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N.J.S.A. 19:61-9: AUDITS OF ELECTION RESULTS

November 7, 2023 General Election

Audit Date: November 20, 2023

The Union County Board of Elections (UCBOE) performed a post-election audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 and the guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Secretary of State's Office on Monday, November 20, 2023. The audit was available to the public via zoom and in-person observation.

The UCBOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records created during the course of administering the November 7, 2023 General Election for the offices of New Jersey State Senate, New Jersey Assembly, Union County Sheriff and Municipal Mayor or Council / Township Committee. Public Questions and Boards of Education elections were excluded from the audit.

Pursuant to the statute, the audit shall be conducted in at least 2% of the election districts in which each audited election appears on the ballot. The guidelines provided for this audit require 2% of the audit units in each of the legislative districts to be randomly selected. The audit batches were selected on Sunday, November 19, 2023 and available to the public via zoom.

Audit units included voter verified paper audit trails from each voting machine used in Early Voting and on Election Day, vote by mail ballots by municipality / ward; and provisional ballots by municipality / ward. In total, 797 audit units were created.

There are four legislative districts in Union County: the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 28th. In the 20th LD, there are a total of 215 batches. Four audit batches were randomly selected. In the 21st LD, there are a total of 215 batches. Four audit batches were randomly selected. In the 22nd LD, there are a total of 336 batches. Seven audit batches were randomly selected. In the 28th LD, there are a total of 31 batches. Two audit batches were randomly selected.

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10:30am via a publicly advertised and accessible zoom meeting:

1. 20th Legislative District: Batch 19356 – Machine Ballots
2. 20th Legislative District: Batch 19397 – Machine Ballots
3. 20th Legislative District: Batch E0009 – Provisional Ballots
4. 20th Legislative District: Batch 19484 – Early Voting Machine Ballots
5. 21st Legislative District: Batch B0113 – Mail-In Ballots
6. 21st Legislative District: Batch 19201 – Machine Ballots
7. 21st Legislative District: Batch 0093 – Mail-In Ballots
8. 21st Legislative District: Batch E0002 – Provisional Ballots



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9. 22nd Legislative District: Batch G0001 – Provisional Ballots
10. 22nd Legislative District: Batch 19157 – Machine Ballots
11. 22nd Legislative District: Batch 19313 – Machine Ballots
12. 22nd Legislative District: Batch E0016 – Provisional Ballots
13. 22nd Legislative District: Batch B0091 – Mail-In Ballots
14. 22nd Legislative District: Batch B0092 – Mail-In Ballots
15. 22nd Legislative District: Batch 19306 – Machine Ballots
16. 28th Legislative District Batch E0006 – Provisional Ballots
17. 28th Legislative District Batch A0061 – Mail-In Ballots

In each district, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the machine tally. The audit did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. The voting machines do not allow for overvotes. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a particular contest recorded it as an overvote, but did not count a vote. Undervotes were recorded by the vote tabulation system and were reconciled during the course of the audit.

Respectfully Submitted on November 20, 2023 by:


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