**ACEIT REPORT**

**TO: Anoka County Commissioners**

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**TITLE:** “County Auditor- Is there adequate funding the County Auditor?”.

Topic: Is there enough funding to maintain the accurate master list expected of the County Auditor? “***New ways to increase Election integrity and Transparency”***

From a recent Letter to Brenda Miller from Jason Stover dated July 28th. <

*“Specifically, you asked about a statement in the 2024 budget presentation that the Anoka County Elections Department would continue to* ***find new ways to increase election integrity and transparency.*** *This letter responds to your question about whether there is a plan to achieve that goal and whether that plan is supported by the budget. Yes, there is such a plan and that plan is supported by the budget.”*

**Two New ways to improve Election Integrity and Transparency that require funding:**

1. **Regular NGO auditing of the Anoka County Master List** - It appears that funding is not available to support the periodic corrected update that the Minnesota State Statute **201.091** requires. **Funding should be provided for regular separate NGO auditing of the Anoka County Master List.** Only Anoka County citizens actually living in a residence in each precinct should be on the list for each precinct. This will provide in the master list for each citizen, regardless of political party.
2. **Post Election Reviews (PER)** are only Mandated for the US President, Minnesota Governor, US Senator, and US Representative. All other races are not validated and with the elimination of the CVR Images and mandating of machines for Anoka County, PER need to be completed for all contests up and down the ballot to provide transparency to the citizens regardless of political party. **Funding should be provided to the County Auditor for all PER’s to be completed for all contests on the ballot.**

**201.091 REGISTERED VOTER LISTS; REPORTS; REGISTRATION PLACES.**

[**§**](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/201.091#stat.201.091.1)

Subdivision 1.**Master list.**

 Each county auditor shall prepare and maintain a current list of registered voters in each precinct in the county which is known as the master list. The master list must be created by entering each completed voter registration application received by the county auditor into the statewide registration system. It must show the name, **residence address,** and date of birth of each voter registered in the precinct. The information contained in the master list may only be made available to public officials for purposes related to election administration, jury selection, and in response to a law enforcement inquiry concerning a violation of or failure to comply with any criminal statute or state or local tax statute.

Subd. 2.**Corrected list.**

By February 15 of each year, the secretary of state shall prepare the master list for each county auditor. The records in the statewide registration system must be periodically corrected and updated by the county auditor. An updated master list for each precinct must be available for absentee voting at least 46 days before each election. A final corrected master list must be available seven days before each election.

# 206.89 POSTELECTION REVIEW OF VOTING SYSTEMS.

## Subdivision 1.Definition.

For purposes of this section "postelection review official" means the county auditor, unless the county auditor designates the municipal clerk as the "postelection review official" within 24 hours after the canvass of the state general election.

## Subd. 3.Scope and conduct of review.

The county canvassing board shall appoint the postelection review official as defined in subdivision 1. The postelection review must be conducted of the votes cast for president or governor; United States senator; and United States representative. The postelection review official may conduct postelection review of the votes cast for additional offices.

**Summary:**

1. **Funding should be provided to the County Auditor for regular separate NGO auditing of the Anoka County Master List.**
2. **Funding should be provided to the County Auditor for all PER’s to be completed for all contests on the ballot.**