

(c) Each member of the board of canvassers shall take an oath, administered and recorded by the clerk of the circuit court, to canvass and declare the votes cast truthfully and to perform other duties required by law.

(d) (1) At the first meeting of the board of canvassers for the purpose of canvassing, a majority of the whole board of canvassers shall be a quorum.

(2) If a quorum is not present, the members present shall adjourn until the next day.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this article, all decisions shall be reached by a majority vote of the members present.

(f) If a member is not present at the scheduled time for vote canvassing, a substitute member of the board of canvassers may be sworn in.

(g) At least one member of the board of canvassers present shall be a registered voter of the principal minority party.

(h) Once the board has satisfied the requirements of subsections (a) through (g) of this section, it may proceed with the canvass in accordance with the regulations of the State Board.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 11-301.

Subsection (a)(1) of this section is revised to clarify that the oath of office may be administered before the day of the election.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Election" § 1-101

"Principal minority party" § 1-101

"State Board" § 1-101

11-302.

(a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated counting center to canvass the absentee ballots cast in that election in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

(b) (1) A local board may not open any envelope of an absentee ballot prior to 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.

(2) A local board may not delay the commencement of the canvass to await the receipt of late-arriving, timely absentee ballots.

(c) (1) An absentee ballot shall be deemed timely received if it is received in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

(2) An absentee ballot that is received after the deadline specified by the regulations and guidelines may not be counted.