

Voting Audits Required for 10 Percent of Connecticut Polling Districts

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The House on Wednesday voted 150-1 to adopt Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz's voting audit measure - a bill the secretary says would make Connecticut the national leader in election security.

The bill, which last week was approved unanimously in the Senate and now heads to Rell's desk, requires audits in 10 percent of randomly selected polling districts during state elections starting in 2008. Only 13 states require audits of election results, and most stipulate far less than 10 percent of polling places.

Connecticut will begin using new voting technology statewide with this fall's local elections, replacing the metal lever machines used since the 1920s with optical scan devices.