Risk Limiting Audits Required

No updates required since December 22, 2023

Background

Risk Limiting audits are a form of post-election audits that use statistical methods to analyze random samples of ballots and verify the accuracy of election results. In a risk limiting audit, the size of the random ballot sample is increased until there is statistical and objective confidence in the election results. Note: In 2020 and 2021, partisan officials hired unqualified individuals to conduct improper ballot reviews in states like Arizona in an effort to undermine trust in state voting systems and election officials. These efforts, which compromised the integrity of both ballots and voting machines, should not be characterized as audits, as they were designed and undertaken for illegitimate purposes. Some states require risk limiting audits through statute, while others allow the audits or have a pilot program.

Scoring

- State conducts risk limiting audits, 1 point
- State does not conduct risk limiting audits, 0 points

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State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Alaska (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Arizona (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Arkansas (0)
- State has no applicable law.

California (1)

Colorado (1)
- State requires risk-limiting audits (C.R.S. §1-7-515).

Connecticut (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Delaware (0)
- State has no applicable law.

D.C. (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Florida (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Georgia (1)
- State has implemented a risk-limiting audit pilot program (Ga. Code § 21-2-498).

Hawaii (0)
- State has no applicable law.
Idaho (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Illinois (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Indiana (1)
  • State has implemented a risk-limiting audit pilot program (IC 3-12-13).

Iowa (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Kansas (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Kentucky (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Louisiana (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Maine (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Maryland (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Massachusetts (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Michigan (1)
  • State has implemented a risk-limiting audit pilot program (Michigan Secretary of State).

Minnesota (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Mississippi (0)
  • State has no applicable law.
Missouri (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Montana (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Nebraska (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Nevada (1)

New Hampshire (0)
- State has no applicable law.

New Jersey (1)
- State has implemented a risk-limiting audit pilot program (New Jersey Department of State).

New Mexico (0)
- State has no applicable law.

New York (0)
- State has no applicable law.

North Carolina (0)
- State has no applicable law.

North Dakota (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Ohio (1)

Oklahoma (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Oregon (1)
- State allows the use of risk-limiting audits (O.R.S. §254.532).
Pennsylvania (1)
  • State will conduct risk-limiting audits following the 2022 election (Pennsylvania Department of State).

Rhode Island (1)

South Carolina (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

South Dakota (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Tennessee (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Texas (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Utah (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Vermont (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Virginia (1)

Washington (1)
  • State allows risk-limiting audits (RCW 29A.60.185).

West Virginia (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Wisconsin (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Wyoming (0)
  • State has no applicable law.