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## **Department of State Holds Dice-Rolling Event to Choose Random Seed for Statewide Risk-Limiting Audit of 2022 General Election**

**Harrisburg, PA** – A statewide risk-limiting audit (RLA) of the 2022 midterm election began today with the rolling of 10-sided dice to generate the random 20-digit seed number counties will use to retrieve batches of ballots to be audited.

“This is the first step in the scientifically designed audit procedure that counties will be following to confirm the outcome of the governor’s race using statistical methods,” Acting Secretary of State Leigh M. Chapman said. “RLAs are considered the gold standard of robust election audits.”

The dice roll was publicly [livestreamed](#).

In 2019, the department convened a post-election audit workgroup. The workgroup researched, discussed, and experimented with different types of RLAs, and assisted many counties through pilot RLAs over the last few years.

Based on the recommendations of the audit workgroup, Pennsylvania’s audit of the 2022 general election will be a “batch comparison” type of post-election RLA, which involves hand counting random selected batches of ballots throughout the commonwealth and comparing the vote counts from the hand count against the original machine counts.

A [directive](#) was issued instructing counties to conduct post-election RLAs beginning with the recent general election. Counties will be retrieving and tallying the statistically determined number of randomly selected ballots between today and Nov. 25, 2022.

Many experts, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Senate Select Intelligence Committee, have recommended RLAs as a key part of ensuring the accuracy and integrity of elections.

This RLA will be carried out in addition to the 2% statutorily required recount that counties must perform after each primary and general election.

Counties must certify their election results to the Secretary on Nov. 28, 2022.

For more information about RLAs and to read the latest report of the post-election audit workgroup, which was issued on Sept. 30, 2022, visit the [department's website](#).

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