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Please find below a status update from our political department, re: Kansas Gubernatorial primary with former Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer:

In an unofficial tally of election results [from Tuesday night](#)'s Kansas gubernatorial primary, Secretary of State Kris Kobach [leads](#) Governor Jeff Colyer by less than two hundred votes. Colyer's campaign [said](#) the election is too close to call and will wait for remaining provisional ballots to be counted before deciding whether or not to ask for a recount. Kobach's campaign has asked Republicans to stand with him as they move towards November.

State elections director Bryan Caskey [said](#) the secretary of state's office is estimating that between 8,000 and 10,000 provisional ballots were cast. And mail-in ballots postmarked Tuesday have [until Friday](#) to arrive in local election officials' offices.

State law [does not](#) have a provision for automatic recounts. But a candidate can request one. The state pays for the cost of a recount in general elections races where the difference in votes between candidates is 0.5 percent or less. But in primaries, the campaign that demands a recount covers the cost.

We will continue to keep you updated as news develops.

Thanks,
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