

Model Calendar for the Resolution of Disputed Presidential Elections

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
1		Election Day citizens cast ballots; preliminary count is conducted & reported	Secretary of State triggers this calendar if there is close election		Local Election Boards preliminary review of provisional ballots to check for clerical errors		
2		Local Election Boards provisional voters must supply missing info or correct errors			State Canvassing Board deadline for receipt of all UOCAVA & other absentee ballots		
3	Local Election Boards complete canvass; report results to SoS	Secretary of State certification of canvass	State Recount Board recount petition due Election Court deadline for claims of fraud or illegality in <i>counted</i> ballots	[Thanksgiving Day in some years]	Election Court deadline for petitions to review eligibility of <i>uncounted</i> ballots pre-trial motions/briefs due on counted-ballots fraud/illegality claims		
4	Election Court pre-trial motions & briefs due on eligibility of uncounted ballots		State Recount Board recount complete	[Thanksgiving Day in some years]	Election Court Motions & briefs due on legal issues re recount		
5	Election Court final orders on all pending issues/claims	State Supreme Court deadline to appeal Election Court orders	State Supreme Court appellant’s brief due	State Supreme Court appellees’ briefs due	State Supreme Court oral argument		
6	State Supreme Court final order on all issues	Safe-Harbor Deadline State Recount Board counts all eligible uncounted ballots & adjusts final count as judicially required					
7	Electors Vote for President						