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SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
NOTICE OF POST-ELECTION MANUAL BALLOT TABULATION
AUDIT OF THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION
(FEBRUARY 10, 2019)

State election law now requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots. This audit must be performed after each general election. (E.L.11-309)

The Somerset County Board of Elections staff will conduct the manual ballot audit of the November 2018 General Election on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Somerset County Office Complex, Room 105, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD 21853. This audit is open to the public. This audit may take 1 business day to complete.

The Somerset County Board of Elections staff will manually tally a sample of votes cast for the office of the Comptroller 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 the ballots during the November 2018 General Election. (Before the 2018 November General Election was certified, the Maryland State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2018 November General Election. The results of that audit confirmed the accuracy of the voting system. The results of the automated audit can be found on the Maryland State Board of Elections website (www.elections.maryland.gov).

The Maryland State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and Election day precinct to be audited; the Somerset County Board of Elections randomly selected the absentee and provisional ballots to be audited.

Starting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, the Somerset County Board of Elections staff will manually tally the votes for the Office of the Comptroller on:

285 ballots cast on one scanning unit on the first-two days of early voting at the Somerset County Office Complex, Room 105, 11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD. 21853.

269 ballots cast on Election Day at the Woodson Elementary School, (District 12-001).

15 absentee ballots; and

15 provisional ballots

For more information, contact the Somerset County Board of Elections office at 410-651-0767.