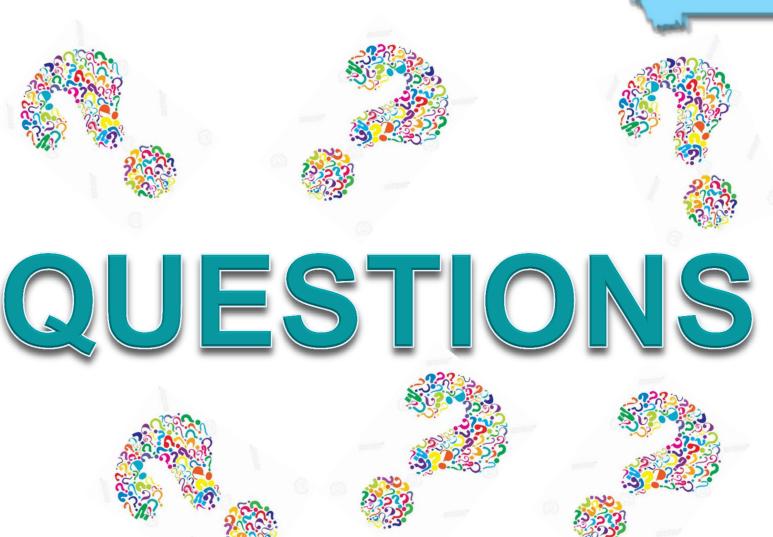
After Election Day/Night, who do I call with questions? ≻ Call SOS elections staff This may be the most watched election in history – and accurate and timely election results have never been more important.





The SOS Election Night Reporting Team is here all night to help you!





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