



## Demand accurate verified vote-counting! Write to the Senate before Thurs., Oct 25!

**NOW—before Thursday—**let legislators know you want verified election results! Groups and individuals both: Please submit written testimony to the state Senate demanding accurate, verifiable vote-counting. Submit your testimony by mail or email on or before the informational hearing scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25!

- **Americans deserve and demand transparent verification of election results.** We are no longer satisfied being told to trust the anonymous computer programmers who in practice count our votes, and we are no longer comfortable with election results being certified solely on the basis of computer print-outs.
- Regardless of how votes are counted, no election can ever be verified without **voter-marked paper ballots that create a true record of the electorate's will.** (Voting machines that create a machine-marked paper trail can be hacked, along with their other problems.)

The Wisconsin Grassroots Network will be submitting testimony telling the Legislature that it needs to:

- 1) Make it clear to state elections officials that it is legislative intent that local elections officials have the authority to verify machine counts by hand-counting paper ballots before their machine counts are certified as official; and
- 2) Direct the Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct a review of the known vulnerabilities of election technology used in Wisconsin, along with current election policies and procedures, to determine whether those policies and procedures are adequate to ensure Wisconsin's voters that every result in every election accurately expresses the true will of the electorate, and to make recommendations regarding how post-Election Day audits can be improved.

Please submit testimony that helps  
to prove Wisconsin citizens care  
about our votes  
being counted accurately!

[Date]

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Elections,  
and UW System  
Sen. Kathleen Vinehout, Chair  
Sen. Jon Erpenbach, Vice chair  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Honorable Senators:

Please accept the following as written  
testimony for the informational hearing on  
election practices and procedures scheduled for  
October 25, 2012.

*[Write your testimony. It doesn't have to be  
long; just weigh in. We want a blizzard of  
written testimony.]*

Sincerely,  
*(Individual or group)*

Send your testimony via US mail to the address  
on the letter, and/or email it to the Committee:  
[Sen.Vinehout@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Vinehout@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
[Sen.Erpenbach@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Erpenbach@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
[Sen.Cullen@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Cullen@legis.wisconsin.gov)

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integrity and WGN activities, visit  
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"Issues" and then "Election Integrity,"  
or call Karen McKim at 608-212-5079.