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## **VOTING PRECINCTS SELECTED FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> STATE MANDATED AUDIT OF ELECTION RESULTS**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE BYSIEWICZ AND VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATES RANDOMLY  
SELECT PRECINCTS IN PUBLIC CEREMONY

**Hartford:** Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined voting rights advocates from across Connecticut, including representatives from the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, TrueVoteCT, Democracy Works, and Common Cause at a new conference at the State Capitol on Thursday September 13th to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited – as required by Public Act 07-194, An Act Concerning the Integrity and Security of the Voting Process.

The audits must begin on September 26<sup>th</sup> and include the following precincts:

Hartford: Sands Elementary School  
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New Haven: Wexler-Grant School  
Derby: Irving Elementary School  
Bridgeport: John Winthrop School  
Bridgeport: Bassick High School  
Bridgeport: Central High School  
East Hartford: Mayberry School

Cornwall: Town Hall

Cromwell: Cromwell Middle School

“Auditing election results isn’t just a good idea, it’s absolutely essential in order to guarantee the integrity of our elections,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “As Connecticut embraces new optical scan technology it’s important voters have faith that their vote will be recorded accurately and that’s why the independent audits are so vital.”

The new law requires a hand audit of 10% of all polling places in all elections and primaries. (Polling precincts which are already part of a recount will not be selected for an audit and additional recounts). The provisions in the law, developed in close cooperation with the computer science department at the University of Connecticut, give Connecticut one of the strictest audit statutes in the country. According to Electionline.org Connecticut is the only state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of election results.

Public Act 07-194 states that local Registrars of Voters, “... shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation.” The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut and then presented to the Secretary of the State’s Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and ultimately made available to the public.

The new law contains a detailed description of the audit process:

“The manual audit... shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting machine subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting machine on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.”

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