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## **DIRECTIVE 2016-11**

March 31, 2016

To: All County Boards of Elections  
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Members

Re: Post-Election Audit of the March 15, 2016 Primary Election (and Special Congressional Primary Election for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)

### **SUMMARY**

This Directive is to remind each board of elections of its duty to conduct a post-election audit of the 2016 Presidential Primary Election (and Special Congressional Primary Election for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) and to provide the top of the ticket and statewide contests to be audited.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Each board of elections must conduct a post-election audit of the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election beginning no sooner than six business days after the board certifies the official election results, unless there is an automatic recount (declared by the board or declared by the Secretary of State in the case of a statewide or multi-county district election) or the board has received a valid application for a recount. If a recount is conducted, the post-election audit shall begin immediately after the board certifies the results of the recount. A board of elections **must not** conduct the audit before the board's certification of its official canvass of the election.

The board must complete the post-election audit no later than 21 days after certifying the official results of the election unless a recount must be conducted. If a recount is conducted, the post-election audit must be completed no later than 14 days after the board certifies the recount results.

Each board must follow the procedures outlined in Directive 2015-31, Chapter 9, Section 1.03, of the [Election Official Manual](#) and audit at least the following three contests:

1. Top of the ticket: the Democratic Primary contest for Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the National Convention between Hillary Clinton, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, and Bernie Sanders;
2. Statewide: Republican Primary contest for Justice of the Supreme Court between Pat Fischer and Colleen Mary O'Toole; and

3. One non-statewide candidate contest to be selected by the board of elections, except that the board shall exclude any contest in which the number of candidates for that contest (including eligible write-in candidates) does not exceed the number of candidates to be elected or nominated in that contest when making its selection. A countywide question or issue may be used if you have no non-statewide candidate contest.

If you have any questions regarding this Directive, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Husted