



FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT
of STATE

General Election 2020 Certification Timeline



7:00 p.m. Local
November 3

General Election / Preliminary Election Returns Due

(EV and VBM tabulated to date) must be filed with the Department of State beginning within 30 minutes after polls close and precinct results within 45-minute increments thereafter until complete.

(Preliminary returns not released until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.)

No Later Than Noon
November 7

1st Unofficials Due / Machine Recount

must occur if the 1st set of unofficial returns indicates that a candidate/issue was defeated or eliminated by $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% or less of the total votes cast.

No Later Than 3:00 p.m.
November 12

2nd Unofficials Due / Manual Recount

must occur if the 2nd set of unofficial returns indicates that a candidate/issue was eliminated or defeated by $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% or less of the total votes cast.

No Later Than Noon
November 15

Official Returns

due to Department of State from County Canvassing Boards.

Secretary of State

orders any recount, once triggered, for federal, state or multicounty races as determined by statutory thresholds.

Local canvassing boards order recount, if triggered, for all other contests

9:00 a.m.
November 17

Elections Canvassing Commission

meets to certify official returns.

Public Notice

must be provided as soon as possible immediately after recount ordered, if not already conditionally noticed in advance.

Recounts are open to the public.

Midnight
November 27

Contest of Election deadline.

December 14

Electoral College

Presidential electors (29) meet to cast votes for U.S. President and Vice President.

January 6, 2021

Congress Meets

in joint session to count the electoral votes.