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

2022 General Election

Audit Date: November 25, 2022

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The Somerset County Board of Elections (SCBOE) convened for the purpose of performing a post-election audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 and the guidelines and memorandum issued by the New Jersey Division of Elections on October 26, 2022, and November 4, 2022, respectively. The audit was open to the public for in-person observation.

The SCBOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the General Election for the US. House of Representatives, County Sheriff, and Municipal Mayor and Council/Committee contests. The Board of Education elections, fire district 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 (batches) in which each audited election appears on the ballot." Somerset County is comprised of Congressional Districts ("CD") 7 and 12. Eight (8) audit units (batches) were audited from CD7, and seven (7) from CD12. A total of 15 audit units (batches) were audited from the two (2) Congressional Districts.

Audit units included: Early Voting Ballots (Voting Machine/Provisionals), Vote by Mail Ballots (VBM) by municipality/ward; VBMs received within 6 days (VBM 6 days) by municipality/ward; and Provisional Ballots (PBs) by municipality/ward. Tally sheets were prepared in advance of the audit for each municipality/ward and approved by the New Jersey Division of Elections.

The following audit units were randomly selected for audit on November 25, 2022, at 10:00am via a publicly advertised meeting and in person observation:

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| 1. 7th Congressional District: Bridgewater | Batch #48* | MIB Tab1 |
| 2. 7th Congressional District: Bridgewater | Batch #18* | Provisionals Tab 2 |
| 3. 7th Congressional District: Warren | Batch #101* | MIB Tab1 |
| 4. 7th Congressional District: Bridgewater | Batch #149* | MIB Tab2 |
| 5. 7th Congressional District: Raritan | Batch #77 | MIB Tab 1 |
| 6. 7th Congressional District: Raritan | Batch #162 | MIB Tab 2 |

7. 7th Congressional District: Warren	Batch #105	MIB Tab1
8. 7th Congressional District: Bernards	Batch #20*	ProvisionalsTab2
9. 12th Congressional District: Hillsborough	Batch #3	EV Machine
10. 12th Congressional District: S.Bound Brook	Batch #195	MIB Tab2
11. 12th Congressional District: S.Bound Brook	Batch #196	MIB Tab2
12. 12th Congressional District: Franklin	Batch #37*	MIB Tab2
13. 12th Congressional District: Franklin	Batches #32*	MIB Tab2
14. 12th Congressional District: Bound Brook	Batch #38*	Provisionals Tab2
15. 12th Congressional District: Montgomery	Batch #137*	MIB Tab2

In the audited batches identified with an asterisk the hand to eye count revealed only a minor discrepancy with the scanned tally. The hand to eye count identified a vote discrepancy of either one or two votes on random contests on the ballot. This was attributable to the hand to eye Tally Teams identifying partially and/or incorrectly marked ovals on the ballots that showed clear voter intent but were likely not recorded by the scanner. The audit did not result in any significant change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. 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 30, 2022, by:

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