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Background

In 2022, Idaho passed Senate Bill [1274](#), which requires the Secretary of State to conduct a post-election audit after each primary and general election in even-numbered years. The Secretary of State's office composed [S1274](#) in collaboration with legislators and county election administrators to preserve open, honest, and fair elections. As public concern and scrutiny over elections increases, implementing the audits is a tool to increase public confidence in Idaho's elections while also ensuring continual process improvement among county election administrators.

Idaho Code § [34-1203A](#) outlines the process of conducting post-election audits. This section of the code works in tandem with directives issued by the Secretary of State to provide the required procedural information to county elections administrators and the public. The post-election audit procedures are developed to validate the accuracy of election results, ensure election voting tabulators are operating properly, and determine if election policies and practices have been complied with.

Following the 2024 Primary Election, the Board of Canvassers oversaw the random selection of eight (8) counties across the state and the precincts within those counties. Due to a county-wide recount, Bingham and Butte County were excluded from the selection process since counties were already subject to post-election review.

To ensure all counties receive an audit over multiple elections, counties with less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) registered voters will be removed from the selection process once they have been audited. They will be returned to the audit draw once all counties under that threshold have received an audit. Counties with twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more registered voters will continually be eligible for audit in the future.

Following the random selection, the Secretary of State's office sent teams of auditors to each of the eight (8) selected counties. To fill the additional auditor roles for this audit cycle, the Secretary of State utilized members of the accounting community for the audit teams. The audits involved a hand-count review of all ballots within each of the precincts and batches selected. Additionally, the teams compared the number of ballots audited to the number of voters recorded as having voted in each precinct. This manual review compared what the counties reported as part of their official county canvass of results to what the auditors found during their independent review.

A summary of the audit findings for the 2024 Primary Election follows.

Overview

On May 28, 2024, the State Board of Canvassers randomly selected eight (8) counties and specific precincts within those counties for the post-election audit. The counties and their precincts that were chosen are as follows:

Bannock

- Precincts Pocatello 1, Pocatello 3, Pocatello 4, Pocatello 6, Pocatello 15, Pocatello 21, Pocatello 23, Pocatello 30, Pocatello 37, Pocatello 41, Chubbuck 51, Downey 62, Inkom 63 and Swan Lake 68.

Boundary

- Precincts Copeland, Moyie Springs, N Bonners Ferry, and Naples.

Canyon

- Precincts 1811, 2011, 2111, 2311, 2411, 2912, 3112, 4513, 4613 and Batches 3, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 39, 44, 45, 47, 53, 57, 58, 61, 69, 74, 76, 78, 81, 89, 90, 91, 92, 97, 109.

Cassia

- Precincts 104 Burley 4, 105 Burley 5, 106 Burley 6, 107 Albion, 108 Almo, 109 Bridge, 110 Declo, 114 Jackson, 115 Malta, 118 Parsons, 120 Springdale, 121 Starrh's Ferry, and 124 View.

Fremont

- Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Madison

- Precincts #1 Plano, #3 Hibbard, #6 Sugar City, #7 Adams, #8 Pioneer West, #9 Pioneer East, #10 Porter Park, #12 4th South, #13 University, #14 Rexburg Hill, #17 Moody, and #21 6th South.

Payette

- Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10.

Valley

- Precincts 1- Alpha, 2- Cascade, 3- Donnelly, 4-McCall, 5-Payette, 6- Roseberry, 8- Yellowstone, Absentee 1- Alpha, Absentee 2- Cascade, Absentee 3- Donnelly, Absentee 4- McCall, and Absentee 7- West Mountain.

The following is a listing of each county and a summary of the findings made during the audit. A complete copy of the audit results is attached.

Madison County

On Thursday, May 30th, 2024, Madison County was audited by the Secretary of State's office. The contest audited was the State Representative Seat B contest for Legislative District 34. For the election night results, Madison County reported a total amount of 2,257 ballots cast within the selected precincts audited. The audited results compared to election night results for the selected contest are as follows:

Findings:

County Canvass Ballots Reported	2,257
Ballots Audited	2,257
Total Voters Recorded	2,257

<i>Party</i>	Candidate Names/ Type of Votes	Hand Count Audit Tally	Election Night Reporting
<i>REP</i>	Britt Raybould	1,297	1,297
<i>REP</i>	Larry Golden	712	712
<i>N/A</i>	Under Vote	65	65
<i>N/A</i>	Over Vote	0	0
<i>N/A</i>	Ballots w/o audited race	183	183
Total Votes		2,257	2,257

Notes:

No differences were found during the county audit.

Recommendations:

The Secretary of State's office has no recommendations.

Conclusion

The 2024 Primary Post-Election Audit demonstrates Idaho's commitment to maintaining the integrity and transparency of its electoral process.

The findings from this audit reinforce the reliability of our voting systems and processes while highlighting areas for improvement. In counties with minor differences, appropriate recommendations have been made to address these issues and enhance future election protocols.

The Secretary of State's office and the County Clerks remain committed to conducting open, honest, and fair elections. By continuing these post-election audits, the office aims to bolster public confidence and ensure that every Idahoan's vote is accurately counted and properly recorded.