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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

To: Division of Legislative Services
From: Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT), Commonwealth of Virginia
Date: November 15, 2022
Re: Chapter 444 Enactment Clause 5 (Regular Session, 2022)

Pursuant to Acts of Assembly Chapter 444, Enactment Clause 5, of the 2022 General Assembly Session, the Department of Elections (ELECT) convened a work group in the summer of 2022 to consider and propose a process timeline for implementing risk-limiting audits (RLA) of statewide contests. The RLA Work Group convened on July 19, 2022, and on August 23, 2022. The work group was composed of nine members, which included local electoral board members and general registrars from various regions of the Commonwealth, and the meetings were led by members of ELECT's staff.

The discussion and suggestions for both meetings revolved around the process for implementing the statutory requirements of §24.2-671.2. Timelines for conducting a RLA of both a primary and general election were discussed, including considerations regarding conducting a RLA during the 2024 General Election. The dialogue informed the processes and procedures outlined in the current State Board of Election's RLA Manual, which may be found on the Department of Election's website here: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/grebhandbook/>. Additionally, the meeting notes and agendas for both meetings may be accessed using Virginia's Regulatory Townhall website here: <https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/Meetings.cfm?BoardID=151>.

The work group did not recommend or communicate any specific policies or legislative proposals through the Department of Elections to the Chairman of the House and Senate Committees on Privileges and Elections. This memo serves as a record of the efforts of the work group. ELECT is grateful to the members of the local electoral boards, general registrars and their staff for their participation in the RLA Work Group.