AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF AIKEN COUNTY'S BALLOT RECONCILIATION WORKSHEETS FROM THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Based on our sample of polling locations for the November 2022 General Election, 94% of the ballot reconciliation worksheets in our sample for Aiken County were available for review. Of the sample, 54% were completed, 16% were reconciled, and 6% were not available for review. Of the worksheets that were incomplete, this was likely due to the lack of a requirement from the State Election Commission to fill every field, even if zero. For the unreconciled worksheets, counting individual ballot cards, incorporating a hands-on ballot reconciliation exercise during training for poll clerks—the lead poll managers—and training them on the worksheet's terms may improve the reconciliation of these worksheets. Adequately completing and reconciling the ballot reconciliation worksheets for each polling location may give greater assurance that the results include all valid ballots cast.

