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N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 AUDIT OF ELECTION RESULTS
2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Audit Date: November 16, 2026

The Sussex County Board of Elections performed an audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9. Pursuant to the statute, a *random* sample of 2% of the election districts were audited.

The General Election was comprised of nine (9) days of Early Voting, Election Day voting, plus Vote-by-Mail and Provisional voting using voting equipment from Election Systems & Software.

Audits units included early voting, election day, vote-by-mail, and provisional ballots. Based on 3 Early Voting DS200's, 119 Election Day district batches, 126 Vote-by-Mail units and 4 batches of Provisional Ballots, the audit consisted of 5 total audit units.

A hand-to-eye count was conducted of the paper records for the General Election held November 3, 2026 for the following offices: US Senate, US House of Representatives, County Clerk, Municipal Mayor/Committee race.

The following batch units were randomly selected for the audit:

Election Day – Sparta Township, District 14: Batch ED-083
Election Day – Vernon Township, District 4: Batch ED-0094
Vote-by-Mail – Hopatcong Township, District 6: Batch A0123, A0048, A0001
Vote-by-Mail – Vernon Township, District 14: Batch A0124, A0122, A0104
Vote-by-Mail – Vernon Township, District 19: Batch A0108, A0123

In each municipality, the hand-to-eye audit was 100% consistent with the scanned tally report. There was a 1 vote difference for US Senate, Cory Booker in Vernon Twp 14 due to auditor counting a voter miss marking of circle that could not be counted by machine. The audit results did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a contest recorded it as an overvote and did not count the vote.

Respectfully submitted, November 17, 2026

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Sussex County Board of Elections