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IN FLORIDA'S COURT

JUSTICES DELAY FINAL RESULT, SET MONDAY HEARING



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BACK TO THE BALLOTS: Kendall Coffey, attorney for the Democratic Party, addresses the Miami-Dade canvassing board, which decided Friday to launch a hand recount of 653,963 votes that could last nearly a month.

Dade panel switches, agrees to hand count

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In a stunning setback for the Bush campaign, the Miami-Dade canvassing board voted 2-1 Friday to authorize a full manual recount of the county's 653,963 ballots, reversing an earlier decision against the hand tally.

The swing vote on the three-member canvassing board was Miami-Dade County Judge Myriam Lehr, who voted against the complete recount on Tuesday, but said Friday that rulings this week by the Florida Supreme Court convinced her it was "the right thing" to do.

"I believe the people of Dade