

ELECTION LAW

VOTING

CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS – GENERAL ELECTIONS (STATUTES)

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In the typical general election, the process of certifying election results begins as soon as the polls are closed. Election officials at the polling place count the votes and send the vote totals, or “returns,” to a county canvassing board. The county canvassing board proceeds to count and verify, or “canvass,” the various precinct votes and make determinations on the election of county and local officials. Typically, the county canvassing board or county clerk issues a certificate of election to the winners of county and local offices. The county canvassing board also certifies county vote totals for state and federal offices that extend beyond the county limits. These are offices such as President, U.S. Senator and Representative, Governor, Secretary of State, state auditor, state attorney general, and other state executive branch offices. The county canvassing board sends the certified vote totals for these elections to a state canvassing board, and the state board certifies the elections.

Certification begins with the counting and certification of votes and ends with the delivery of a certificate of election to the winner. Delivery of the certificate itself typically involves a ceremony with the Governor and Secretary of State in the state legislature during the first week of the January session. In most states, state and local officials are obligated by statute to post the certified results on a website or in a polling place, newspaper, or courthouse at some point in the certification process. Typical certification regimes include rules on: standards for recounts and contests; procedures and times for canvassing votes; staffing of canvassing boards; delivery, security, and return of supplies, ballots, and forms; rules on publishing and recording of certified results; and rules on tie votes and special elections.

This table is focused on general elections, or statewide elections that generally occur every two years. This table does not include regulations on: certification of presidential elections; certification of results for primary elections, local elections, judicial elections, or special elections; vote counting; tie votes; election contests and recounts; certification of election officers; certification of candidates

(for campaign finance regimes); or certification of voting systems. This table does not seek to cover statutes on methods for counting and recounting votes. However, such statutes are included if the state has placed them in the midst of certification statutes. The table outlines the steps that states take to certify results.

Table 1: Certification of Results – General Elections

State	Local Canvass	State Canvass	Posting or Publishing	Delivery and Declaration
Alabama	County canvassing board meets at noon on second Friday after election to canvass county returns, and as soon as it has ascertained results, canvassing board transmits certificates of results to Secretary of State AL ST § 17-12-15 AL ST § 17-12-16	Returns from counties must be opened, counted, and certified in presence of Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General, or two of them, within 22 days after election AL ST § 17-12-17	No later than two hours after polls are closed, voting place election results, as tabulated by inspectors, are posted by inspectors for public inspection at place in county courthouse designated by judge of probate; with exceptions for county and state officers, Governor proclaims results of elections by publishing them in some newspaper at seat of government AL ST § 17-12-8	Certificates from canvassing board must be forwarded to Governor at least 10 days before next meeting of legislature, and Governor must deliver certificates unopened to Speaker of House; Secretary of State furnishes certificates of election to state and federal legislators within 10 days after receiving returns of election from judge of probate of each county; certificates of election for state executive offices are forwarded by judge of probate to Governor and opened in presence of majority of

				legislature within first five days of legislative session AL ST § 17-12-19 AL ST § 17-12-21 AL ST § 17-12-22
Alaska	When ballot count is completed, and no later than day after election, Election Board makes certificates of results; certificates are immediately sent to Director of Elections and to Election Supervisor AK ST § 15.15.370	State ballot counting review begins as soon as practicable after election, and no later than 16 days after election; a certificate not delivered to Director of Elections by close of business on 15 th day after election may not be counted at state ballot counting review AK ST § 15.15.440	None	Director issues certificates of election AK ST § 15.15.370 AK ST § 15.15.450
Arizona	Governing body holding election must meet and canvass election not less than six days nor more than 20 days following election AZ ST § 16-642	Board of Supervisors delivers copies of official canvasses to Secretary of State in uniform electronic computer media format; on fourth Monday following election, Secretary of State, in presence of Governor and Attorney General, canvasses all offices AZ ST § 16-646 AZ ST § 16-648	City or town clerk maintains and preserves official canvasses as permanent public record AZ ST § 16-646	Secretary of State delivers certificates of election to state and federal office winners AZ ST § 16-650

Arkansas	No earlier than 48 hours after election nor later than 15 calendar days after election, county board of election commissioners meets to ascertain, declare, and certify results to Secretary of State -- county board also sends abstracts of returns to Secretary of State; county board declares preliminary results immediately after vote count is complete and reports to county clerk, who transmits to Secretary of State via Internet website AR ST § 7-5-701	Within 30 days after time allowed to make returns of election by county board, Secretary of State, in presence of Governor, casts up and arranges votes by county for U.S. Senator and Representative elections, and Governor immediately thereafter proclaims winner of those elections -- same time frame for elections for state offices AR ST § 7-5-703 AR ST § 7-5-704	The county board shall post a copy of the written report submitted to the state board in a public place in the county clerk's office for twenty (20) days and file a copy with the clerk's office. AR ST § 7-5-707	During first week of legislative session, Speaker of House opens and publishes votes cast for state executive offices; on first day of legislative session, Secretary of State lays before each house a list of members elected. AR ST § 7-5-705 AR ST § 7-5-707
California	Canvass commences no later than Thursday following election, and canvass ends with report to Secretary of State for state or statewide elections; elections official also sends duplicate copy of certified statement of results to chairperson of	Elections official sends to Secretary of State a copy of vote results for elections within 35 days of election; Secretary of State compiles results CA ELEC § 15375	Secretary of State immediately makes public the first results of the semifinal official canvass received from elections officials; upon completion of count, elections official declares vote and posts copy at counting place for public inspection;	Secretary of State has 39 days to declare winners of state and federal legislative offices; Secretary of State makes out and delivers certificate of election to each person elected CA ELEC § 15503

	<p>county central committee of each party CA ELEC § 15301 CA ELEC § 15375 CA ELEC § 15376</p>		<p>Secretary of State makes public the compilation results; within 120 days of filing of statement of vote, Secretary of State compiles and makes available to electors a supplement to statement, which supplement breaks down votes by county, city, district, and office CA ELEC § 15500 CA ELEC § 15502</p>	
Colorado	<p>Canvass board completes its duties no later than 17th day after election; no later than 18th day after election, county clerk and recorder transmit to Secretary of State statewide abstracts CO ST § 1-10-102 CO ST § 1-10-103</p>	<p>After receiving abstracts, Secretary of State prepares and certifies official statewide abstract of votes CO ST § 1-10-105 CO ST § 1-11-103 CO ST § 1-11-104 CO ST § 1-10-105</p>	<p>Secretary of State publishes official abstracts of votes on biennial basis and furnishes copies to county clerks and recorders; election officials may charge fee for statements of votes, which fee is not to exceed actual cost of making copies CO ST § 1-10-105 CO ST § 1-10-106</p>	<p>Upon organization of House of Representatives, Secretary of State delivers to Speaker of House certified list of candidates elected -- Speaker then opens and announces results in presence of majority of members of both houses of General Assembly CO ST § 1-11-106</p>
Connecticut	<p>In each municipality divided into voting districts, head moderator declares vote of</p>	<p>Returns for U.S. Senator, Representative, and presidential elector are publicly counted by</p>	<p>Result of votes is publicly announced by moderator CT ST § 9-309</p>	<p>Secretary of State presents report of elections to General Assembly at next session;</p>

	<p>municipality and makes returns to Secretary of State; moderator may transmit votes to Secretary of State by electronic means not later than midnight on Election Day, or by sealed delivery by six p.m. the day after election, or by delivery to police by four p.m. the day after election, in which case police deliver to Secretary of State by six p.m.</p> <p>CT ST § 9-312 CT ST § 9-314</p>	<p>Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Comptroller on last Wednesday of month in which they were cast; votes for statewide executive offices are canvassed within 30 days of election; votes for state senator and representative are canvassed within same month of election, and Secretary of State notifies winners within three days of declaration by moderators</p> <p>CT ST § 9-316 CT ST § 9-318 CT ST § 9-319</p>		<p>certification of U.S. Senator is signed by Governor and Secretary of State; elections to statewide executive office are laid before General Assembly on first day of next session, and Assembly declares elections</p> <p>CT ST § 9-314 CT ST § 9-316 CT ST § 9-318</p>
Delaware	<p>Superior Court convenes in each county to canvass votes on the second day after general election, with representatives of Prothonotary and Department of Elections observing and assisting; if votes are not produced by noon, Court may issue summary process against</p>	<p>Within three days after making certificates, Superior Court delivers and lodges certificates of results for various elections with Secretary of State, Governor, or local clerks; Governor certifies results for state executive offices and U.S. Congress</p>	<p>After receiving certificates of election for county offices, Governor publishes the results in one or more public newspapers in respective counties; results for federal offices are published in one or more public newspapers</p> <p>DE ST TI 15 § 5710</p>	<p>Governor issues certificates of election and commissions to state executive officers; for elections of U.S. Senators and Representatives, Governor receives certificates of results and proclaims the vote</p> <p>DE ST TI 15 § 5705 DE ST TI 15 § 5706</p>

	election officers and others to bring documents to court DE ST TI 15 § 5701 DE ST TI 15 § 5702	DE ST TI 15 § 5709		DE ST TI 15 § 5707 DE ST TI 15 § 5708
District of Columbia	District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics counts votes and determines winners and certifies results. DC CODE § 1-1001.05 DC CODE § 1-1001.08 DC CODE § 1-1001.09 DC CODE § 1-1001.10	None	None	None
Florida	Inspectors and clerks at each precinct draw up certificates of results and transmit to Department of State and county canvassing boards; returns are made to county canvassing board by 2 a.m. of the day following election; county canvassing board files returns with Department of State immediately after it certifies results -- returns must be filed by 11 th day following general	As soon as results are available from all counties, Elections Canvassing Commission certifies returns and determines and declares winners; returns for representatives to U.S. Congress are canvassed separately from returns for state officers FL ST § 102.111	Election Board posts results at the polls as count is completed; inspectors and clerks at each precinct deliver certificates of results without delay to Supervisor of Elections for immediate publication FL ST § 102.071	Department of State gives certificate of election to winners of elections certified by Elections Canvassing Commission FL ST § 102.121 FL ST § 102.151 FL ST § 102.155

	<p>election FL ST § 102.071 FL ST § 102.112 FL ST § 102.141</p>			
Georgia	<p>At or before noon on the day after election, Superintendent commences computation and canvassing of returns and continues until completed; upon completion of canvass, Superintendent signs, announces, and attests to vote figures for counties and municipalities; consolidated returns are certified by Superintendent not later than 5:00 p.m. on seventh day after election and sent immediately to Secretary of State GA ST § 21-2-493</p>	<p>Secretary of State tabulates, computes, and canvasses returns from Superintendents and lays results before Governor and certifies the votes no later than 5:00 p.m. on 14th day after election GA ST § 21-2-499</p>	<p>Superintendent posts certified consolidated returns at courthouse GA ST § 21-2-496 GA ST § 21-2-497</p>	<p>Upon completing vote tabulations for state executive offices, Secretary of State lays results before Governor, and Governor issues commission while officers take their oaths -- same process for state Senator or Representative; Secretary of State, between noon and 1:00 p.m. on second Monday in January, presents legislature with returns and commissions legislators as they take oath of office GA ST § 21-2-502</p>
Hawaii	<p>Upon receipt of certified tabulations, Chief Election Officer or county clerk compiles, certifies, and releases election results, but only after expiration of</p>	<p>U.S. Senator and Representative certifications are handled in same manner as certification of state legislators</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Chief Election Officer delivers certificate of election to winner of state and federal office only after filing of expense statements by person</p>

	time for contesting HI ST § 11-155	HI ST § 11-155 HI ST § 11-156		elected and after expiration of time for contesting HI ST § 11-156
Idaho	Upon close of polls, judges immediately count ballots until completed and result is declared -- if precinct has duplicate ballot boxes, counting begins after five ballots have been cast; upon close of counting, judge transmits copy to county clerk; County Board of Commissioners is the County Board of Canvassers, and it meets within 10 days after election to canvass votes from all precincts in county; County Board makes certified statement on numbers of votes and delivers to county clerk; County Board causes county clerk to make abstracts of returns for each candidate, and county clerk forwards	State Board of Canvassers (Secretary of State, State Controller, and State Treasurer) meets within 15 days after general election to canvass abstracts of votes and make certifications ID ST § 34-1211	Upon close of counting, judge posts copy of results at polling place ID ST § 34-1203	Immediately after canvass by State Board, Secretary of State issues certificates of election to winners ID ST § 34-1209

	<p>abstracts for all federal, state, and district offices to Secretary of State ID ST § 34-1201 ID ST § 34-1205 ID ST § 34-1207</p>			
Illinois	<p>Statements of votes are sent by judges of election to Election Commissioners, city or village or town clerk, and central committees of the established political parties; within 21 days after election, election authorities of respective counties open returns and make abstracts of votes and give to county clerk, who sends to State Board of Elections via overnight mail and by electronic means; special certification procedures for cities with more than 500,000 inhabitants IL ST CH 10 § 5/22-1 IL ST CH 10 § 5/22-5</p>	<p>Within 31 days after election, or sooner, State Board of Elections canvasses votes for federal and state offices IL ST CH 10 § 5/22-7</p>	<p>Immediately upon receiving from the election judge a telephone report of votes received for each candidate, the county clerk shall post such information in a public place in his office for inspection by the public. IL ST CH 10 § 5/17-20</p>	<p>Election judges shall announce total votes after the canvass. Governor gives certificate of election or commission to person elected and proclaims result IL ST CH 10 § 5/17-20 IL ST CH 10 § 5/18-13</p>
Indiana	<p>County election board delivers to circuit court</p>	<p>Not later than noon on second Monday following</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Presiding officer of joint convention certifies to</p>

	<p>clerk canvass sheets and tally papers after tabulating vote; circuit court clerk prepares statement specifying votes received by candidates for offices commissioned by Governor IN ST 3-12-4-13 IN ST 3-12-5-6 IN ST 3-12-5-7</p>	<p>election, circuit court clerk prepares and delivers to Election Division a certified statement showing number of votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor -- Election Division delivers copy of statement to elected offices, and to Speaker of House of Representatives in joint legislative convention to hear canvass of votes; not later than noon on second Monday following election, circuit court clerk prepares and sends to Election Division certified statements for elections to federal and state offices -- Election Division tabulates, and Secretary of State certifies results to Governor and to either Congress or state legislature IN ST 3-12-5-1 IN ST 3-12-5-2 IN ST 3-12-5-5</p>		<p>convention the winners for Governor and Lieutenant Governor; certificate of election may not be issued until the period for discovery and correction of errors has expired, per IN ST 3-12-5-14, which refers to time for recount or contest IN ST 3-12-5-5 IN ST 3-12-5-8</p>
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Iowa	<p>Precinct election register, ballots, and signed and attested tally list are delivered to County Commissioner of Elections by precinct election official by noon of day after election; County Board of Supervisors meets to canvass tally lists on first Monday or Tuesday following election -- abstracts of votes are prepared for different offices and signed by Board of County Canvassers and forwarded to State Commissioner</p> <p>IA ST § 50.1A IA ST § 50.11 IA ST § 50.17 IA ST § 50.24</p>	<p>Within 10 days after election, County Commissioner forwards to State Commissioner the abstracts of votes for different offices; Secretary of State, upon receiving abstracts of votes, canvasses all offices except Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which are delivered to Speaker of House; Executive Council constitutes canvassing board of all abstracts required to be filed with State Commissioner except Governor and Lieutenant Governor; not later than 27 days after election, Secretary of State presents abstracts to canvassing board for approval.</p> <p>IA ST § 50.30 IA ST § 50.38</p>	None	<p>State Board of Canvassers gives certificate to winners, and State Commissioner mails or delivers certificates to winners; Speaker of House certifies Governor and Lieutenant Governor</p> <p>IA ST § 50.29 IA ST § 50.41 IA ST § 50.42</p>

<p>Kansas</p>	<p>Election boards begin counting during election and continue after closing polls until votes are tabulated and certified; county election officer presents original returns for canvass to County Board of Canvassers between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the Friday next following election, or, with public notice in newspaper, on the Monday next; preliminary abstract is prepared by county election officer and presented to County Board of Canvassers, which certifies authenticity and accuracy and makes final determination of results and final abstracts KS ST § 25-3001 KS ST § 25-3104 KS ST § 25-3106 KS ST § 25-3107</p>	<p>Intermediate canvass is sent to Secretary of State; if Secretary of State does not receive final abstract of intermediate canvass by second Tuesday next after election, special messenger may be dispatched; Secretary of State, upon receipt of abstracts of votes, opens and tabulates votes; State Board of Canvassers meets no later than December 1 next following election and makes final canvass and certifies a statement of votes KS ST § 25-3202 KS ST § 25-3203 KS ST § 25-3204</p>	<p>Secretary of State publishes statements of determinations in Kansas register KS ST § 25-3204</p>	<p>At time of convening of regular session, Secretary of State reports to each house of state legislature list of members elected thereto; Secretary of State makes certificates of election and transmits to persons elected KS ST § 25-3210</p>
<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>Return sheets made out by judges of election are sent to county board of</p>	<p>Within 30 days following election, county board of elections transmits results</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>State Board of Elections issues certificates of election for federal and</p>

	<p>elections, county clerk, and local governing body of the two dominant political parties; county board, after tabulating, mails tabulation sheets showing precinct results to State Board of Elections; returns by county boards become official if no discrepancies found by 4 p.m. on the Tuesday following general election and no other problems are encountered KY ST § 117.275 KY ST § 117.305</p>	<p>to State Board; State Board meets to make out certificates when returns are all in or on third Monday after election; certificates are sent to winners KY ST § 117.355 KY ST § 118.425</p>		<p>state offices; Governor certifies elections of U.S. Senators in same manner as elections for state officers KY ST § 118.425 KY ST § 118.465</p>
Louisiana	<p>Parish board prepares two compiled statements of election returns and files one copy with clerk of court no later than 4:00 p.m. on fourth day after election, and sends one copy to Secretary of State, postmarked no later than noon on fifth day after election LA R.S. 18:574</p>	<p>Secretary of State compiles results by noon on sixth day after election and announces results as tentative results; on or before 12th day after election, Secretary of State makes returns official LA R.S. 18:574</p>	<p>Commissioners announce that results will be posted and then post them in conspicuous place at polling place; commissioner-in-charge, upon completion of tabulation, mails official results and other papers to Secretary of State and to clerk of court, who makes copy available to press and public -- this</p>	<p>Within 30 days after election, Secretary of State certifies winners LA R.S. 18:513</p>

			<p>must be completed by midnight on day of election; on or before 12th day after election for U.S. Congress, Secretary of State promulgates returns by publishing in official journal of state LA R.S. 18:571 LA R.S. 18:576 LA R.S. 18:1275.23</p>	
Maine	<p>Election return is prepared as soon as results of election have been declared; municipal clerk prepares municipality return form and sends immediately to Secretary of State, and within three days after election day ME ST T. 21-A § 711</p>	<p>Within 20 days after election, Secretary of State tabulates election returns and submits tabulation to Governor and makes available to public ME ST T. 21-A § 722</p>	None	<p>Governor issues election certificate within reasonable time after election ME ST T. 21-A § 724</p>
Maryland	<p>Local board of Canvassers transmits certified copy of county election results to Governor, Board of State Canvassers, and clerk of circuit court, by mail or personal delivery MD ELEC LAW § 11-401</p>	<p>Board of State Canvassers convenes within 35 days of election to determine winners and prepare election results based on certified statements from local boards of canvassers MD ELEC LAW § 11-503</p>	<p>Local boards make copies of election results available to public at cost; State Board makes election results available to public in electronic format MD ELEC LAW § 11-402</p>	<p>For Presidential and Congressional elections, Governor ascertains votes and then signs and issues proclamation declaring winner and publishes proclamation in newspapers -- Governor issues commission to</p>

	MD ELEC LAW § 11-403 MD ELEC LAW § 11-501			winner only if election is certified by State Board; State Board delivers certified statements to winners of state elections and to Secretary of Senate or Clerk of Congress for federal elections, and makes copies of statements available to public at cost MD ELEC LAW § 11-601 MD ELEC LAW § 11-602 MD ELEC LAW § 11-603 MD ELEC LAW § 11-604
Massachusetts	Clerk in open meeting publicly announces vote and fills out total vote sheet and delivers to city or town clerk, who transmits vote number to such central tabulation facility as Secretary of State designates, by telegraph or telephone; city or town clerk certifies copies of records of votes MA ST 54 § 104 MA ST 54 § 105 MA ST 54 § 105A	Within 15 days after election, town or city clerk transmits to State Secretary certified copies of records of votes cast; State Secretary lays before Governor and Council copies of votes cast, and they examine and transmit abstracts to State Secretary MA ST 54 § 112 MA ST 54 § 115 MA ST 54 § 117	State Secretary furnishes copies of abstracts to newspapers MA ST 54 § 115	Governor certifies election results issues summons to appear and certificates of election for U.S. Senator and Representative, clerk of courts, register of probate, sheriff and district attorney -- no summons or certification until after 5 p.m. of 15 th day following election; certificates are delivered to State Secretary, who on first Wednesday in January lays same before state

	MA ST 54 § 107			Senate and House MA ST 54 § 116 MA ST 54 § 129
Michigan	The board of inspectors of election in each precinct shall canvass the vote under the guidance of precinct inspectors. The county canvass shall be concluded and certified within 14 days. MI ST 168.801 MI ST 168.804 MI ST 168.812 MI ST 168.822	The county clerk shall forward the certified county canvass results, broken out by precinct, to the secretary of state. MI ST 168.812 MI ST 168.825 MI ST 168.826	County clerk publishes certificates and vote statements in at least one newspaper printed or circulated in county MI ST 168.172	Board of State Canvassers certifies to Secretary of State elections of Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State and Attorney General, and issues certificates to winners; for U.S. Senator, Governor certifies election and issues certificate to winner; for U.S. Representative, Board of State Canvassers certifies to Secretary of State, who issues certificates to winners; for state legislature, Secretary of State receives statements and determinations from Board and issues certificates of election to winners MI ST 168.61 MI ST 168.62 MI ST 168.77 MI ST 168.78

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Minnesota	Election judges deliver summary statements to county auditor when vote count is complete and no later than 24 hours after end of voting; county auditor tabulates votes and sends on set of summary statements from each precinct to Secretary of State; county canvassing board meets at county auditor's office on or before seventh day after election to canvass returns -- upon completion, county auditor transmits certified copy of county canvassing board report to Secretary of State by express mail or similar service MN ST § 204C.28 MN ST § 204C.30	State Canvassing Board meets at Secretary of State's office on second Tuesday following election to canvass certified copies of county canvassing board reports and declares results within three days of completing canvass MN ST § 204C.33	County auditor permits public inspection of summary statements; county auditor provides certified copy of county canvassing board report for cost of reproduction MN ST § 204C.27	Secretary of State prepares certificates for state and federal winners; winner receives certificate after taking oath of office - - no certificate issued until seven days after State Canvassing Board has declared results, except for state senator or representative MN ST § 204C.40

	MN ST § 204C.32 MN ST § 204C.37			
Mississippi	Managers tally votes and publicly proclaim certify statements; by noon of second day after election, managers deliver to Commissioners of Election, at courthouse, statement of votes -- Commissioners of Election canvass returns and transmit certified statement of votes to Secretary of State MS ST § 23-15-591 MS ST § 23-15-593 MS ST § 23-15-601	The State Executive Committee shall meet a week from the day following the first primary election held for state and state district offices or legislative offices for districts in more than one county and receive and canvass the returns. Secretary of State shall receive a tabulated statement of the party vote cast in each county and precinct and shall tabulate certified statements within 10 days. MS ST § 23-15-597 MS ST § 23-15-599	None	Returns for elections of state executive offices are delivered by Secretary of State to Speaker of House at next session of legislature; Secretary of State presents results to each branch of legislature at next legislative session MS ST § 23-15-605
Missouri	Judges may begin counting before polls close; election authority convenes Verification Board as soon as practicable after election to verify count and certify results; not later than	Not later than second Tuesday after election, election authority of jurisdiction mails or delivers to Secretary of State the abstracts of votes -- no delays beyond 30 days, and Secretary of	Board of State Canvassers issues statement announcing results not later than two weeks after receiving all required abstracts MO ST 115.511	Winners are issued certificate of election as soon as possible after election; Secretary of State lays list of elected members before each house within two days after first meeting of

	<p>second Tuesday after election, Verification Board announces results of elections in statement and draws abstracts of votes</p> <p>MO ST 115.497 MO ST 115.499 MO ST 115.501 MO ST 115.503 MO ST 115.505 MO ST 115.507</p>	<p>State may send for abstracts by messenger; Secretary of State convenes Board of State Canvassers to total abstracts</p> <p>MO ST 115.507 MO ST 115.509</p>		<p>General Assembly</p> <p>MO ST 115.523 MO ST 115.525</p>
Montana	<p>Election judges put ballots and tally sheets in envelopes and chief election judge delivers to election administrator; governing body of county or consolidated local government is Board of Canvassers, and it meets within three to seven days after election to canvass returns</p> <p>MT ST 13-15-201 MT ST 13-15-204 MT ST 13-15-205 MT ST 13-15-206 MT ST 13-15-401</p>	<p>Board of County Canvassers certifies votes for state and federal offices, and secretary of county board sends certification to Secretary of State by certified mail; Board of State Canvassers meets within 20 days after election or sooner if all returns are in to canvass votes and declare winners</p> <p>MT ST 13-15-501 MT ST 13-15-502</p>	<p>Secretary of State prepares official report of canvass</p> <p>MT ST 13-15-506</p>	<p>Upon receipt of statements of results, Governor issues commissions to winners -- Secretary of State issues commission to newly elected or re-elected Governor</p> <p>MT ST 13-15-504</p>
Nebraska	<p>After counting ballots,</p>	<p>Secretary of State</p>	<p>Secretary of State may</p>	<p>Votes for officers of</p>

	<p>County Canvassing Board makes official canvass; immediately after County Canvassing Board makes official canvass, Election Commissioner or county clerk prepares official abstract of votes for delivery to Secretary of State, in any case within eight weeks of canvass</p> <p>NE ST § 32-1031 NE ST § 32-1032 NE ST § 32-1033 NE ST § 32-1034</p>	<p>prepares tabular sheet of votes cast and delivers, upon request, copies of abstract of votes to party chairpersons; if Secretary of State does not receive abstract of votes from county by third Monday after election, Secretary may send messenger; Board of State Canvassers meets at office of Secretary of State on fourth Monday after election to canvass votes and determine winners</p> <p>NE ST § 32-1034 NE ST § 32-1035 NE ST § 32-1036 NE ST § 32-1037 NE ST § 32-1038</p>	<p>charge fee for copies of election results</p> <p>NE ST § 32-1036</p>	<p>executive departments and members of Public Service Commission are canvassed by Legislature at its next regular session; within 40 days after election, Secretary of State prepares and delivers certificates of election</p> <p>NE ST § 32-1039 NE ST § 32-1040</p>
Nevada	<p>As soon as returns are received from precincts and districts, Board of County Commissioners meets to canvass returns; on or before fifth working day after election, Board of County Commissioners</p>	<p>On the fourth Tuesday of November, justices of Supreme Court meet with Secretary of State to canvass votes</p> <p>NV ST 293.395</p>	<p>Before it adjourns, Counting Board posts voting results in conspicuous place outside place where votes were counted; Secretary of State, boards of county commissioners, and</p>	<p>Governor commissions and issues certificates of election to winners and issues proclamations declaring elections</p> <p>NV ST 293.393 NV ST 293.395</p>

	<p>meets to open returns and make abstracts of votes and county clerk makes copy of certified abstract and mechanized report and transmits them to Secretary of State; county clerk and Board of County Commissioners make abstracts of results and clerk sends copy of certified abstract and mechanized report to Secretary of State not more than six working days after election NV ST 293.387</p>		<p>county clerks send copies of abstracts to public libraries and websites within 30 days after abstract is prepared NV ST 293.383 NV ST 293.388</p>	
New Hampshire	<p>Town or ward clerk prepares election return in presence of other officials and sends certified election returns to Secretary of State no later than Monday following election NH ST § 659:70 NH ST § 659:71 NH ST § 659:74 NH ST § 659:75 NH ST § 659:76</p>	<p>Secretary of State receives all returns and declares victors NH ST § 659:81</p>	None	<p>When time for recount or appeal has passed, Governor issues certificates of election NH ST § 659:84</p>

New Jersey	<p>Board of County Canvassers examines statements of votes and makes statements of results; Board of County Canvassers delivers statements to clerk of county and to chairmen of Republican and Democratic State Committees -- Board also sends to Secretary of State so that he receives within three days after meeting of the Board</p> <p>NJ ST 19:19-8 NJ ST 19:19-9 NJ ST 19:19-10 NJ ST 19:19-11 NJ ST 19:19-12 NJ ST 19:19-13 NJ ST 19:19-14</p>	<p>If Secretary of State does not receive statements of results from Board of County Canvassers on or before seventh day after time for meeting of Board, special messenger may be sent; Board of State Canvassers makes statements of determination, which are signed by Chairman of the Board and delivered to Secretary of State</p> <p>NJ ST 19:19-13 NJ ST 19:19-15 NJ ST 19:19-16 NJ ST 19:19-17 NJ ST 19:19-16 NJ ST 19:20-1 NJ ST 19:20-2 NJ ST 19:20-3 NJ ST 19:20-4 NJ ST 19:20-5 NJ ST 19:20-6</p>	None	<p>Secretary of State issues certificates to winners without delay</p> <p>NJ ST 19:20-5 NJ ST 19:20-7 NJ ST 19:20-8 NJ ST 19:20-9</p>
New Mexico	<p>Board of County Commissioners is County Canvassing Board in each county, and it meets within three days after</p>	<p>State Canvassing Board meets in state capitol on third Tuesday after election to canvass votes</p> <p>NM ST § 1-13-15</p>	<p>Returns and certificates sent to Secretary of State are public and may be examined by party chairs and candidates</p>	<p>Upon completion of canvass, but not sooner than 31st day after election, State Canvassing Board issues certificate of</p>

	<p>election to canvass returns of precincts; County Canvassing Board completes canvass and certifies results within 10 days after election and transmits to Secretary of State</p> <p>NM ST § 1-12-28 NM ST § 1-13-1 NM ST § 1-13-2 NM ST § 1-13-3 NM ST § 1-13-4 NM ST § 1-13-5 NM ST § 1-13-13</p>		NM ST § 1-13-17	<p>election to winners</p> <p>NM ST § 1-13-13 NM ST § 1-13-16</p>
New York	<p>County Board of Canvassers canvasses votes and makes certified statements on numbers of votes and files in office of Board of Elections</p> <p>NY ELEC § 9-206 NY ELEC § 9-210 NY ELEC § 9-212</p>	<p>Board of Elections transmits to State Board of Elections certified statements of canvassing boards on federal and state elections within 25 days of election, lest special messenger be dispatched by State Board</p> <p>NY ELEC § 9-206 NY ELEC § 9-209 NY ELEC § 9-214</p>	<p>County canvassing board publishes vote totals in newspapers</p> <p>NY ELEC § 9-212</p>	<p>For Governor, Board of Elections transmits to State Board certified tabulated statements of votes by December 10; State Board meets on or before December 15 and canvasses certified copies of statements of county boards, makes tabulated statements, files statements in office, and transmits certificate to winner</p> <p>NY ELEC § 9-214</p>

				NY ELEC § 9-216
North Carolina	County Board of Elections meets at 11 a.m. on tenth day after every election to canvass votes; County Board prepares abstracts and distributes to clerk of superior court for county and to State Board of Elections, which forwards to Secretary of State NC ST § 163-182.5	State Board of Elections meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesday three weeks after election to canvass votes; State Board prepares composite abstracts and sends to Secretary of State NC ST § 163-182.5 NC ST § 163-182.6	Secretary of State keeps abstracts and certificates of election in forms readily accessible and useful to public NC ST § 163-182.6	State Board of Elections issues certificates of election to state and federal winners six days after completion of canvass, except that Governor provides commissions for U.S. House of Representatives NC ST § 163-182.15 NC ST § 163-182.16
North Dakota	Board of Elections generates canvass reports; Inspector of Elections delivers canvass reports to county auditor; not earlier than third day after election, County Canvassing Board meets to canvass votes; county auditor returns by certified or registered mail a certified abstract to Secretary of State so that it is received before 4 p.m. on tenth day after election ND ST 16.1-15-02 ND ST 16.1-15-04	State Canvassing Board meets not later than 17 days after election to canvass votes and make certified statements, which are sent to Secretary of State ND ST 16.1-15-24 ND ST 16.1-15-25 ND ST 16.1-15-26 ND ST 16.1-15-27 ND ST 16.1-15-33 ND ST 16.1-15-34 ND ST 16.1-15-35 ND ST 16.1-15-36 ND ST 16.1-15-37 ND ST 16.1-15-38 ND ST 16.1-15-39	County auditor issues certificates of election to county officers and publishes votes in official county newspaper ND ST 16.1-15-23 ND ST 16.1-15-28 ND ST 16.1-15-32	Secretary of State records results and prepares and transmits certificate of election to federal and state winners; Secretary of State issues certificates of election to state legislators when certificates are issued to state and district officers; Governor issues certificates of election to members of Congress ND ST 16.1-15-44 ND ST 16.1-15-45 ND ST 16.1-15-46 ND ST 16.1-15-47

	ND ST 16.1-15-05 ND ST 16.1-15-06 ND ST 16.1-15-07 ND ST 16.1-15-08 ND ST 16.1-15-15 ND ST 16.1-15-17 ND ST 16.1-15-21 ND ST 16.1-15-22	ND ST 16.1-15-40 ND ST 16.1-15-41 ND ST 16.1-15-42 ND ST 16.1-15-43		
Ohio	Not earlier than 11 th day nor later than 15 th day after election, County Board of Elections canvasses returns from precincts and completes not later than 21 st day after election -- canvass is deemed final 81 days after election, but Secretary of State may specify earlier date OH ST § 3505.32	County Board of Elections certifies abstracts and sends to Secretary of State who places records in electronic format and mails to President of General Assembly; for state executive offices, Secretary of State canvasses abstracts within 10 days of receipt and declares results and issues certificates of election OH ST § 3505.33 OH ST § 3505.36 OH ST § 3505.37	County Board of Elections declares results and posts in conspicuous place in its office for at least five days; Secretary of State posts results of state executive office elections in office for at least five days OH ST § 3505.35	During first week of regular session of General Assembly, President of Senate opens, announces, and canvasses abstracts and declares results and certifies winners to Secretary of State, who issues certificates -- Governor issues commission upon payment to Secretary of State of required fee of five dollars; certificates of election are issued after period of time for recount and application for recount has expired OH ST § 3505.34 OH ST § 3505.38
Oklahoma	Inspectors transmit	One copy of each	The inspector shall cause	Certificates for state office

	<p>printouts to Secretary of State Election Board, and ballot cards are sent to county election board; county election board convenes at county courthouse to receive precinct returns</p> <p>OK ST T. 26 § 7-132.2 OK ST T. 26 § 7-133 OK ST T. 26 § 7-133.1 OK ST T. 26 § 7-134 OK ST T. 26 § 7-134.1 OK ST T. 26 § 7-136</p>	<p>certificate shall be transmitted forthwith to the Secretary of the State Election Board. State Election Board uses county returns to certify results of state officer elections after 5 p.m. on Tuesday next succeeding the election.</p> <p>OK ST T. 26 § 7-132 OK ST T. 26 § 7-132.1</p>	<p>one copy of each certificate of vote and results to be posted on the door or entrance of the polling place and shall cause</p> <p>OK ST T. 26 § 7-132 OK ST T. 26 § 7-132.1</p>	<p>are not issued until time for contest has passed, or 5 p.m. Friday next after election; State Election Board issues certificates</p> <p>OK ST T. 26 § 8-103 OK ST T. 26 § 8-106</p>
Oregon	<p>As soon as possible after election, county clerk prepares abstracts of votes, with separate abstract for Governor, and, not later than 20th day after election, delivers copies of abstracts to appropriate official, with abstract for Governor going to Secretary of State</p> <p>OR ST § 254.525 OR ST § 254.545 OR ST § 254.565</p>	<p>Not later than 30th day after election, Secretary of State canvasses votes, except for Governor</p> <p>OR ST § 254.555</p>	None	<p>Secretary of State prepares and delivers certificate of election to winners and issues proclamation; no oath of office until candidate has been granted certificate of election</p> <p>OR ST § 254.555 OR ST § 254.568</p>
Pennsylvania	County boards canvass	Secretary of	County boards publish	Upon receipt of

	<p>and compute returns no later than third Monday following election and certify to Secretary of Commonwealth; county boards, at 9 a.m. on third day following election, compute and canvass returns and submit unofficial returns to Secretary of Commonwealth by 5 p.m. on Tuesday following election</p> <p>25 PA ST § 2642 25 PA ST § 2749 25 PA ST § 3151 25 PA ST § 3152 25 PA ST § 3153 25 PA ST § 3154</p>	<p>Commonwealth tabulates, computes, and canvasses state and federal elections and lays tabulations before Governor</p> <p>25 PA ST § 3158 25 PA ST § 3159 25 PA ST § 3160</p>	<p>results at their offices; returns are posted outside polling place and delivered by election judge to county board, which sends returns to Secretary of State by 3 a.m. on day following election by phone, World Wide Web site or other manner</p> <p>25 PA ST § 3151 25 PA ST § 3152 25 PA ST § 3153 25 PA ST § 3154</p>	<p>tabulations from Secretary of Commonwealth, Governor immediately issues certificates of election and delivers to winners; Secretary of Commonwealth issues certificates of election to state officers and between noon and 1 p.m. on first Tuesday in January presents Senate and House with returns; Secretary of Commonwealth certifies state executive office elections and presents results at first meeting of both houses of General Assembly</p> <p>25 PA ST § 3161 25 PA ST § 3162 25 PA ST § 3163 25 PA ST § 3164 25 PA ST § 3165</p>
Rhode Island	<p>The local board shall meet on the day following the election and shall tabulate the town or city election returns, as the case may</p>	<p>State Board commences counting at 9 a.m. on election day or within 24 hours after election</p> <p>RI ST § 17-7-5</p>	None	<p>State Board furnishes certificate of election to state and federal winners and delivers statements of votes to Secretary of State</p>

	be, and announce the results and submit such information for preparation of certificates. RI ST § 17-8-5	RI ST § 17-22-1		RI ST § 17-19-37 RI ST § 17-22-5
South Carolina	County Board of Canvassers meets on Friday next following election before 1 p.m. and proceeds with canvassing and makes statements of votes no later than noon on Saturday next following election SC ST § 7-17-10 SC ST § 7-17-20 SC ST § 7-17-80	County board transmits findings to State Board of Canvassers and files with clerk of county or State Election Commission, which is State Board of Canvassers, which meets 10 days after election to canvass votes and make certified statements and declare elections SC ST § 7-17-210 SC ST § 7-17-220 SC ST § 7-17-240 SC ST § 7-17-340	Secretary of State causes copy of certified statements and determinations to be printed in public newspapers SC ST § 7-17-320	State Board delivers certificates of determination to Secretary of State, who records determinations and transmits copies of certified determinations to winners and to Governor SC ST § 7-17-290 SC ST § 7-17-300 SC ST § 7-17-310
South Dakota	Within six calendar days after election, officer in charge of election and governing board as canvassing board canvass votes; board of canvassers makes certified abstracts and deposits in office of auditor, who transmits by	State Canvassing Board is Governor, Chief Justice, Secretary of State in presence of Attorney General, and State Board convenes within seven days after election to canvass returns and make abstracts of votes	None	Certificate of election signed by Governor is issued to winner for legislative offices and by election official for other offices SD ST § 12-20-40 SD ST § 12-20-46 SD ST § 12-20-49

	<p>mail, fax, or electronic means to Secretary of State a certified copy of official county canvass to be used for official state canvass</p> <p>SD ST § 12-16-41 SD ST § 12-20-36</p>	<p>SD ST § 12-20-38 SD ST § 12-20-38.1</p>		
Tennessee	<p>County Election Commission meets on first Monday after election or after completion of duties, not later than second Monday after election, to canvass results and report to Coordinator of Elections; County Election Commissions start counting votes as soon as possible after election</p> <p>TN ST § 2-8-101 TN ST § 2-8-105</p>	<p>County Election Commissions certify results to Secretary of State and to Governor by mailing or delivering -- for Governor elections, copy is sent to Speaker of Senate; Secretary of State or General Assembly may employ special messenger to bring returns that fail to arrive</p> <p>TN ST § 2-8-104 TN ST § 2-8-105 TN ST § 2-8-106 TN ST § 2-8-109</p>	None	<p>Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and reporter canvass state and federal offices and declare winners, and Governor issues certificates of election and commissions to winners</p> <p>TN ST § 2-8-110</p>
Texas	<p>Political subdivision's governing body or the commissioners court for the county is the board of canvassers; local</p>	<p>County clerk prepares election returns for district, state, and federal elections and sends certified returns to</p>	None	<p>County returns for Governor and Lieutenant Governor are prepared separately, and Secretary of State, on first day of</p>

	<p>canvassing authority convenes not earlier than eighth day nor later than 11th day after election day; presiding officer delivers tabulation to custodian of local election register unless it is entered directly in election register</p> <p>TX ELECTION § 67.001 TX ELECTION § 67.002 TX ELECTION § 67.003 TX ELECTION § 67.004 TX ELECTION § 67.005 TX ELECTION § 68.032 TX ELECTION § 68.034</p>	<p>Secretary of State not later than 24 hours after completion of local canvass; Secretary of State delivers to Governor county returns at time set for state canvass</p> <p>TX ELECTION § 67.006 TX ELECTION § 67.007 TX ELECTION § 67.009 TX ELECTION § 68.001 TX ELECTION § 68.005 TX ELECTION § 68.034</p>		<p>next regular legislative session, delivers returns to Speaker of House of Representatives; not earlier than 15th day or later than 30th day after election, Governor canvasses and certifies returns for statewide and Presidential elections except for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which legislature canvasses; Governor issues certificate of election for state and federal elections and delivers it promptly to winners</p> <p>TX ELECTION § 67.008 TX ELECTION § 67.010 TX ELECTION § 67.011 TX ELECTION § 67.012 TX ELECTION § 67.013 TX ELECTION § 67.014 TX ELECTION § 67.015 TX ELECTION § 67.016 TX ELECTION § 67.017</p>
Utah	Each county legislative body is Board of	State Board of Canvassers (state	Election officer publishes certified report in	State Board certifies votes, and Lieutenant

	<p>Canvassers for county, and it meets no earlier than seven days or later than 14 days after election to canvass votes and certify results; election officer of county board transmits certificate of election to county and local winners and certified results to Lieutenant Governor</p> <p>UT ST § 20A-4-301 UT ST § 20A-4-302 UT ST § 20A-4-303 UT ST § 20A-4-304 UT ST § 20A-4-305</p>	<p>auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general) convenes on fourth Monday of November at noon, or at noon on day following receipt by Lieutenant Governor of returns; if Lieutenant Governor has not received returns on fifth day before day designated for State Board meeting, Lt. Governor sends messenger</p> <p>UT ST § 20A-4-306</p>	<p>newspaper with general circulation</p> <p>UT ST § 20A-4-304</p>	<p>Governor prepares and issues certificates of election to state and federal winners</p> <p>UT ST § 20A-4-306</p>
Vermont	<p>Within 48 hours of election, presiding officer and at least one other election official deliver to tallies to town clerk, who sends certified copies of returns to Secretary of State, senatorial district clerk, county clerk, and representative district clerk</p> <p>VT ST T. 17 § 2588</p>	<p>For statewide and national elections, Secretary of State and Chair of State Committee of each major political party constitute state canvassing committee -- state legislators are canvassed by district clerks and chairs of party county committees; state canvassing committees meet at 10 a.m. one week</p>	None	<p>A certificate signed by the majority of the canvassing committee shall be issued to the winner.</p> <p>VT ST T. 17 § 2592</p>

		after election to tally returns and issue certificates; state executive officers are canvassed by official canvassing committee, which is appointed by General Assembly VT ST T. 17 § 2592		
Virginia	Officers of election certify statements of results and deliver to clerk of court by noon on day following election; electoral boards meet at or before 5 p.m. on day after election to open county or city returns delivered by election officers; electoral board may have election materials delivered to office of general registrar on night of election; electoral board certifies results, and secretary of electoral board delivers to general registrar statements of results VA ST § 24.2-667 VA ST § 24.2-668	Secretary of electoral board makes out abstracts on vote totals for different offices and certified copies are immediately mailed or delivered by hand to State Board, with copies to appropriate clerks; State Board meets on fourth Monday in November to ascertain results and make certified statements VA ST § 24.2-675 VA ST § 24.2-679	General registrar retains for public inspection one copy of statement of results VA ST § 24.2-675	State Board, without delay, transmits certificates of election to winners and certifies General Assembly winners to clerk of House of Delegates or Senate, as appropriate VA ST § 24.2-676 VA ST § 24.2-680

	<p>VA ST § 24.2-669 VA ST § 24.2-671 VA ST § 24.2-672 VA ST § 24.2-673</p>			
Washington	<p>County canvassing board is county auditor, prosecuting attorney, and chair of county legislative body, and it completes canvass and certifies results 21 days after election; county auditor conducts audit of result of votes cast before votes are certified; county auditor transmits, at request of caucus of state legislature, unofficial returns to Secretary of Senate or Chief Clerk of House of Representatives WA ST 29A.60.140 WA ST 29A.60.185 WA ST 29A.60.190</p>	<p>County auditor or other election officer makes abstract of votes and transmits immediately to Secretary of State through electronic means and mailed no later than business day following county board's certification; not later than 30th day after election, Secretary of State canvasses and certifies returns for state and federal offices and transmits copies of certifications to Governor WA ST 29A.60.230 WA ST 29A.60.235</p>	<p>County auditor prepares election reconciliation report and makes available at office or on web site WA ST 29A.60.235</p>	<p>Secretary of State transmits copies of certifications to Governor WA ST 29A.60.250</p>
West Virginia	<p>Election officials give certificates of results to clerk of county commission and circuit court; commissioners of county commission meet</p>	<p>Clerk of county commission sends copies of certifications to Secretary of State within 30 days of election WV ST § 3-6-11</p>	<p>Copies of certifications are filed with clerk of county commission and made available to general public and media WV ST § 3-6-8</p>	<p>Board of canvassers sends copy of certificate to delegate in legislature; Secretary of State submits to House of Delegates, on first day of next ensuing</p>

	<p>as canvassing board on fifth day after election to canvass votes and declare results -- but order certifying results may not be entered for 48 hours after declaration; county commission deposits certified results with clerks of county commission and circuit court</p> <p>WV ST § 3-6-8 WV ST § 3-6-9 WV ST § 3-6-10</p>		WV ST § 3-6-11	<p>session, certificates of election for statewide and federal office -- certification for state Senator is sent to state Senate, and federal officers may request certification be sent to Governor</p> <p>WV ST § 3-6-11</p>
Wisconsin	<p>Inspectors begin canvassing immediately after polls close and canvass votes, publicly announce results, and produce certified statements of results that are delivered to municipal clerk; municipal clerk delivers returns to county clerk no later than 4 p.m. on day following election; county board of canvassers begins canvassing not later than 9 p.m. on Thursday after</p>	<p>County clerk sends certified statements to Elections Board by first class mail immediately following county canvass; Elections Board canvasses votes for federal and state office beginning on first day of December and concludes within 10 days; if Elections Board does not receive statements from county clerk by 11th day after election, it may dispatch special</p>	<p>Municipal clerk makes returns public; county clerk posts returns from ward inspectors on election night</p> <p>WI ST 7.53 WI ST 7.60</p>	<p>After time for petition for recount has passed, Election Board issues certificates of election to winners</p> <p>WI ST 7.60</p>

	<p>election and makes separate statements on votes cast for different offices and files statements with county clerk or Board of Election Commissioners WI ST 7.51 WI ST 7.53</p>	<p>messenger WI ST 7.60 WI ST 7.70</p>		
Wyoming	<p>Election judges certify vote counts; county canvassing board is county clerk and two electors appointed by Board of County Commissioners; county clerk prepares abstract of votes of all precincts in county WY ST § 22-16-102 WY ST § 22-16-103 WY ST § 22-16-105</p>	<p>County clerk notifies Secretary of State of election results immediately upon completion of canvass -- certified copy of abstract is delivered to Secretary; State Canvassing Board (Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and State Treasurer) meets no later than second Wednesday following election to review abstracts prepared by Secretary of State and certify the abstracts WY ST § 22-16-108 WY ST § 22-16-115 WY ST § 22-16-116 WY ST § 22-16-117</p>	<p>Certified results of county canvass are posted in clerk's office and made available to interested persons; Secretary of State prepares abstracts for state and federal elections and causes official abstracts to be posted in office and makes copies available to public WY ST § 22-16-107 WY ST § 22-16-120</p>	<p>Governor issues certificates of election to federal and state legislators WY ST § 22-16-121</p>

		WY ST § 22-16-118		
United States	None	None	None	Governors must certify elections of U.S. Senators to the President of the U.S. Senate 2 USCA § 1a 2 USCA § 1b
Guam	None	Election Commission declares results 3 G.C.A. § 11123 3 G.C.A. § 11124 3 G.C.A. § 11126 3 G.C.A. § 16404	As soon as votes are counted, Election Commission certifies results and posts outside of polling place and declares them open for public inspection 3 G.C.A. § 11124 3 G.C.A. § 11126 3 G.C.A. § 11127 3 G.C.A. § 11128	Election Commission issues certificates of election to winners 3 G.C.A. § 11130 3 G.C.A. § 11133
Puerto Rico	Inspectors begin counting after polls are closed; as soon as returns are received from polling places in precincts, Electoral Commission combines so that it may issue partial election return no later than noon of day following election and published no later than 72 hours after	After Commission receives voting packages, it canvasses votes and issues certificates of election to winners; there are provisions for electing and certifying minority party candidates who may not have won outright 16 L.P.R.A. § 3268 16 L.P.R.A. § 3269 16 L.P.R.A. § 3272	None	Resident Commissioner to U.S. is certified by Commission to Governor; Senate and House are sole judges of the validity of the certificates of their members 16 L.P.R.A. § 3273 16 L.P.R.A. § 3276

	election 16 L.P.R.A. § 3261 16 L.P.R.A. § 3266 16 L.P.R.A. § 3267			
Virgin Islands	Election officers and clerks make statements of votes and deliver to Board of Elections 18 V.I.C. § 622 18 V.I.C. § 624 18 V.I.C. § 625	Board of Elections begins determining vote totals not later than one day following receipt of all statements; Chairman reports to Supervisor of Elections within 24 hours of determination 18 V.I.C. § 41 18 V.I.C. § 627	None	10 working days after determination by Board, Chairman notifies winners 18 V.I.C. § 627