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Eight Precincts Proposed to be Rebalanced

Kootenai County Clerk Jim Brannon announced today that adjustments to boundaries for eight precincts are being proposed. “Elections staff has proposed a rebalancing to serve voters more quickly, by making registered voter numbers more equitable across the area,” he said.

The affected precincts are 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 51. Registered voter numbers in these precincts now range from 628 to 1,999; under the proposal, the registered voter numbers will range from 883 to 1,573.

The Board of County Commissioners will decide on the precinct boundary adjustments at their Business Meeting on January 12. If the boundary adjustments are approved, Elections staff will send notification letters to registered voter households in late January. About 2,050 registered voters in about 1,100 households will be affected by the boundary changes.

County Elections Manager Carrie Phillips noted “If the Commissioners approve, we will implement this change right away, so voters and poll workers have the March and May elections to get comfortable. We want to be sure everyone is ready for expected large Presidential election turnout in November.” In the last Presidential election, more than 8,000 people in Kootenai County registered and voted the same day, creating voter delays in many precincts.

The attached maps show present boundaries and proposed boundaries of the affected precincts. Voters with questions may call the Elections office at 446-1030.

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