



2022 Post-Election Voting Equipment Audit

Information and Training Presentation

Overview



New selection criteria for 2022

- 10% of all reporting units
- At least one (1) reporting unit per county
- At least five (5) reporting units for each type of equipment used
- Population-specific criteria updated for large municipalities

Overview



Getting Started

- Acknowledge that you were selected with response to WEC
- Gather materials
- Prepare/post public notice
- Provide copy of notice to WEC

Overview



Selected Municipalities Confirm:

- Voting system type
- Voting equipment model
- Accessible voting equipment model

No. 628,905.

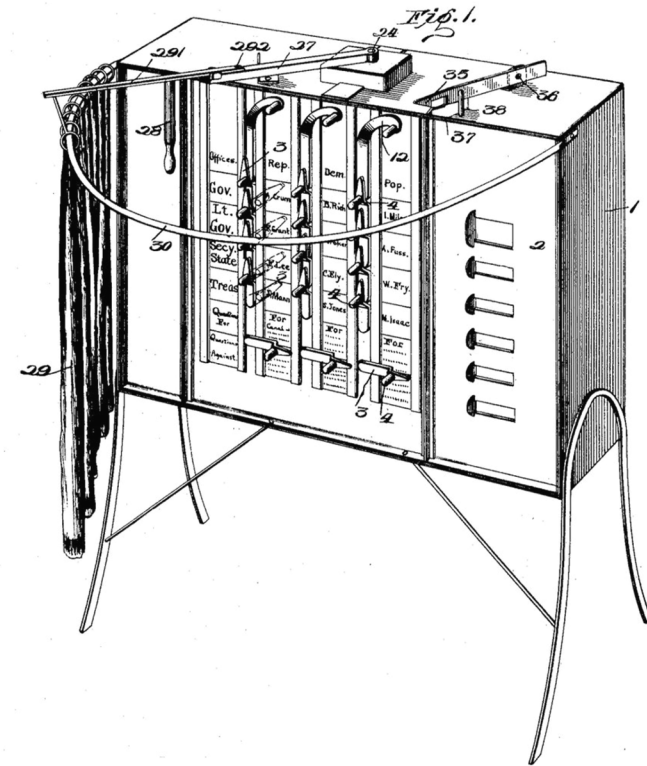
A. J. GILLESPIE.
VOTING MACHINE.

Patented July 11, 1899.

(No Model.)

(Application filed Mar. 22, 1898.)

7 Sheets—Sheet 1.



Witnesses.

Walter B. Payne,
William Rich.

Inventor.

Alfred Gillespie
by Charles H. Church
his Attorney

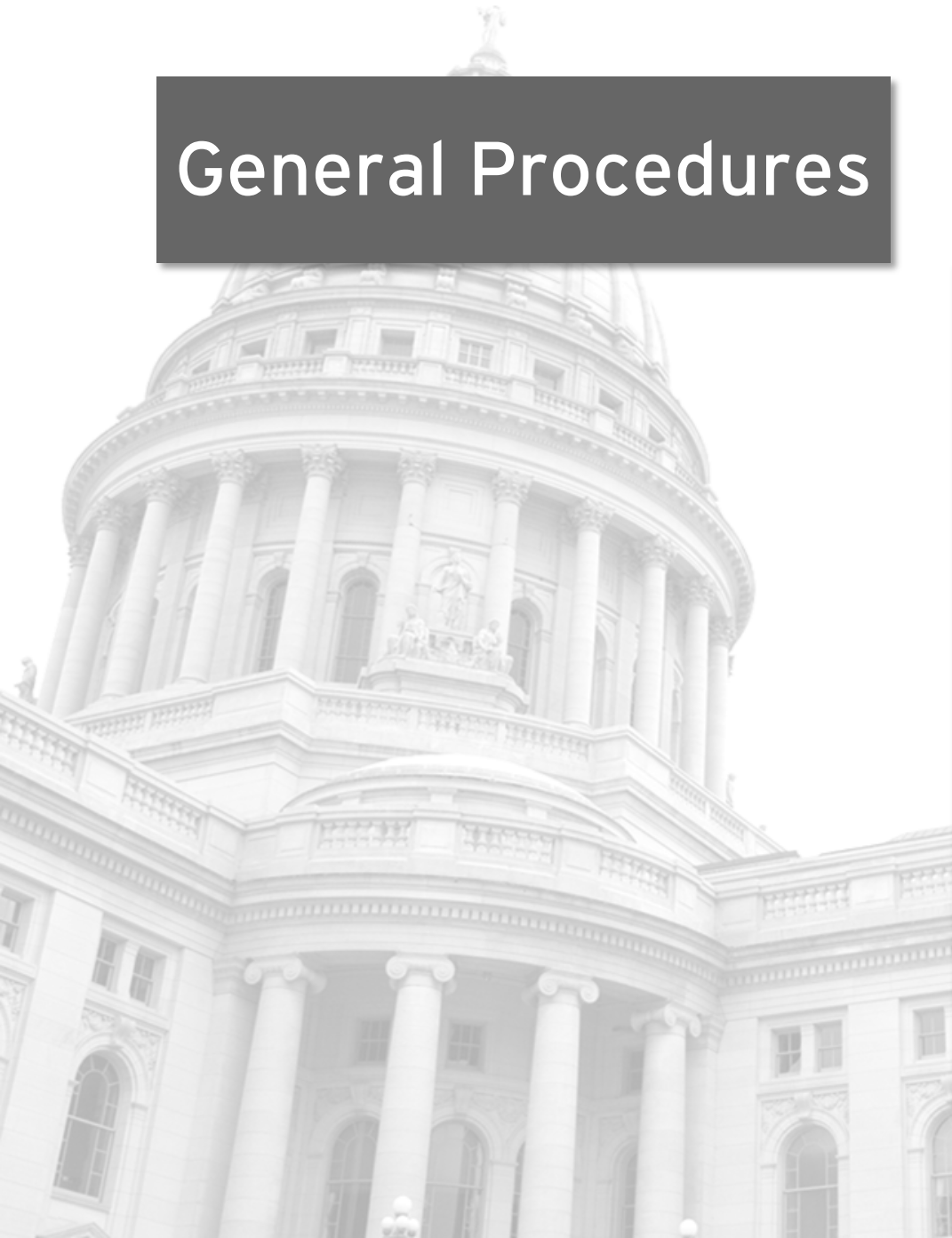
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Gather your materials

- Poll lists
- Inspectors' Statements (EL-104)
- Tally Sheets (EL-105)
- Ballots
- Voting equipment result tapes or reports
- Other election-related materials

General Procedures



General Procedures



Four contests will be audited

- Gubernatorial contest selected by default
- Three (3) remaining contests picked at random on November 9
- If State Senate picked, Sheriff contest will serve as alternate

General Procedures

- At least two (2) individuals must participate in audit
- Votes tallied by hand for contest



- Two (2) auditors tally votes independently and then compare totals
- For DRE systems (Edge, ICX) the voter-verified paper audit trail will be used to tally votes



General Procedures

Special cases

- Overvotes
- Undervotes
- Write-ins and Scattering

How to record on tally sheet

- Overvote/Undervote section
- Overvote/Undervote section
- Write-ins/Scattering section

General Procedures



- If totals on both auditors' tally sheets match, compare totals to the results tape or report
- If totals do not match, discrepancy must be investigated
- If discrepancy is not resolvable, it must be noted on the reporting form
- Document any unresolvable discrepancy in minutes

General Procedures

Counting Votes

- Votes should be counted **as the equipment would have counted them**
- Do **not** factor voter intent into counting votes

Do count these

Secretary of State
Vote for One

Bubba Smith
Republican

Mary Ann Summers
Constitution

Write-in

United States Senator
Vote for One

Annette Benning
Republican

Jennifer Jones
Wisconsin Greens

Jonathan L. Seagull
Libertarian

Write-in *Sue Q*

Do NOT count these

Sheriff
Vote for One

Harold Posse
Democratic

Daniel Boone
Libertarian

Write-in

State Treasurer
Vote for One

Peter Graves
Democratic

Patti Perfect
Republican

Cathy Rigby
Libertarian

Lovey Howell
Constitution

General Procedures

Ambiguous situations

- Not always clear how the equipment counted a specific vote
- Flag such occurrences and document in minutes how auditors counted votes as well as possible alternatives as to how equipment may have counted the vote


State Senator, District 1
Vote for One


 Sandra Dee
Democratic


 Susan B. Anthony
Libertarian


 Linda Lou
Constitution

President
Vote for One

Michael Badnarik ← 

Richard V. Campagna ← 

Uninstructed Delegation ← 

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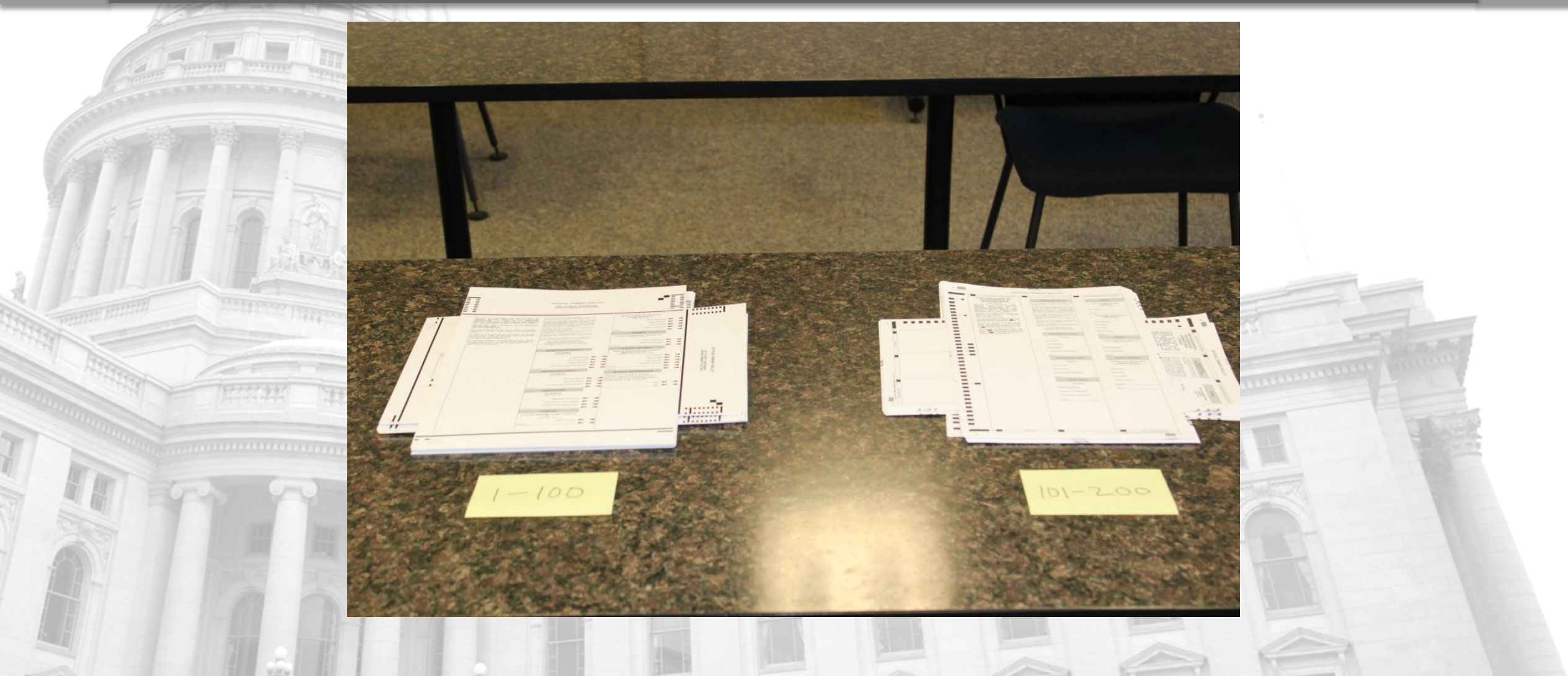
County Clerk
Vote for One

 Richard Clark
Democratic

 Joe Schmoe
Wisconsin Greens

 Howard Sprague
Libertarian

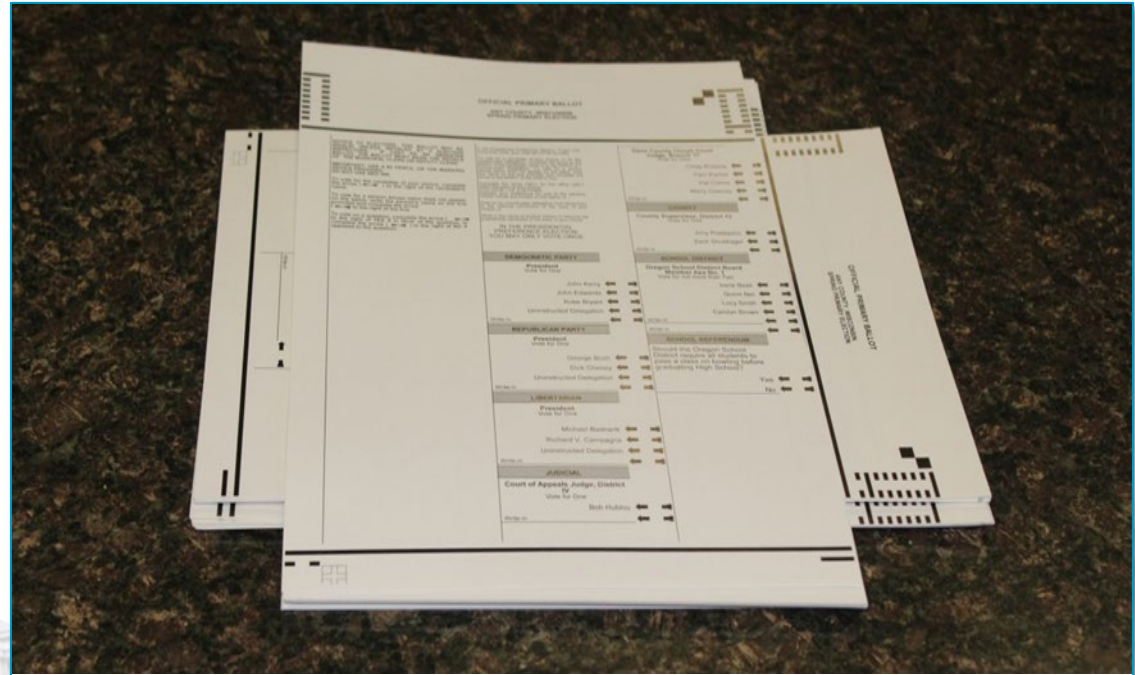
Recommended Procedures



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Ballot sorting

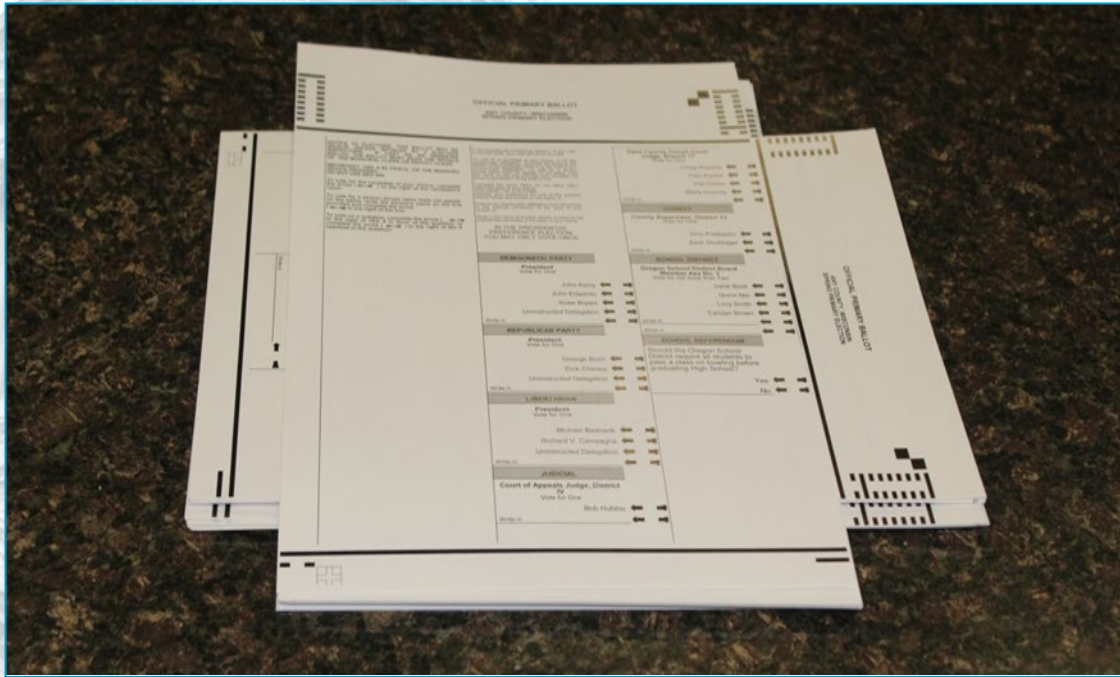
- Count of ballots into stacks of 50
- Label stacks, e.g., 1-50, 51-100...
- Organize each stack into two smaller stacks of 25



Recommended Procedures

Tallying votes

- Two (2) auditors review each ballot
- Auditors rotate stacks of 25 between them
- After each auditor has reviewed and tallied both subgroup of 25, total tally marks for each stack of 50
- Keep stacks labeled and in order to locate discrepancies



Recommended Procedures

Using the tally sheet

- Tally votes on each group of 25 ballots
- Record votes for candidates as well as write-ins, scattering, and over/undervotes
- For each group of 25 ballots, count up all tally marks and list in Subtotal column
- Complete for each group of 25

Governor/
Lieutenant Governor

	5	10	15	20	25	Subtotal
Reynolds/Cobb						5
Bowman/Townsend						10
Kirk/Mudd						5
Waters/Gilmour						
Phillips/Deschain						5
Write-in/Scattering						
Overvotes/Undervotes						

**Reporting Form
2022 Post-Election Voting Equipment Audit
November 8, 2022 General Election**

Municipal Information

Municipality:	County:	Audit Date(s):
Municipal Clerk:	Phone:	
Reporting Unit(s):	Number of Ballots Audited:	
Names of Auditors:		
Number of Equipment Errors:	Number of Human Errors:	
Location Audited: Central Count <input type="checkbox"/> Polling Place <input type="checkbox"/>		

Voting Equipment Information

Voting Equipment Serial Number:
Memory Device Serial Number:
Voting System (Vendor, Model/Name):

Election Totals (Use this sheet after you have completed all your tally sheets. Tally your **subtotals** from individual tally sheets in the "Audit" column below. Transfer original election-night voting equipment totals to the "Equipment" column. Please explain any difference between machine and audit totals in the space provided. Election administration or auditor errors must be explained separately from legitimate tabulator errors, if any.)

Governor/ Lt. Governor	Equipment	Audit	Difference
Evers/Rodriguez			
Michels/Roth			
Beglinger/No Candidate			
Write-ins / Scattering			
Undervotes			
Total			

Explanation of Difference:

Recommended Procedures

Reporting Form

- After all tally sheets are complete, add totals from each 50-ballot stack and record final total on Audit Reporting Form in Audit column
- For each candidate/contest, list the total from the equipment result tape/report in the Equipment column
- If Column and Equipment column do not match, calculate difference in Difference column and explain discrepancy further below

Recommended Procedures

Recording equipment errors

- Smudges, extraneous folds, smears
- Ink bleeding through
- Dirty scan head
- Votes attributed to wrong candidate by equipment
- Votes not counted due to specific color/type of ink
- Programming issues not present at time of public test
- Debris/foreign bodies/dust present on ballot
- Anything that would cause an otherwise empty oval to register as a vote or complete/filled oval to not register as a vote

Recording human errors

- Election administration errors
- Incorrectly overriding overvote warnings
- Errors in auditor tallying
- Auditors considering voter intent instead of treating ballots as the equipment would have read them

Recommended Procedures...



Use what works for you!

- There is not a single prescribed way to conduct audit
- Stacks of 50 is our recommended approach
- Ballots may also be sorted by candidate or office
- Accuracy and consistency are key

Post-Audit Procedures



What to submit to wecaudits@wisconsin.gov

- All audit materials
 - Reporting form
 - Tally sheets
 - Copies of equipment results tapes/reports
- Explanation of any discrepancies
- Reimbursement request
 - \$50 flat setup reimbursement plus \$.35 per each ballot audited

Deadlines

- Audit results and materials must be submitted to WEC no later than **November 25, 2022**
- Election results to be certified by the Commission on **December 1, 2022**
- Recount considerations:
 - If recount possible, deadline to file petition falls on or after November 18, and recount **does not** take place, material submission deadline moves to **December 2, 2022**
 - If recount possible, deadline to file petition falls on or after November 18, and recount **does** take place, no audit can be completed until after recount is finished and material submission deadline moves to **December 23, 2022**
 - If a selected reporting unit is subject to a recount and **hand counts** ballots as part of recount, they are exempted from conducting the audit

Final Notes



What next?

- This presentation, as well as all the materials you'll need to conduct the audit, will be posted to the WEC website
- The random selection of reporting units occurred on November 9, 2022. All municipalities with a reporting unit selected were notified via email.
- If you haven't already, please send an email to wecaudits@wisconsin.gov to acknowledge/confirm selection.



Thank you