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NASS Survey: Canvassing of State Election Results

This information is based upon a NASS staff review of state laws regarding canvassing of state election results. Please contact individual state election offices for details.

State	Canvassing Structure
Alabama	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General (Alabama Code 17-12-17)
Alaska	The State Ballot Review Board conducts the state canvass. The Board consists of bi-partisan members selected by the Director of Elections (Alaska Statutes 15.15.450; 15.10.180)
Arizona	The Secretary of State (in the presence of the Governor, Attorney General, and Chief Justice) conducts the state canvass. (Arizona Statutes 16-648)
Arkansas	County Election Boards conducts the state canvass (Arkansas Statutes 7-5-701)
California	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass (California Code 15500)
Colorado	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass(1-10-103)
Connecticut	The Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller conduct the state canvass (Connecticut Statutes 9-315)
Delaware	The State Superior Court conducts the state canvass (Delaware Statutes sec.5701)
District of Columbia	The Board of Elections conducts the canvass. The Board consists of bi-partisan members appointed by the mayor (DC Code 1-1001.05)
Florida	The Elections Canvassing Commission consists of the Governor and two Cabinet Members. (Florida Statues 101.111)
Georgia	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass (Georgia Statute 21-2-499)
Hawaii	The State Chief Election Officer conducts the state canvass (Hawaii Statutes 11-156)
Idaho	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Secretary of State, State Controller and State Treasurer. (Idaho Statutes 34-1211)
Illinois	The State Board of Elections conducts the state canvass. (Illinois Statutes 5/22-7) The Board consists of bi-partisan members appointed by the Governor (5/1A-3.
Indiana	The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office conducts the state canvass (Indiana Code 3-12-5-7). The Elections Division has two bi-partisan co-directors (3-6-4.2-3)
Iowa	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, and the Secretary of Agriculture (Iowa Code 50.37)

Kansas	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Governor, Secretary of State, and the Attorney General (Kansas Statutes 25-3201)
Kentucky	The State Board of Elections conducts the state canvass (Kentucky Statutes 118.425) Six bi-partisan members are appointed by the governor. The seventh member is the Secretary of State.
Louisiana	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass (Louisiana Statutes 18: 574)
Maine	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass (Maine Statutes 722; 21-A)
Maryland	The Board of State Canvassers consists of the Secretary of State, the Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and the Attorney General (Maryland Statutes 11-502)
Massachusetts	The Governors and at least five members of the Governor's Executive Council canvass election results (Massachusetts Statutes 54: 116)
Michigan	The State Board of Canvassers consists of four bi-partisan members appointed by the Governor (Michigan Statutes 168.842)
Minnesota	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Secretary of State, two State Supreme Court Judges, and two District Court judges selected by the Secretary of State (Minnesota Statutes 204C.31)
Mississippi	The Secretary of State canvasses election results. (Mississippi Code 23-15-605)
Missouri	The Board of State Canvassers consists of the Secretary of State and two disinterested judges selected by the Secretary of State (Missouri Constitution Art. 4 sec. 18)
Montana	The Board of State Canvassers consists of the State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Attorney General (Montana Statutes 13-15-502)
Nebraska	The Board of State Canvassers consists of the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, and Attorney General (Nebraska Statutes 32-1037)
Nevada	The Secretary of State and all, or a majority, of the State Supreme Court justices canvass election results (Nevada Statutes 293.395)
New Hampshire	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass (New Hampshire Statutes 659:81)
New Jersey	The Board of State Canvassers consists of the Governor and four members of the state legislature appointed by the Governor (New Jersey Statutes 19:6-27)
New Mexico	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Secretary of State, the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court (New Mexico Constitution 6, 33)
New York	The State Board of Elections canvasses election results. (New York Statutes 9-216). The Board consists of four bi-partisan members appointed by the Governor.

North Carolina	The State Board of Elections canvasses election results. The Board consists of five bi-partisan members appointed by the Governor. (North Carolina Statutes 163-182.5)
North Dakota	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, and the Chairman of the State Committee of the two political parties which cast the highest vote for Governor at the last general (North Dakota Statutes 16.1-15-33)
Ohio	The Secretary of State (in the presence of the Governor, State Auditor, Attorney General, and the Chairman of the State Central Committees) conducts the state canvass(Ohio Statutes 3505.35)
Oklahoma	The State Board of Elections conducts the state canvass (Oklahoma statutes 7-136). The Board consists of three bi-partisan members appointed by Governor.
Oregon	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass (Oregon Statutes 254.555)
Pennsylvania	The Secretary of the Commonwealth canvasses election results, with the exception of Presidential Elections, which are canvassed by the Governor (Pennsylvania Statutes 3156; 3166)
Rhode Island	The State Board of Elections conducts the state canvass (Rhode Island Statutes 17-22-6) The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor.
South Carolina	The State Election Commission canvasses election results. (South Carolina Statutes 7-17-210). The Commission consists of five bi-partisan members appointed by the Governor.
South Dakota	The State Canvassing Board consists of the Governor the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Secretary of State. (South Dakota Statutes 12-20-46)
Tennessee	The Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General canvass election results (Tennessee Statutes 2-8-110)
Texas	The Governor conducts the state canvass for offices other than Governor; the legislature canvasses results for Governor. (Texas Statutes 67.010)
Utah	The State Board of Canvassers consists of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, and the Attorney General (Utah Code 20A-4-306)
Vermont	The State Canvassing Committee consists of the Secretary of State and the Chair of the State Committee of each major political party (Vermont Statutes 2592)
Virginia	The State Board of Elections conducts the state canvass (Virginia Code 24.2-679). The Board consists of three bipartisan members appointed by the Governor.
Washington	The Secretary of State conducts the state canvass(Washington Statutes 29A.60.250)
West Virginia	The commissioners of each county canvass election results (West Virginia Code 3-6-9)
Wisconsin	The Chairperson of the Government Accountability Board canvasses election results. (Wisconsin Statutes 7.70)

Wyoming	The State Canvassing Board consists of the governor, secretary of state, state auditor and state treasurer (Wyoming Statutes 22-16-115)