



Election Security in Iowa

MYTH VS. FACT #1

MYTH:

voter tabulators are connected to the internet, making them vulnerable to hacking and manipulation.

FACT:

Iowans vote on paper ballots in all elections and those ballots are preserved to ensure accurate results. Vote tabulators are not connected to the internet or to each other. Every vote tabulator is stored securely when not in use and undergoes a logic accuracy test (basically a pre-election audit) in which the public is invited to attend and watch. Sample ballots are tested on the machine to ensure the tabulators are working correctly and recording votes properly. Post-election audits are conducted in all 99 counties to ensure the hand-count and tabulator totals match. Hand counts in post-election audits matched the tabulator results perfectly, 100%, in all 99 counties in both the 2022 and 2023 elections. Additionally, Iowa has conducted numerous recounts in several counties in recent years, again verifying the accuracy of the vote tabulators.