



UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

2019 General Election

Audit Date: November 25, 2019

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

The UC BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the General Election for the New Jersey General Assembly, Union County Surrogate, Union County Freeholder and municipal races. The Board of Education elections and public 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." Union County is comprised of three legislative districts and three audit units from each legislative district were audited.

Audit units included: voter verified paper audit trails from each voting machine, vote by mail ballots by municipality / ward; vote by mail ballots (VBM) received within 48 hours (VBM48s) by municipality / ward; and provisional ballots by municipality / ward. Tally sheets were prepared in advance of the audit for each municipality / ward.

The following audit units were randomly selected for audit:

1. 20th Legislative District: Union District 18 - Machine
2. 20th Legislative District: Union District 46 - Machine
3. 20th Legislative District: Roselle Ward 3 – VBM48s
4. 21st Legislative District: Springfield District 5 - Machine
5. 21st Legislative District: New Providence District 4 - Machine
6. 21st Legislative District: Garwood – VBM48s
7. 22nd Legislative District: Plainfield Ward 2 District 3 - Machine
8. 22nd Legislative District: Scotch Plains District 10 - Machine
9. 22nd Legislative District: Linden Ward 7 - VBMs

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. There were no overvotes in any of the units audited. The audit did not tally undervotes. However, a post audit review of the ballots cast, votes cast and undervotes recorded were all reconciled.

Respectfully Submitted on December 6, 2019 by:


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