

§ 11-308. Verification of vote count.

(a) *In general.*- Within 10 days after any election, and before certifying the results of the election, each board of canvassers shall verify the vote count in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the State Board for the voting system used in that election.

(b) *Certification required upon completion of verification process.*- Upon completion of the verification process, the members of the board of canvassers shall:

(1) certify in writing that the election results are accurate and that the vote has been verified; and

(2) provide copies of the election results to the persons specified under § 11-401 of this title.

(c) *Dissent by a board member - Written statement required.*-

(1) If a member of a board of canvassers dissents from a determination of an election result or reasonably believes that the conduct of a local board member or local board proceeding was not in compliance with applicable law or regulation or was otherwise illegal or irregular, the member shall prepare and file with the local board a distinct written statement of the reasons for the dissent or concern.

(2) The State Board shall maintain a file of the written statements submitted under this subsection by members of the local boards.

[An. Code 1957, art. 33, § 11-306; 2002, ch. 291, §§ 2, 4; 2003, ch. 21, § 1.]

§ 9-207. Ballots - Certification; display; printing.

- (a) *Time of certification.* - The State Board shall certify the content and arrangement of each ballot:
- (1) for a primary election:
 - (i) in the year that the President of the United States is elected, at least 42 days before the election; and
 - (ii) in any other year, at least 50 days before the election;
 - (2) for a general election:
 - (i) in the year that the President of the United States is elected, at least 55 days before the election; and
 - (ii) in any other year, not more than 18 days after the primary election;
 - (3) for a special primary election, at least 18 days before the election; and
 - (4) for a special general election, not later than a date specified in the Governor's proclamation.
- (b) *Exception - Later date set by Court of Appeals.* - The Court of Appeals, on petition of the State Board, may establish a later date in extraordinary circumstances.
- (c) *Delivery to local boards.* - Within 48 hours after certification, the State Board shall deliver to each local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that county.
- (d) *Preparation of ballot; public display.* -
- (1) Within 5 days after the certification, or a later date that the Court of Appeals establishes in extraordinary circumstances on petition of the State Board, a local board shall:
 - (i) prepare the arrangement for all ballots to be used in the county, using the arrangement prescribed by the State Board; and
 - (ii) display the content and arrangement, in a manner that is accessible to the public, on all days that the office is open through the day of the election.
 - (2) Except pursuant to a court order under § 9-209 of this subtitle, or as provided in § 9-208 of this subtitle, the content and arrangement of the ballot may not be modified after the third day of the public display.
- (e) *Printing of ballots.* - Unless a delay is required by court order, a local board may begin to print the ballots after 3 days of public display and, with the approval of the State Board, correction of any noted errors.

[An. Code 1957, art. 33, § 9-207; 2002, ch. 291, §§ 2, 4; 2003, ch. 222.]