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Statement of State Auditor Ralph Campbell on the outcome of the November 2 election

RALEIGH _ State Auditor Ralph Campbell said Thursday he wants to see the outcome of the provisional ballot process before making any decision on the November 2 election.

"With so many provisional ballots outstanding and the margin so close, I want to wait until the provisional ballot process has run its course before deciding what course of action I should take," Campbell said. "I believe it would be unfair to the voters to make a decision on a race this close before every ballot is counted. If, at the end of that process, it is clear that I have lost the election, then I will join my opponent in helping him to make a smooth transition into the Office of the State Auditor."



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