

### **HB 895**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports HB 895, which provides in detail for the routine conduct of risk-limiting audits in Virginia's elections. Risk-limiting audits, or RLAs, are the gold standard of post-election audits. By auditing actual ballots cast by voters, RLAs confirm the will of the voters and, if the election's reported result is in doubt, the audit can expand to determine the real winner.

The Commonwealth and localities successfully conducted a series of pilot audits, the statewide audit of the presidential and vice-presidential races in 2020, and recently two House of Delegates races. League members observed and even participated in many of these audits and find the process works well.

Risk-limiting audits are a sophisticated, statistically accurate means of confirming correct election outcomes within a reasonable timeframe and cost. We urge you to support this bill.

### **HB1182, HB 1109**

The League of Women Voters does not support HB 1082 or HB 1109 because voter turnout for local elections in May is lower than it is for November elections. We supported moving the elections to November specifically to encourage voters to participate in city and town elections and this bill would discourage voting.

### **HB 1262**

HB 1262 would negatively affect local races, transforming them into partisan contests. Clerks of the Circuit Court, Treasurers, Commissioners of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorneys, and Sheriffs all serve the residents of their communities without partisanship. Their constituents often know them personally. Candidates for these offices should be elected based on competence, not partisan identification. There is no need to nationalize elections for local office. The League opposes this bill.