



## Equipment Security

Election equipment used by the Office of Elections staff must meet certain criteria established by the Virginia Department of Elections and the Electoral Board.

**KEY**

- Security Protocols
- Double-Checked
- Certification Required
- Observable Process
- Bipartisan Process

### Security Standards Must Be Met

The Office of Elections reviews, updates, and certifies compliance with 162 Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) set by the state. The Electoral Board annually reviews and certifies this compliance.

### Voting Equipment Security Plan Required

Under Virginia Code §24.2-625.1(D), the bipartisan Electoral Board must adopt a written plan “to ensure the security and integrity of its electronic voting systems.” The Electoral Board certifies this annually.

### Voting Equipment Must Be Certified

The Office of Elections can only use voting systems that have been reviewed and certified by the Virginia Department of Elections. This process requires evaluation and testing.

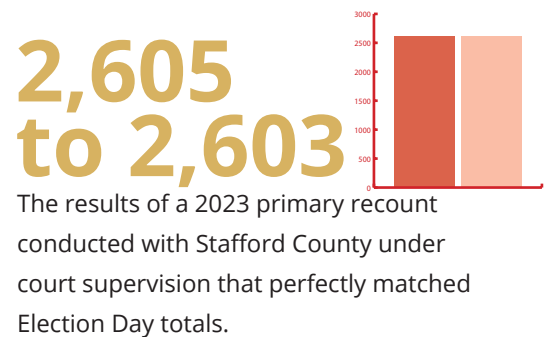
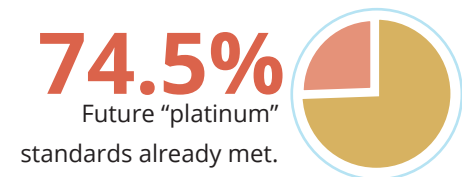
### Employees Undergo Security Training

Staff are required to complete annual training on security protocols to avoid phishing scams, potential threats, and risks to IT security. Access to voting equipment is limited.

### Logic and Accuracy Testing

Prior to each election, all voting systems and pollbooks must complete logic and accuracy testing to ensure equipment is working properly. A “test deck” of ballots is run through each ballot scanner to make sure it properly counts the results. The machines are then sealed for Election Day.

## Quick Stats



## Did You Know?

Virginia uses a Risk Limiting Audit, a type of post-election audit that utilizes statistical methods and a manual review of paper ballots to confirm that the electronic voting systems accurately reported the correct outcome of an election.