

STEP-BY-STEP ELECTION CYCLE

STEP 1: FOLLOWING ELECTION NIGHT

Following election day, counties will still be tabulating legally cast ballots and therefore you will see a small increase in unofficial vote totals November 6-8. The categories of ballots that may be tabulated include:

1. Any ballots that were hand counted.
2. Mail ballots received on or before election day that have not yet been processed.
3. Mail ballots that were post-marked by election day and still being processed.
4. Any other legally cast ballots not included in Tuesday's unofficial count.

The unofficial results on election night **do not** and **cannot** include county canvass certified results, because those results must include provisional ballots that will be reviewed by the County Board of Canvassers.

ELECTION RESULTS ARE UNOFFICIAL

STEP 2: POST-ELECTION AUDIT (K.S.A. 25-3009)

On November 6, the Secretary of State shall randomly select one federal, one legislative, and one county race to be audited in each county. (This selection will begin at 9am and will be open to the public.)

The Secretary of State will then notify each county election office of the races to be audited. The county election office will then randomly select 1% of the precincts to be audited for each race. Ballots from the selected precincts shall be hand counted to ensure the hand count is identical to the vote count from the tabulators. The audit shall be performed by a sworn election board consisting of bipartisan trained board members. Per K.A.R. 7-47-1 ballot images cannot be used when conducting an audit.

Audits must be completed before the county canvass, which must take place by November 18.

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STEP 3: CLOSE-RACE AUDIT (K.S.A. 25-3009)(Contingent)

If the election is within 1% of the total votes cast and reported on election night, then a close-race audit is triggered in addition to a post-election audit. The county election office shall conduct the audit in an additional 10% of all county precincts in the specified race, with a minimum of 1 precinct in the county. Per K.A.R. 7-47-1 ballot images cannot be used when conducting an audit. Races that are subject to close-race audit include those for federal and state legislative offices.

The close-race audit is performed by the county(ies) and shall review all ballots selected to ensure the hand vote count is identical to the vote count from the tabulators.

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STEP 4: COUNTY CANVASS (K.S.A. 25-3101 to 25-3110)

The County Board of Canvassers consists of the elected county commissioners in each county. The responsibility of the County Board of Canvassers is to determine the validity of all provisional ballots and then to certify the election results within the county. The canvassing takes place publicly and must be completed no later than 13 days following the election (November 18). Certification of election results by the County Board of Canvassers is required for all elections.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICE REMAIN UNOFFICIAL

COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS ARE NOW OFFICIAL

STEP 5: RECOUNT (K.S.A. 25-3107)(Contingent)

Any candidate may request a recount in one or more counties. Any such recount shall be requested in writing and filed with the Secretary of State (for recounts in more than one county) no later than 5 p.m. on the day following the last meeting of the County Board of Canvassers canvassing votes in the election for which the recount is requested.

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FINAL STEP: STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS (K.S.A. 25-3201 TO 25-3211)

The State Board of Canvassers consists of the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General. The State Board of Canvassers meets following the certification by the County Boards of Canvassers of the election results in each county. The State Board of Canvassers is responsible for certifying the election results. The meeting will take place publicly on December 2, 2024.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICE ARE NOW OFFICIAL