**5:02:23:14.  Procedure for placing counted ballots in the ballot receptacle or container.** After the audit has been completed, the post-election auditing board shall place the counted ballots, separated in wrappers or envelopes, in the ballot receptacle or container. The county auditor shall seal the receptacle or container as provided in § 5:02:23:15.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 12-1-9(4)(11).

**Law Implemented:** SDCL12-17B-25.

**5:02:23:15.  Form of the seal.** Seal - A security mechanism using strategically placed serialized or tamper-evident materials that alert officials if a device used in the elections process has potentially been altered or accessed without authorization. The seal must be in the following form:

BALLOT RECEPTACLE OR CONTAINER SEAL

SIGNATURES OF POST-ELECTION AUDITING BOARD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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At the conclusion of a post-election audit the post-election auditing board must return the counted ballots to the ballot receptacle or container.  ~~and must~~ The county auditor shall sign and affix a seal to each place where the receptacle or container may be opened, except where an opening is sealed with a metal seal.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 12-1-9(4)(11).

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 12-17B-25.

**5:02:23:16. Reimbursement of post-election audit costs.** The county auditor shall submit expenses from the post-election audit to the secretary of state for reimbursement. The auditor shall use the forms designated by the secretary of state for this purpose.

Reimbursable expenses for the audit, are:

(1) board member pay for conducting the audit and for training prior to the audit, no more than two hundred fifty dollars per day;

(2) supplies, no more than one hundred dollars;

(3) rental costs for the location to conduct the audit, no more than two hundred fifty dollars per day;

(4) publication costs, no more than one hundred seventy-five dollars;

(5) ballot storage costs, no more than seventy-five dollars; and

(6) travel (mileage) costs at the applicable IRS rate for every mile traveled greater than ten miles.

Expenses related to or associated with the primary or general election are not reimbursable post-election expenses. To avoid confusion, expenses that are not covered are costs related to media programming, ballot printing, ballot shipping, equipment maintenance, statewide ballot question publications, purchasing of election equipment (expressvotes, tabulators), polling place signage, testing costs, election day workers, postage, and insurance on voting equipment.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 12-1-9(4)(11).

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 12-17B-18, 12-17B-20, ~~12-17B-22,~~ 12-17B-21.