



# **State Resources for Post-Election Audits**

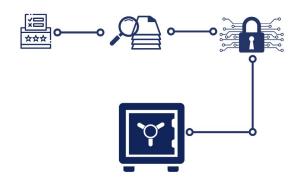
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### **Audit Resources**







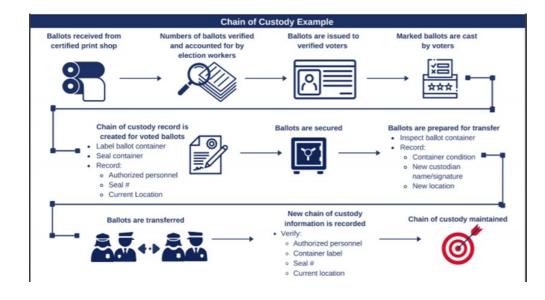
Best Practices:
Chain of Custody



- EAC Resources
  - Best Practices: Chain of Custody
  - Post-Election Audits and Recounts overview and webpage
  - Risk Limiting Audits whitepaper
  - VSTL Pre/Post Election Assessment
     & Audit Services
- Upcoming EAC Resources
  - Conducting Election Audits
  - Canvassing and Certifying an Election
  - Conducting a Recount

## **Chain of Custody Best Practices**

- SSISTANCE COMMISSION \*\*
- Outlines considerations when developing or revising chain of custody procedures for:
  - physical election materials: in-person, mail ballots, VVPAT
  - voting systems and use of third-party auditors for conducting audits, and
  - electronic discovery.
- Includes COC checklists, forms, WKS, examples, recommendations



### Call to Action



- State election offices are critical in this process:
  - primary drivers for uniformity, oversight,
     training and resources for local jurisdictions
  - reach broad public audience to explain COC procedures, audit/reconcilation process and confidence in results
- The EAC needs your feedback to develop programs and products to fit your needs



## **Feedback and Questions**