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# **Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Announces Passage Of Automatic Hand Recount Bill, Increasing Transparency In Close Elections**

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced the Senate passed his legislation (S.1833) requiring hand recounts of ballots when elections are decided by less than half of one percent margins.

“Now more than ever, voters need to have confidence in the accuracy of election results,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I am pleased the Senate passed this important legislation, which will improve our democratic institutions.”

Currently, there is no automatic trigger for hand recounts. Judges, as part of time-consuming and expensive court proceedings, rarely order hand recounts.

## related legislation

### [2019-S1833](#)

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- Introduced
    - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly

- On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly
- Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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[Requires boards of elections and bipartisan committees to hand count ballots cast in elections where the difference is 10 or less votes or .5%](#)

January 16, 2019

In Senate Committee [Elections](#)

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