Post-Election Audits:
The State of the States

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- Serves 7,383 legislators and 25,000 legislative staff
- Provides non-partisan research & analysis
- Links legislators with each other and experts
- Speaks on behalf of legislatures in D.C.
NCSL Post-Election Audit Categories

- Traditional - Look at a fixed percentage of voting districts or voting machines
- Risk Limiting Audits (RLAs) - Statistically based audit techniques
- Other – Do not fit above categories
Current State of Post-Election Audits
States of Interest

- New Mexico & Oregon
  - Tiered System
- California
  - RLA phase-in
- Ohio & Washington
  - “Optional” RLAs
- Michigan
  - RLA Pilot Program
  - Proposal 18-3 “The right to have the results of statewide elections audited, in such manner as prescribed by law, to ensure the accuracy and integrity of elections.”
## Post-Election Audit Legislation

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- **Cybersecurity= 433**  
  - 59
- **Voter ID = 973**  
  - 131
RLAs: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly?

- The Good?
  - Implementable
  - Integrity, Security & Confidence
  - Cost & Time Savings

- The Bad?
  - Not Everyone is Ready
  - Technology
  - Initial Costs & Time?

- The Ugly?
  - Legislation for the sake of legislation
  - “Magic”
Last Comments & Resources

- Treat Legislators as “new” to the topic
- “Muddling Through”
- Neutral Language

NCSL
- Post-Election Audits
- NCSL Canvass
- Post-Election Audits: What’s Next? (March 2018)
- Post Election Audits: The FAQs (Sept. 2012)