

2021 Resolution on Restoring Public Trust in the Electoral Process

Whereas, the [US Department of Homeland Security conducted a forensic audit](#) on VR Systems, the vendor responsible for 2016's Durham County electronic poll book "glitches" that enabled [Durham to become the last county reporting](#) election results that year;

And whereas, the [Durham County results included 94,000](#) votes that decisively flipped the outcome of 2016's races for Governor, Attorney General, and State Auditor, the only statewide offices constitutionally endowed with subpoena power;

And whereas, [NBC News reported in 2018](#) that ES&S, the largest election equipment vendor operating in North Carolina, includes components imported from the People's Republic of China;

And whereas, ES&S denied any major components were imported without ever proving, under penalty of perjury, which parts were of Chinese origin and the function of said parts;

And whereas, in time for the 2020 elections, NC State Board of Elections Executive Director Karen Bell circumvented the spirit and intent of the law requiring signatures on absentee ballot envelopes by unilaterally banning the time-honored [signature-verification procedures](#) that is critical to preventing and detecting enterprise-level absentee ballot fraud;

And whereas, a post-election [Monmouth University poll](#) found that only 44% of Americans were "very confident" that our elections were conducted fairly and accurately and 76% of Republicans were "not confident" in the fairness and accuracy of the 2020 election and 32% of Americans (and 70% of Republicans) believe that Joe Biden only won his election "due to voter fraud";

And whereas, in a [February 2020 Gallup World Poll](#), the U.S. fell third to last, just ahead of Chile and Mexico, among 32 countries, when it came to trust in elections;

And whereas, legislative branches in [Arizona](#) and [New Hampshire](#) have taken decisive action to reassert their constitutional authority over the electoral process;

And whereas, NC 2020 electoral practices encouraged absentee fraud similar to Aberdeen, Mississippi's, where [78% of all mail-in absentee ballots](#) were proven fraudulent and a new election was ordered;

Therefore: Be it resolved, that confidence in the integrity of North Carolina's elections is at or near an all-time low, that the NC General Assembly has the constitutional authority to audit the results from the 2020 general election.

At a minimum, this audit should include the following:

- 1) Conduct a bipartisan, hand-eye recount of every contest on the ballot in the seven largest counties from the 2020 general election; and any discrepancies between the machine results and the physical ballot results will trigger the hiring of two independent forensic audit teams to analyze the election equipment.
- 2) Conduct a bipartisan signature analysis of all absentee ballot envelopes compared with voter registration signatures in the seven counties casting the most absentee by-mail votes and in all nursing homes that refused the help of a Multi-partisan Assistance Team during the 2020 general election.
- 3) Obtain a full accounting of all state, federal, and private funds received and spent by the NCSBE during 2020 and of all electoral fraud complaints that have been referred for prosecution since 2014.