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House District 1 Candidate Barton LeBon Prevails By One Vote During Recount

NOVEMBER 30, 2018 JUNEAU, AK- The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) and bi-partisan State Review Board have certified the recount results for House District 1 with candidate Barton LeBon ahead of candidate Kathryn Dodge by one vote. Recount results show LeBon had 2,663 votes while Dodge had 2,662 votes.

As previously explained, during the 15-day count, members of the State Review Board reviewing ballots from House District 1 identified a ballot included with questioned ballots in a grey secrecy sleeve without a questioned envelope. The division then investigated the ballot's origin and determined that the ballot was a spoiled ballot. Voters may spoil their ballot if they have made an error on their ballot and request a new one instead. The original ballot is then destroyed. Per state law, spoiled ballots are not included during the ballot counting process, therefore it was not counted.

Additionally, the division identified one ballot that was initially reviewed as a partial count and was determined that it should fully count, so that vote was added to the totals for the House District 1 race. This ballot was marked for LeBon.

As standard procedure, the division also reviews rejected ballots. During the review, election officials identified a ballot that had been initially rejected based on the voter's registration. The voter in question was a felon who had been off of probation since 2017. Per state law, felons no longer in probation status can have their voting rights reinstated. Following the division's research of the voter's eligibility, it was determined that their ballot should count, which was marked for LeBon.

Official results are available on DOE's [website](#).

Each candidate has up to five days to file a legal challenge to the recount results in court. Should either candidate file, the courts will then review the ballots to determine the prevailing candidate.

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