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HB 572 - SUPPORT

Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits

Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice-Chair Wilkins, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

The American Statistical Association endorses and recommends risk-limiting audits. When risk-limiting audit procedures are followed, there is only a limited chance that an incorrectly reported outcome could go undetected. RLAs can adapt to various kinds of voting systems, as long as there are voter-verified ballots to audit. Contests with a wide margin can be audited with very few ballots, freeing up resources for closer contests. Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, and Colorado have implemented RLAs.

Secular Maryland advocates for empirical evidence based laws. Accordingly, we endorse this bill and request that it be enacted into law.

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