

Administrative Board of Election Laws and of the whole number of votes for and against continuance of an appellate judge in office.

(2) The Board of State Canvassers then shall determine and declare what candidates, by the greatest number of votes, have been elected to each office and what judges, by the greater number of votes for than against, have been continued in office.

(3) The Board shall make and subscribe on a proper statement a certificate of such determination, and shall deliver the same to the Administrative Board.

(d) If any of the canvassers shall dissent from the decision of the Board of State Canvassers, he shall state in writing, the reason for such dissent.

(2) If any of the acts or proceedings of the Board of State Canvassers shall appear to any one of the canvassers to be irregular and illegal, such canvasser shall protest the same, in writing, setting forth distinctly the grounds of his protest; the canvasser so dissenting or protesting shall deliver his dissent or protest, signed with his proper name, to the said State Administrative Board, which shall file the same in its office.

(3) The said Administrative Board shall also keep on file in its office the copies of the statements made by the board of city and county canvassers.

(e) The Board of State Canvassers shall have power to adjourn, from day to day, during a period not exceeding five days.

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(a) The board shall not open or unfold any absentee ballot at any time prior to the closing of the polls [and the beginning of the canvass of the absentee ballots].

-(b) (1) At SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2), AT any time after 4 p.m. on the Wednesday following election day and not later than the canvass of the votes cast at the regular voting places in this State at any election, the several boards shall meet at the usual place for holding the circuit court for the county or at the usual offices of the board and shall proceed to count, certify and canvass the absentee ballots contained in the ballot envelopes.- Each board of canvassers shall keep the ballots safe from tampering until the canvass is completed. THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS AND THE SEVERAL BOARDS SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE STEPS TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

(2) THE CANVASS MAY NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TIMELY HAVE BEEN COUNTED.