2026 Recount Rules by State: Margins and Deadlines

Six states: automatic or requested, margin, who can ask, deadline

STATE	TYPE	MARGIN	DEADLINE
Arizona	Automatic	One-half of one percent or less of votes cast	No request needed
Florida	Automatic machine recount	One-half of a percent or less of votes cast	Results due 3 p.m. Thu., Nov. 12, 2026
Florida	Manual recount	One-quarter of a percent or less of votes cast	After the second set of unofficial returns
Georgia	Requested by candidate	Less than or equal to 0.5%	Within 2 business days of certification
Michigan	Requested by petition	See Recount Manual (April 2025)	5 p.m., 2nd day after state certification
North Carolina	Candidate demand, statewide items	0.5% or 10,000 votes, whichever is less	Noon, 2nd business day after county canvass
North Carolina	Candidate demand, nonstatewide items	1% of total votes cast	Noon, 2nd business day after county canvass
Ohio	Automatic, county and local	Less than one-half of one per cent	No request needed
Ohio	Automatic, statewide	Less than one-fourth of one per cent	Ordered by the secretary of state

Not yet confirmed

Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Texas, New York and California: Not confirmed for this story; check each state's election office

My notes

Source: Arizona Revised Statutes 16-661; Florida Statutes 102.141 and 102.166; Georgia.gov; Michigan Compiled Laws 168.879; North Carolina General Statutes 163-182.7; Ohio Revised Code 3515.011. Check your state.