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

2020 General Election
Audit Date: December 1, 2020

The Warren County Board of Elections (BOE) performed an audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9.

The Warren County BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the General Election for the President, US Senator, House of Representatives, Warren County Surrogate, Warren County Freeholder and Municipal Mayor, if applicable. Council, Township Committee, Board of Education elections and pubic questions 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." Warren County is comprised of two congressional districts.

Audit units included: voter verified paper audit trails from a voting machine, if used, vote by mail ballots and provisional ballots by municipality in quantities of around 200. Based on the return of vote by mail ballots and the number of batches created, 5 batches represent 2% of the total number of batches created for the 5th Congressional District and 3 batches represent 2% of the total number of batches created for the 7th Congressional District. Tally sheets were prepared in advance of the audit for each municipality.

The following audit units were randomly selected for audit:

In the 5th Congressional District:

1. Town of Belvidere – Mail-In – 2/B0112
2. Mansfield Township - Mail-In – 5/B0124
3. Washington Borough – Mail-In – 2/A0041
4. Washington Borough – Mail-In – 2/A0017
5. Washington Township – Mail-In – 3/B0095

In the 7th Congressional District:

1. Franklin Township – Mail-In – 1/B0185
2. Lopatcong Township – Mail-In – 2/A0026
3. Town of Phillipsburg – Mail-In – 6/A0053

In each district, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the Batch Report with 2 exceptions.

In Mansfield Township - Mail-In – 5/B0124 the hand to eye audit determined that in the office of US Senator, Frank Pallotta received 132 votes and not 131which was reported on the Batch Report. This was caused by the voter using check marks to indicate their selection which in this case did not complete enough of the OVAL for the scanner to recognize the vote.

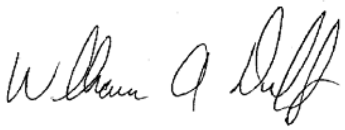
In Lopatcong Township – Mail-In – 2/A0026 the hand to eye audit determined that there were only 196 physical ballots, not 198 as reported on the Batch Report. After reviewing the ballot images and the logs for Lopatcong Township – Mail-In – 2/A0026, the Commissioners concluded that because of operator error 2 ballots were scanned twice.

Due to this discrepancy, a fourth batch was randomly selected for the 7th Congressional District.

Franklin Township – Mail-In – 1/B0185
In this district, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the Batch Report

The audit did not outcome of any races. The audit did not tally overvotes or undervotes.

Respectfully Submitted on December 3, 2020 by:



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