

## OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

November 16, 2020

TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

RE: Certifying November 3, 2020 General Election

Our office, after evaluating the audit procedures, has concluded that the original results from the Dominion Voting System that were tabulated on and after election day, and certified by the county election superintendent, should be the results that your county certifies as the November 3, 2020 General Election Totals.

The Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) was always designed to confirm the results of the election, and though this was the most in-depth audit possible, the results that were being confirmed were generated through and produced through the voting system Election Management System (EMS) and therefore should be the certified results.

An exception, however, would be if the audit revealed that there were ballots that were either not counted or not uploaded to the final results, then those results should be amended to the EMS totals, and, if necessary those totals would need to be re-certified by the Election Superintendent. Likewise, if the audit revealed that any ballots were erroneously scanned twice, then those results should be amended in EMS and in Election Night Reporting (ENR.)

Though the RLA might show slight changes in totals, those changes are not the certified results.