

50.50 Administrative audits.

1. The commissioner who was responsible for conducting an election may request an administrative audit when the commissioner is informed or suspects that voting equipment used in the election malfunctioned or that programming errors may have affected the outcome of the election, or if the precinct election officials report counting errors to the commissioner after the conclusion of the canvass of votes in the precinct. An administrative audit shall be conducted by the board of the special precinct established by [section 53.23](#). The state commissioner may adopt rules for administrative audits.

2. Each political party, as defined in [section 43.2](#), may appoint up to five observers to witness an audit conducted pursuant to [this section](#). The observers shall be appointed by the county chairperson or, if the county chairperson fails to make an appointment, by the state chairperson. However, if either or both political parties fail to appoint an observer, the board may continue with the proceedings.

[97 Acts, ch 170, §59](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1134, §49, 115](#); [2025 Acts, ch 122, §14](#)

Referred to in [§50.12, 50.51](#)

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