

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
IN SUPREME COURT

Court File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Norm Coleman,

Petitioner,

vs.

**PROPOSED ORDER**

The Minnesota State Canvassing Board, and  
Michelle DesJardin, Hennepin County  
Elections Manager, Cynthia Reichert,  
Minneapolis Elections Director, and Hennepin  
County Canvassing Board, individually and  
on behalf of all County and Local Election  
Officers and County Canvassing Boards,

Respondents.

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Petitioner has filed a Petition pursuant to Minn. Stat. §204B.44 alleging that Respondents have committed and are about to commit errors, omissions and wrongful acts in carrying out their duties related to the counting of Original and Duplicate Ballots for the election of a United States Senator. Petitioner seeks an order of this Court for corrective relief.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Board shall not certify or finalize the results of its recount until the Duplicate/Original issue is resolved by the County Canvassing officials;
2. Each campaign shall list every precinct in which it believes Duplicate Ballots made on election night to correct damaged ballots have not been correctly

reconciled with the Original Ballots;

3. The local canvassing boards shall ensure that vote totals are reconciled to correct any errors relating to the Duplicate/Original Issue so that no double-counting of votes occurs and to do so as part of this Court's previously ordered process for finding wrongly rejected absentee ballots. The counties shall then amend their returns by the December 31, 2008 deadline so that accurate results are included in the Board's final certification results; and

4. In the counties with precincts where all Original Ballots cannot be reconciled with Duplicate Ballots, those county canvassing boards shall amend their returns to the Board and in so doing, count and certify only Original Ballots for which there are corresponding marked duplicates.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Justice