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Public Notice

State law¹ requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots. This audit must be performed after each general election.

The Harford County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for the Office of the U.S. Senate and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from the voting system. This process will determine whether the voting system accurately counted ballots during the 2024 General Election.²

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and election day polling places to be audited, and the Harford County Board of Elections randomly selected the mail in and provisional ballots to be audited. Starting on December 18, 2024, at 10:00am the Harford County Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for the U.S. Senate on:

1. 750 ballots cast on one scanning unit on the 1st day of early voting at the Havre de Grace Activity Center
2. 1,265 ballots cast on election day at the Star Center
3. 495 mail-in ballots
4. 23 provisional ballots

¹ See Election Law Article, §11-309 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. This requirement introduced as House Bill 1278 of the 2018 Legislative Session and is reported as Chapter 523 of the 2018 Laws of Maryland.

² Before the 2020 General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2020 General Election. The results of this audit confirmed the accuracy of the voting system. The results of the automated audit are at https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/ballot_audit_plan.html