

Post-Election Audits: The State of the States



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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



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

Year	States	Total Bills	Enacted
2011	10	16	2
2012	9	14	2
2013	10	14	0
2014	11	21	4
2015	10	18	0
2016	10	22	2
2017	16	23	4
2018	21	48	10
Total		176	24

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)





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