§ 163-182.6. Abstracts.
   (a) Abstracts to Be Prepared by County Board of Elections. – As soon as the county
canvass has been completed, the county board of elections shall prepare abstracts of all the ballot
items in a form prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The county board shall prepare those
abstracts in triplicate originals. The county board shall retain one of the triplicate originals, and
shall distribute one each to the clerk of superior court for the county and the State Board of
Elections. The State Highway Patrol may, upon request of the State Board of Elections, be
responsible for the delivery of the abstracts from each county to the State Board of Elections.
The State Board of Elections shall forward the original abstract it receives to the Secretary of
State.
   (b) Composite Abstracts to Be Prepared by the State Board of Elections. – As soon as the
State canvass has been completed, the State Board shall prepare composite abstracts of all those
ballot items. It shall prepare those composite abstracts in duplicate originals. It shall retain one
of the originals and shall send the other original to the Secretary of State.
   (c) Duty of the Secretary of State. – The Secretary of State shall maintain the certified
copies of abstracts received from the county and State boards of elections. The Secretary shall
keep the abstracts in a form readily accessible and useful to the public.
   (d) Forms by State Board of Elections. – The State Board of Elections shall prescribe
forms for all abstracts. Those forms shall be uniform and shall, at a minimum, state the name of
each candidate and the office sought and each referendum proposal, the number of votes cast for
each candidate and proposal, the candidate or proposal determined to have prevailed, and a
statement authenticating the count. (2001-398, s. 3; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)