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Election Night Results Update

The Maryland State Board of Elections announced tonight that election night results from several jurisdictions will not be complete tonight.

Processing results includes transferring data from the thumb drives from the scanners to the central voting system database. This process requires the user to manually confirm any precinct that does not have results before moving to the next precinct.

For example, a voter lives in precinct 1-1 which is located in Glen Burnie, northern Anne Arundel County. While this voter can vote at any vote center in Anne Arundel County, the voter is unlikely to vote at a vote center in southern Anne Arundel County. If no voter from precinct 1-1 votes at a vote center in southern Anne Arundel, the southern Anne Arundel vote center will not have any ballots from precinct 1-1. When the results are processed, the user must manually confirm that there are no ballots from precinct 1-1 from this vote center.

The data transfer and confirmation process is taking about 8-10 minutes for each thumb drive. This impacts those jurisdictions with the most thumb drives.

The State Board is working on a solution with the voting system vendor and the affected local boards of elections. The State Board will provide an update on the morning of November 4. A media advisory with details will be forthcoming.

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