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## **ELECTION RESULTS TO BE AUDITED AT SELECTED POLLING LOCATION**

**HARTFORD:** Deputy Secretary of the State Scott Bates randomly selected a voting precinct to have its results audited following May 1 municipal and borough elections.

Deputy Secretary Bates said, "We want to make sure that every vote is counted and every voice is heard. We have one of the country's strongest and most transparent assessments of the vote. We will take every measure to ensure the tallies are accurate."

Five percent of the polling places that use optical scan machines are subject to the audit, as prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes 9-320f. Those hand counted ballots are matched against vote totals from optical scan machines. The results of the audit will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut, the Secretary of the State's Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and then be made available to the public.

Connecticut boasts one of the strictest audit statutes in the country and was the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of results.

**Polling place to be audited:** Bethany Town Hall

<u>Alternates:</u> Woodbridge Center School 1 Andover Town Hall