

Board of Elections & Registrations
Irwin County Georgia

**Announcement of Results Audit and High-Resolution
Ballot Scanning Ceremonies**

This notice serves to announce the conduction of a Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA) of the results of the July 15th, 2025 Special Election using the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498. In a Risk-Limiting Audit, a random sample of voters' ballots are checked by hand to confirm that computers counted the ballots accurately and the election results are correct. An RLA can stop as soon as it finds strong evidence that the reported winner really got more votes, or it can lead to a full hand count of all ballots, depending on the required level of confidence in the results needed, with closer contests requiring more ballots counted in order to ensure confidence in the results' accuracy. RLAs provide reassurance when outcomes are right, as well as safeguarding against hacks and errors that could produce wrong results.

Beginning at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, staff of the Irwin County Board of Elections and Registrations, as well as the Poll Manager or Asst Poll Manager of each precinct, will separate the batches of ballots cast into sub-batches to assist with consistent hand-auditing, and ensuring that the number of ballots cast both match the number of ballots reported cast by the elections system and that they do not exceed the number of registered voters for their respective precinct. At this time, we will also scan all ballots cast at a minimum resolution of 600dpi, as required for open records requests due to recently passed legislation. By having the images in the same sub-batches as those used in the Risk-Limiting Audit, any member of the public can audit our audits. This process is open for observation by any member of the public, and all interested persons may do so at our office located at 225 E 4th St, Ocilla, GA 31774.

Starting at 10:00am and projected to end at 1:00pm on Thursday July 24th, 2025 at the Irwin County Commission Meeting Room located at 225 E 4th St, Ocilla, GA 31774, sworn auditors supplied by the **Irwin County Republican and Democratic Parties** in equal amounts will hand count the results of all audited contests on the ballot, having to come to a bipartisan consensus in order for a ballot to be tallied as a vote for that specific selection until all ballots are tallied in this method.

The results from the hand-tallied batches will then be compared to those reported by our county's tabulators to ensure their accuracy with the purpose to prove a greater level of confidence in the accuracy of our election results.

All members of the press, of both county parties and members of the public are invited to observe this auditing process and help us verify the accuracy of the results we report as part of our service and duty to the people of Irwin County.

Ethan Compton, Irwin County Election Supervisor