

**Auditing Subcommittee Proposal  
2018 HAVA Election Security Funds**

**Proposal #1: Engage an expert in statistical analysis to study Minnesota's Post-election Review and to recommend changes to the Post-election Review process**

Minnesota Statutes 206.89 states that after every state general election, Minnesota counties must perform a post-election review of election results returned by the optical scan ballot counters used in the state. The review is a hand count of the ballots for each eligible election (U.S. President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and Governor) in the selected precincts compared with the results from the voting system used in those precincts. The purpose of this review is to verify accurate tabulation of the voting system. Because current statute (M.S. 206.89 Subd. 4) specifies that some valid votes must not be included in evaluating voting systems' performance, adjustments are applied to the differences identified through this comparison. However, the unadjusted differences are also published.

It is proposed that the Office engage an outside expert to analyze the post-election review, including unadjusted differences, to quantify its likelihood of detecting tabulation errors, subject to the assumption those errors are large enough to change election outcomes and other suitable assumptions. This will inform any necessary improvements to increase the likelihood of detecting tabulation errors.

**Proposal #2: Conduct a study of Minnesota's data sharing partners**

The Office of the Secretary of State exchanges data with third parties including the Courts, the Department of Public Safety, Social Security Administration, and more. This data is shared to ensure Minnesota's voter registration list is as accurate as possible and any potential eligibility challenges are addressed.

It is proposed that the Office engage an outside consultant to thoroughly examine and audit the security of information being moved between the Office and other agencies and entities. The proposed consultant will work with the Office to address any potential security concerns and develop any additional protocols needed.