

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3853

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3853.

This bill revises procedures governing the audits of election results. These changes include permitting post-election audits to be conducted by independent third-party electronic machines that are not in any way associated with the official ballot tabulation system for the election, instead of a hand-to-eye count.

This bill eliminates certain requirements that audit procedures designed, adopted, and implemented by the audit team be implemented to ensure certain percentages of statistical power that a 100 percent manual recount of the voter-verifiable paper records would not alter the electoral outcome reported by the audit. Instead, post-election audit procedures will be published prior to elections and will be subject to public comment.