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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bulloch County Board of Elections and Registration will begin performing a Risk Limit Audit of the May 21st, 2024, Supreme Court Judge Contest (PINSON) on May 30th, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am through 5:00 pm (12:00 pm – 1:00pm lunchbreak) until complete. If not completed by 5:00pm on May 30th, 2024, we will resume on Thursday, May 31st, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am through 5:00 pm (12:00 pm – 1:00pm lunchbreak) until complete.

RISK-LIMITING AUDITS: THE BASICS

- **Trusted elections are key to a functional democracy.**
- As concerns about U.S. election security have grown, officials have increasingly returned to voting systems that produce a paper trail of votes.
- One piece of technology is still necessary even with paper-based election systems, however: scanners that interpret the marks on paper as votes and count those votes, called "tabulators."
- Risk-limiting audits (RLAs) provide a check on these tabulators, giving us confidence that the outcome of an election is correct.

Why use machines at all?

American elections are run with the expectation that accurate results will be available almost immediately after polls close – taking days or weeks to publish preliminary totals, as happens in some other countries, isn't usually an option. Machine counts also avoid some of the quality problems like fatigue and inconsistency that can happen with hand counts, especially at scale.