



pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**NASS WINTER CONFERENCE:
PLANNING AND PILOTING ENHANCED
POST-ELECTION AUDITS**

Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar

January 31, 2020

New Voter-Verifiable Paper Record Voting Systems in PA



APRIL 2018: MANDATE TO COUNTIES TO SELECT NEW VOTING SYSTEMS



NEW SYSTEMS MUST HAVE VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORDS



SELECT BY 12/31/19 & IMPLEMENT NO LATER THAN 2020 PRIMARY



ALL 67 COUNTIES HAVE DONE SO & 45/67 IMPLEMENTED IN 2019

PENNSYLVANIA POST-ELECTION AUDIT WORKGROUP

STUDY MODELS & METHODS OF ENHANCED AUDITS



**STRENGTHEN
ELECTION SECURITY AND
INTEGRITY**



**CONFIRM THE ACCURACY
OF ELECTION OUTCOMES**



**CONFIDENCE TO VOTERS
THAT VOTES ARE BEING
COUNTED ACCURATELY**

PENNSYLVANIA POST-ELECTION AUDIT WORKGROUP MEMBERS



**6 COUNTY ELECTION
DIRECTORS FROM ALL
REGIONS & TYPES**



**3 ORGANIZATIONS EXPERT
IN AUDITS AND ELECTIONS**



**4 PA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ELECTIONS LEADERSHIP
PLUS ADVISORS**

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES



**DEVELOP PRACTICE & POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS: WHAT
FITS WITH PA PROCEDURES?**



**STRATEGIZE
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR LEGISLATIVE
ENHANCEMENTS**



**ROADMAP TO EFFECTUATE
PILOT AUDITS IN MULTIPLE
COUNTIES & PLAN
TRANSITION TO
STATEWIDE AUDITS**

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MEETINGS



**NCSL OVERVIEW OF
NATIONAL TRENDS**



**ORGANIZATIONS OVERVIEW
OF POLICIES/PRACTICES**



**RISK LIMITING AUDIT DICE-
ROLLING DEMO**



**EXPLORE SCOPE, TYPES,
TIMELINES, BEST PRACTICES
OF AUDITS**

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2019 ACTIVITIES



**“SANDBOX” EVENTS—
PILOT PILOTS**



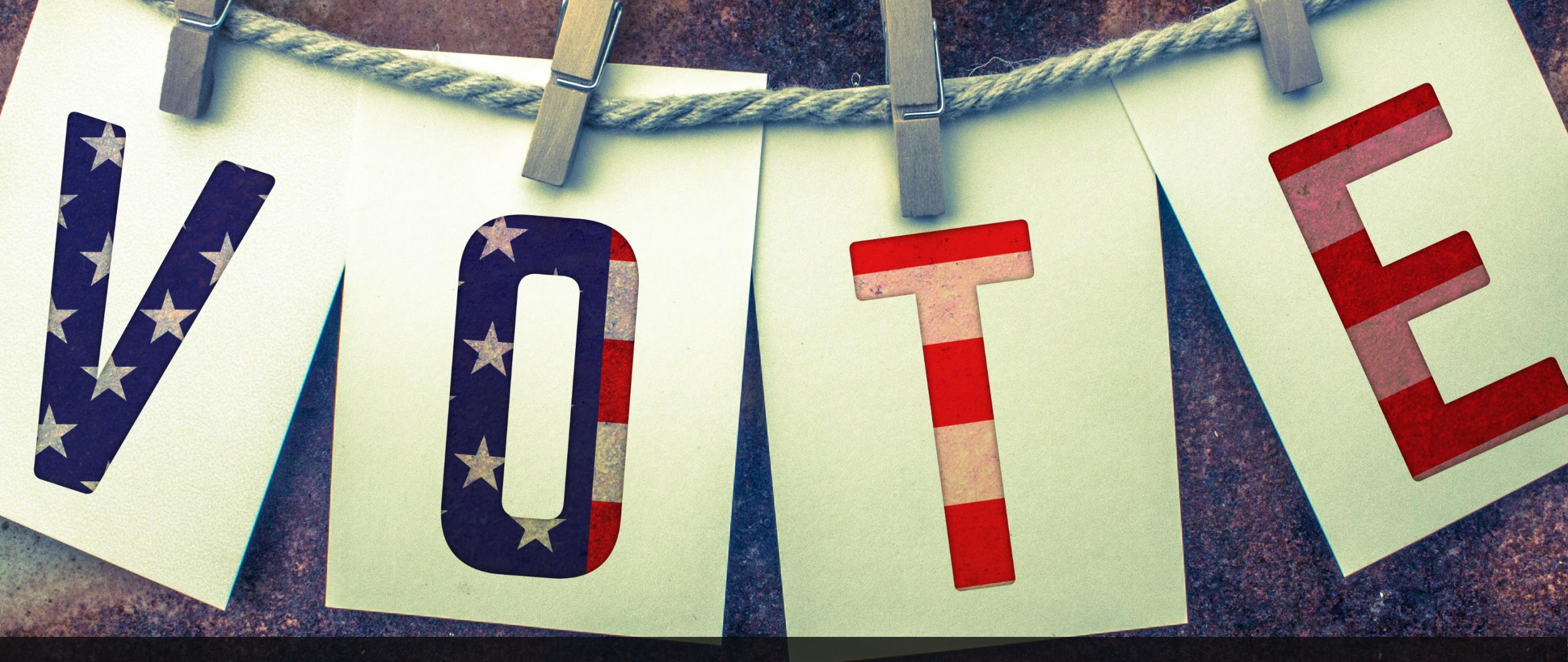
**PHILADELPHIA &
MERCER COUNTIES
VOLUNTEERED TO
PIONEER PILOT AUDITS
IN NOVEMBER 2019**



**PARTNERED WITH EAC,
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,
BRENNAN CENTER,
DEMOCRACY FUND,
VOTINGWORKS, & VERIFIED
VOTING**

NEXT STEPS

- Identify costs, equipment, materials, tools, & other resources needed
- Identify next round of counties to add to pilot audits and establish sufficient support, planning, & resources to each
- Develop training needed for election personnel
- Identify guidance and directives needed from Department of State & begin legislative discussions
- Continue to evaluate efficient and effective best practices and protocols for conducting audits & integrating them into existing election administration and timelines in Pennsylvania



**THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?**