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SECRETARY OF THE STATE BYSIEWICZ APPLAUDS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S APPROVAL OF ELECTION
AUDIT BILL

STATE ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING NATIONAL LEADER IN
ELECTION INTEGRITY

HARTFORD: The General Assembly overwhelmingly (134-13) passed a measure, first proposed by Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, which will make Connecticut a national leader for verifying election results. The bill now goes to the Governor for her signature.

S.B. No. 1311 requires Connecticut to conduct random audits of 10% of all polling districts in future statewide elections. Once signed into law, Connecticut will be the only state in New England and one of only 13 across the nation to require audits.

“This legislation allows Connecticut to lead the way in the establishment of audit procedures for optical scan voting machines,” said Bysiewicz “I am proud to say, we have received strong support from a wide range of organizations such as the University of Connecticut, the League of Women

Voters of Connecticut, and our local election officials who are all committed to the election process being free from fraud. I want to thank Chairman Caruso, members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee and the leadership for their hard work in passing this legislation.”

Under the bill, the voting districts will be chosen at random and all audits will consist of hand counts, conducted in public by local Registrars of Voters.

“Having the right technology in place is just one part of the equation if we are to maintain integrity in the voting process,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “This new legislation ensures that regular and thorough audits are conducted in an open transparent process and that voters can have the highest confidence that their vote is being counted.”

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