

# CANVASSING THE VOTE IN NEVADA

## WHAT IS CANVASSING?

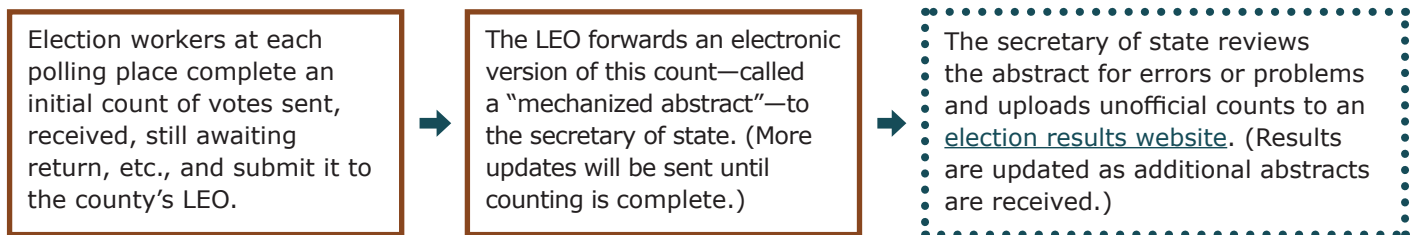
Canvassing is the process by which state election results are declared, examined, and certified. There are two levels of canvassing: local (county) and statewide. Meeting statutory deadlines to “close” an election by canvassing the vote requires a highly coordinated effort among local election officials (LEOs), boards of county commissioners, the secretary of state, and the Nevada Supreme Court. For more information on ballot counting and canvassing, contact the [secretary of state’s office](#) or your [LEO](#), or see Chapters 293 of [Nevada Revised Statutes](#) and [Nevada Administrative Code](#). For more information about Nevada elections generally, see the [secretary of state’s website](#) and other [Research Division publications](#).

## THE CANVASSING PROCESS: AN OVERVIEW

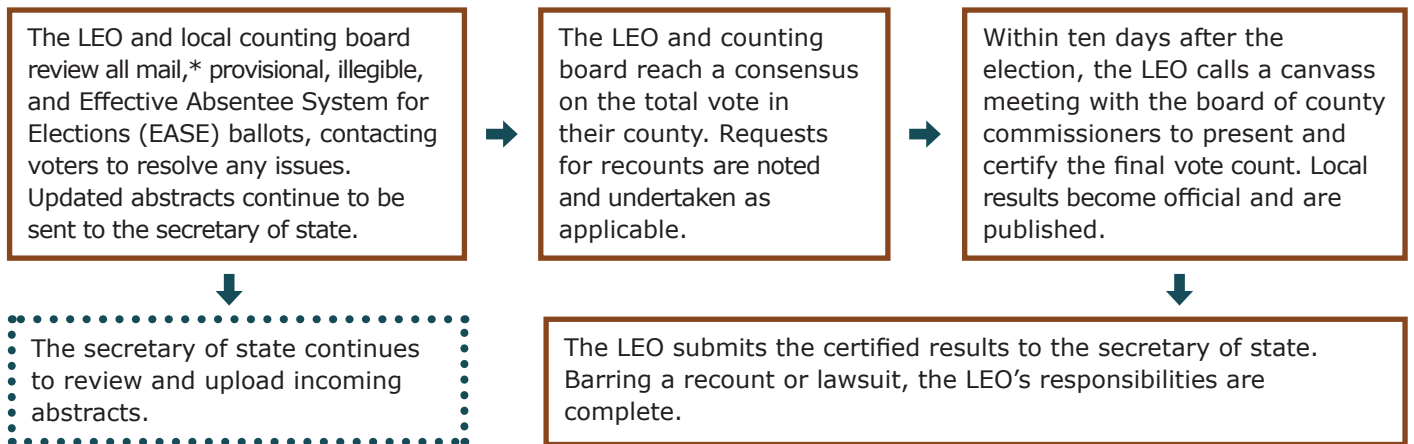
— LEO (county) action

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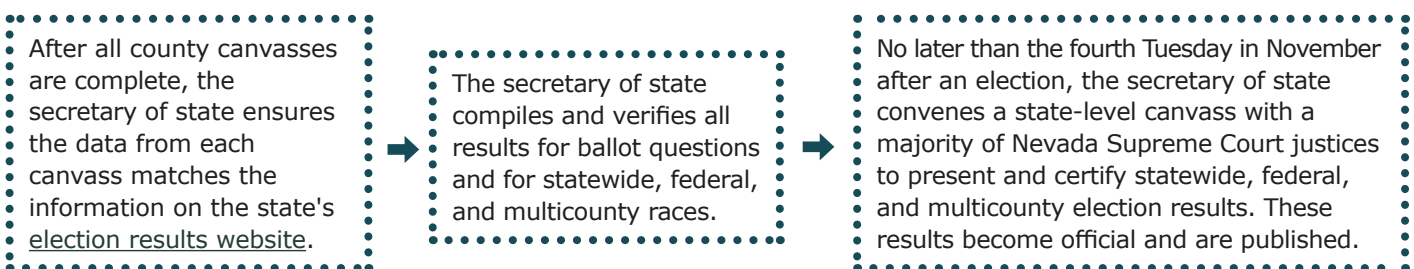
### 1 After Polls Close: Initial Counts



### 2 After Election Day: Continuing Counts and Local Certification



### 3 By the Fourth Tuesday in November: State Certification



\*The local counting board may begin reviewing mail ballots 15 days before election day, though the results may not be released until the polls have closed and all votes have been cast.