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SECRETARY OF THE STATE ANNOUNCES CREATION OF VOTING SECURITY AND
ACCESSIBILITY BOARD

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined voting rights advocates from across Connecticut at a news conference at the State Capitol on Friday February 15th to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited following the February 5th primary.

As required by Public Act 07-194, An Act Concerning the Integrity and Security of the Voting Process, ten percent of the polling precincts used in the election are subject to an audit. All told, 702 polling precincts were used on February 5th - Super Tuesday - meaning that 71 precincts will have their election results audited.

“Super Tuesday was an historic day for primary voters in Connecticut,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “As voters came to the polls in droves they must have continued confidence that their votes were recorded accurately and that’s why the independent audits are so vital.”

The audit drawing takes place following Secretary Bysiewicz’s return from Washington, D.C. where she presented Connecticut’s Audit Law to fellow

members of the National Association of Secretaries of the State (NASS). Connecticut, recognized by NASS as a leader in voting security, is the only state in New England to require audits of election results.

As part of her commitment to enhance the security and accessibility of Connecticut's elections, Secretary Bysiewicz also announced the formation of the Voting Security and Accessibility Board. The board will be composed of national and state leaders and will explore opportunities to enhance Connecticut election security and accessibility at all the polls. It will also enable the board to learn best practices from other states and perhaps share our practices with them.

Said board member Lawrence Norden, Project Director for the Voting Technology Assessment Project at the Brennan Center for Justice: "The new Board provides a great opportunity for experts, advocates and election officials to work together to make sure Connecticut's voting is as secure, reliable and accessible as possible. I hope the Board can be a model for states around the country."

Said Dr. Alexander Shvarstman of the UConn VoTeR Center: "The formation of the Voting Security and Accessibility Board strengthens the position of Connecticut among the leading states in the nation pursuing diligent and methodical modernization of elections. The board members will include some of the top state and national experts in security and usability of voting systems. The board will serve to enhance the integrity of, and accessibility to elections in the state through a formal forum for exchanging ideas, sharing experiences, and developing recommendations on the use of voting technology."

The following precincts were randomly selected to be audited:

Town	Precinct Name
Andover	Andover Town Hall
Ansonia	Ansonia Middle School Ward 4
Ansonia	Saint Anthonys Church Ward 1
Branford	Indian Neck School - 0
Branford	Indian Neck School - 1
Branford	St. Therese's Church - Voting District 2
Bridgeport	Columbus School
Bridgeport	Dunbar School 139-2
Bridgeport	Luis Munoz Marin School 137-1
Bridgeport	Roosevelt School 131-2
Bridgeport	Wilbur Cross School 135-2
Bridgeport	Read Middle School 136-3

Bristol	Greene-Hills School Dist. 3
Bristol	Mountainview School Dist. 1
Burlington	Town Hall
Colchester	Colchester Town Hall
Durham	Korn School
East Hampton	East Hampton High School
East Hartford	Silver Lane School
East Haven	Momauguin School 2
Ellington	Crystal Lake School
Enfield	Enfield Street School - District II
Essex	Essex Town Hall 2
Fairfield	Fairfield Senior Center Dist. 1
Fairfield	North Stratfield School Dist. 7
Greenwich	Greenwich High School 7A
Hartford	Hartford Public Library
Killingly	Killingly Public Library 1 Dist 1
Lebanon	Fire Saftey Complex
Litchfield	Litchfield Fire House 4
Madison	District 2 (North)
Middletown	Bielefield School-Gym District 13
Middletown	Moody School Gym-District 4
Middletown	South District Firehouse-District 10
Milford	Island View Clinic Room Distrcit 2-3
Morris	Morris Community Hall
New Britain	First Church Of Christ District 10
New Britain	Gaffney School District 4
New Britain	Graham Apartments District 5-1
New Britain	New Britain Senior Center District 5
New Britain	Roosevelt Middle School District 3
New Britain	School Apartments District 5-2
New Britain	Vance School District 1
New Haven	Hall Of Records Ward 7
New Haven	Nathan Hale School Ward 18
New Haven	Wilbur Cross High School Ward 10
New Milford	Hill & Plain School
Newington	John Paterson School---District---6
Newtown	Head O Meadow School Cafeteria Dist.3
North Haven	Ridge Road Elementary School

North Stonington	New Town Hall
Norwalk	Brookside School - Voting District 142A
Norwich	Knights Of Columbus
Orange	High Plains Community Center
Plainfield	2 Central Village Fire Station
Ridgefield	Yanity Gym
Scotland	Firehouse/Community Center
South Windsor	South Windsor High School-Lobby
Southington	Derynoski Elementary School
Stonington	Deans Mill School
Stratford	Bunnell High School 122
Torrington	Torrington School 2
Wallingford	Evarts G Stevens School
Waterbury	Gilmartin School
Waterbury	Kingsbury School
Watertown	Heminway Park School
West Hartford	Edward Morley School 3-2
West Hartford	Whiting Lane School 2-1
Wethersfield	Pitkin Community Center
Wethersfield	Silas Deane Middle School
Willington	The Town Office Building

***Audit Procedure Attached**

Audit Procedures

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 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."