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New Hampshire governor says he will approve voting machine audit of 2020 Windham election

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The governor of New Hampshire announced on Thursday that he intends to sign a bill allowing an audit of voting machines used in the town of Windham for the 2020 election.

Gov. Chris Sununu said he supported the bill, which is meant to address count discrepancies there, during a press conference on Thursday.

"I think they designed the bill very well," he said. "And I fully intend on signing it and moving that forward as soon as we can."

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The bill, SB 43, which has been passed by both the state House and Senate, authorizes and directs an audit of "ballot counting machines and their memory cards and the hand tabulations of ballots."

In November 2020, the city held an election for its Rockingham District 7 state representative seats. The vote was so close that it triggered an automatic recount, at which time seven of the eight candidates gained around 300 votes and one candidate lost 99.

The bill will also require a "hand tallying of all ballots cast in Windham in the Rockingham County district 7 state representative race, the race for governor, and the race for United States senator."

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The hand audit, however, will not constitute a recount and, therefore, will not mean that the results of any of those November votes will change.

The *Washington Examiner* contacted the governor's office to see how soon the bill might be signed but did not immediately hear back.

Democratic senators warned of potential 'vote switching' by Dominion voting machines prior to 2020 election

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Four congressional Democrats sent a letter to the owners of Dominion Voting Systems and cited several problems that "threaten the integrity of our elections," including "vote switching."

In a [December 2019 letter to Dominion Voting Systems](#), which has been [mired in controversy](#) after a human error involving its machines in Antrim County, Michigan, resulted in incorrect counts, Democratic Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Ron Wyden, and Amy Klobuchar and congressman Mark Pocan warned about reports of machines "switching votes," "undisclosed vulnerabilities," and "improbable" results that "threaten the integrity of our elections."

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> Senators Elizabeth Warren (D), Amy Klobuchar (D) & Ron Wyden (D) issue a formal complaint in 2019 to Dominion Voting Systems.
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> Among the complaints? Allegations of 'vote-switching.' ▼ https://t.co/4MYMNnMUyl
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> — Kyle Becker (@kylenabecker) [November 13, 2020](#)

"In 2018 alone, 'voters in South Carolina [were] reporting machines that switched their votes after they'd inputted them, scanners [were] rejecting paper ballots in Missouri, and busted machines [were] causing long lines in Indiana,'" the letter reads. "In addition, researchers recently uncovered previously undisclosed vulnerabilities in "nearly three dozen backend election systems in 10 states." And, just this year, after the Democratic candidate's electronic tally showed he received 164 votes out of 55,000 cast in a Pennsylvania state judicial election in 2019, the county's Republican chairwoman said, "nothing went right on Election Day. Everything went wrong. That's a problem."

The letter continued: "These problems threaten the integrity of our elections and demonstrate the importance of election systems that are strong, durable, and not vulnerable to attack."

Republicans have been probing other counties in Michigan and suggesting the need for investigations into other states where Dominion machines were used.

"Our team is currently reaching out to county clerks across Michigan as well as going through election results in each of the counties which use this software to see how widespread this error may be," Michigan Republican Party communications

In Texas, Dominion Voting Systems was [rejected three times](#) by experts from the Texas secretary of state and attorney general's office.

President Trump has openly criticized Dominion as he attempts to challenge voting results across the country, alleging widespread voter fraud and tweeting about the company Friday afternoon.

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Dominion machines are involved in every state where Trump is launching legal fights, but several experts and officials have [stated that there is no reason to believe those machines altered the outcome of the election](#).

"Many of the claims being asserted about Dominion and questionable voting technology is misinformation at best and, in many cases, they're outright disinformation," Edward Perez, an election-technology expert at a nonprofit group that studies voting infrastructure, said this week. "I'm not aware of any evidence of specific things or defects in Dominion software that would lead one to believe that votes had been recorded or counted incorrectly."