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Election Audit Scheduled Dec. 17

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections will audit general election results Monday, Dec. 17. Audits are required by the secretary of state after presidential primaries and general elections in even-numbered years.

The audit will review votes cast on voting machines and on paper ballots from precincts randomly selected to cover at least five percent of the county's general election total for three contests -president and Ohio Supreme Court as designated by the secretary of state and Franklin County Court of Common Pleas as designated by the board of elections.

Paper ballots will be audited at the Franklin County Board of Elections located at 280 East Broad Street, Columbus. Voting machine results will be audited at the board's warehouse, located at 1719 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus. Both audits will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until all results are audited.

The audits are open to the general public and to duly appointed observers. Witnesses should arrive fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

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