



MCINTOSH COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Local Republicans Push for a Hand Count of the Upcoming November Election

Members of the McIntosh County Republican Party yesterday passed a resolution compelling certain Members of the Board of Elections to conduct a hand count of paper ballots in the upcoming November election prior to certifying the results.

The McIntosh County Board of Elections and Registration would normally certify the results of the voting machine counts without taking steps to validate those counts. The machines are tested and certified accurate prior to the election, thus eliminating the need to validate machine counts after the election. A machine recount would only be done after if the vote is very close or in case of significant unexplained machine counts. The resolution, however, cites several examples of erroneous machine counts in other counties, and asks for a paper ballot count in advance of certification.

Resolutions by political parties such as this are typically ceremonial, since elections are conducted according to law and not by the whims of the parties. Both the Texas Republican Party and the Maricopa County, Arizona Republican Party passed resolutions to reject the results of the 2020 presidential election. These were purely symbolic gestures that may have had emotional impact but had no practical effect. The McIntosh County Republicans tried to add teeth to their resolution by insisting that Republican Members of the Board of Elections would lose their appointment to that Board if they certify election results without validating the machine counts with a paper ballot count.

John Vernon, Chairman of the McIntosh County Republican Party, stated, "All attempts to validate machine results in other counties post-election have shown major discrepancies in the machine counts. We saw this in Floyd County, DeKalb, Coffee, Cobb, Fulton, Grady, and Taylor Counties. We're not aware of a post-election validation that has been able to replicate

the machine counts. We can't say if the problems are with the machines themselves, or with the validation process, the certification process, or with the complex administrative processes associated with voting machines, but we don't see how the machine results can be certified if they've never been reproducible.”

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