

Rhode Island Risk-Limiting Audit of November 5, 2024, State House District 28

The Rhode Island Board of Elections conducted a risk-limiting audit of the November 5th General Election on November 19th. (The die roll to select the random sample was conducted on the 18th; the inspection of ballots was performed on the 20th.) The target contest was the race for Representative in General Assembly District 28; the risk limit was 9%. The sample size was 600 ballots, with nine ballots from the sample being selected twice for auditing, and one ballot being selected three times, for a total of 589 unique ballots. The measured risk was 0.02%, substantially less than the risk limit, and strong evidence that George A. Nardone indeed won the contest for Representative in General Assembly District 28.

In consideration of rule 410 -RICR - 20 - 00 – 28, we provide the following details of the audit in compliance with paragraph 28.3(Y) of the proposed rule:

Name of target contest: Representative in General Assembly District 28

Number of winners: 1.¹

Total number of ballot cards: 589

Unofficial final results (in order of appearance on ballot): Scott Guthrie: 3,418; George A. Nardone: 4,589; Write-in: 12. The unofficial margin is $4,589 - 3,418 = 1,171$ votes.

Number of times ballots were randomly selected for the audit: Nine ballots were selected twice; one ballot was selected three times; the remaining ballots were selected once.

Absolute number of ballots in the sample: 589.

Batch identifiers of batches in the sample: EV Coventry; Coventry 0602; Coventry 0603; Coventry 0604; Coventry 0611; Coventry 0612; Coventry 0613; Coventry 0614; MB Coventry 3; MB Coventry 2; MB Coventry 5; MB Coventry 7; MB Coventry 1; (UOCAVA 1; UOCAVA 2; MB Providence 11; Full Provisionals 1; and MB Remakes 1 were also selected for audit, however, these ballots (30 total) were excluded from the sample as “unauditable” due to batch sizes. Federal Provisionals 2 was also selected for audit but excluded due to the ballot not containing the target state contest.)

Measured risk: 0.02%.

Audit tally totals: Nardone 234, Guthrie 151, write-in 1 (remaining ballots were not voted or did not contain the contest). See tallies report for full tallies.

¹ For purposes of the RLA, this contest is treated as an ordinary plurality contest: the candidate with the most votes is deemed the winner. The audit does not consider the specific delegate allocations to each candidate.

