FOUR FACTS ABOUT
ELECTION SECURITY

MULTI-LAYERED PROTECTIONS SECURE PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS AND ELECTIONS

The Pennsylvania Department of State collaborates closely with county governments on uniform election security measures to protect your vote, including: fortified voting system defenses, encryption over a closed-network, voter-verifiable paper ballots, post-election analyses, hand-delivery of results, and ongoing training - all coordinated at the local level.
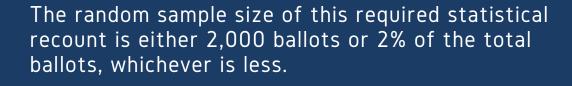
PENNSYLVANIA'S VOTING SYSTEMS ARE STRICTLY SECURED

- Voting machines are never connected to the internet.
- All voting equipment is inspected and sealed before elections.
- Election results are physically delivered, not submitted online.
- Voting systems are required to include verifiable paper ballots to strengthen election security and auditability.

COUNTIES ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A STATISTICAL RECOUNT

Each county election board is required by law to automatically test the accuracy of vote tabulations post-election for a random sample of ballots cast.

The random sample size of this required statistical recount is either 2,000 ballots or 2% of the total ballots, whichever is less.

RISK-LIMITING AUDITS ARE MANDATORY

The PA Department of State mandated counties to conduct statewide risk-limiting audits (RLAs) for every Primary and General Election starting November 8, 2022.

RLAs use statistical methods to verify election outcomes and detect interference by comparing machine-reported totals to paper ballots.

RLAs are conducted post-election before results are certified, RLAs confirm voting system accuracy and security without requiring a full hand-count.

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