



## Michigan Bureau of Elections **News Update** for Election Administrators

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### **Statewide audit of possible double voting & Detroit precinct audit released**

Yesterday, the Bureau of Elections released its [audit findings](#) for 136 Detroit precincts from the Nov. 8, 2016 general election, largely finding that human error, not illegal activity, resulted in mismatches between the number of ballots and recorded voters.

As part of a separate, [statewide review](#) of the Nov. 8 election, Bureau of Elections staff discovered 31 individuals who appear to have voted twice — once by absentee ballot and again by voting in person on Election Day — who will be referred to the Michigan Attorney General's Office for criminal investigation. The review is ongoing and more individuals may be referred.

We encourage all election officials to review these reports and recognize that these errors can occur in any jurisdiction if vigilant compliance with Michigan Election Law and procedure is not taken. Precise documentation is the touchstone of a well-run election. Accurate and complete documentation is designed to demonstrate compliance with the election law and procedures, as well as to bolster citizen confidence in the administration and results of Michigan elections. All Michigan election officials must continue to strive to meet these objectives.

### **One More Session Added - Election Officials' Accreditation**

Due to popular demand, BOE has added yet another session of Election Officials' Accreditation for new election



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**Submit Ballot Proofs**



### **ofs to the Bureau of Elections**

Counties if you are having a May election please forward a copy of the ballot prepared for Election to the Bureau prior to production in PDF format. Bureau staff will review all ballots to ensure that they conform to the current ballot production standards.

Submit all proofs by email to the attention of Carol Pierce at [piercec1@michigan.gov](mailto:piercec1@michigan.gov). Please include "Ballot Proofs" and the name of your county in the subject line of your email submission. If corrections are needed or any changes are made to the ballots following submission and/or

officials. This **2 day accreditation class is for new** election officials only. It includes new **QVF** user instruction to qualify for QVF account access. This class is only for people who have not attended the in person accreditation class previously. No other session will be added prior to the May 2nd Election.

The new session will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day in:

- Cascade Twp (Kent Co) - April 20 & 21

Seats are also still available at the following locations and dates:

- Petoskey City (Emmett Co) - Mar 22 & 23
- Marquette Twp (Marquette Co) - Mar 29 & 30
- Delta Twp (Eaton Co) - Apr 11 & 12
- Thetford Twp (Genesee Co) - May 10 & 11

To register for class (registration is required), login to the eLearning Center, Browse by Subject "Classes" and select the **Accreditation in Person Class** to register for a class session.

If you have already registered for a different session and would like to enroll in the new session, simply go to your My Transcript Box, find the upcoming class, click Withdraw, and then enroll in the new session.

approval, the PDFs must be re- submitted.

### Still receiving late ballots from the November election?



If a ballot is returned for the November election at this late date, don't forget to report the incident to [www.electionmail.org](http://www.electionmail.org). This website will continue to be a place election officials can report problems with election mail. The more incidents that are reported, the better the USPS is able to respond.



### Staff Changes

Remember, if you have new staff members and/or staff changes, please be sure to complete the Election Account Request form so we can activate and deactivate eLearning and QVF/EMP accounts accordingly.

### Helpful Links



Questions? Please contact the Bureau of Elections at 1-800-292-5973 or [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov).

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