

Notice of Manual Tabulation from the 2018 Election. Post-Election Manual Ballot Tabulation Audit

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

The **Montgomery County Board of Elections will conduct the manual ballot audit of the 2018 General Election starting on February 4, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.*** This audit may take two days to complete and will take place at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, located at 18753 N. Frederick Ave , Lower Level, Training Room 3, Gaithersburg MD 20879. This audit is open to the public.

The staff of the Montgomery County Board of Elections 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 ballots during the 2018 General Election.²

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and precinct to be audited, and the Montgomery County Board of Elections randomly selected the absentee and provisional ballots to be audited. Starting on February 4, 2019, the staff of the Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for Comptroller on:

1. 393 ballots cast on one scanning unit on the 1st day early voting at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept., Ballroom.
2. 1474 ballots cast on election day at the 13-33 Kemp Mill Elementary School (864 ballots cast) and 5-18 Burtonsville Elementary School (610 ballots cast).
3. 149 absentee ballots
4. 66 provisional ballots

Instructions for LBE: You must give notice of this audit at least 10 days before the audit is scheduled to start. To give notice:

1. Send via mail notice to the chairman of the county central committee for each political party, each candidate for the contest to be audited who is not a candidate of a political party, and the State Administrator
2. Post notice on your website
3. Post the notice in a prominent and publicly accessible location at your office

*Snow date is February 6, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

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 2018 General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2018 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

