

50.24 Canvass by board of supervisors.

1. The county board of supervisors shall meet to canvass the vote on the first Monday or Tuesday after the day of each election to which [this chapter](#) is applicable, unless the law authorizing the election specifies another date for the canvass. If that Monday or Tuesday is a public holiday, [section 4.1, subsection 34](#), controls.

2. Upon convening, the board shall open and canvass the tally lists and shall prepare abstracts stating the number of votes cast in the county, or in that portion of the county in which the election was held, for each office and on each question on the ballot for the election. The board shall contact the chairperson of the special precinct board before adjourning and include in the canvass any write-in votes tallied and recorded by the special precinct board or any absentee ballots which were received after the polls closed in accordance with [section 53.17](#) and which were canvassed by the special precinct board after election day. The abstract shall further indicate the name of each person who received votes for each office on the ballot, and the number of votes each person named received for that office, and the number of votes for and against each question submitted to the voters at the election. The votes of all write-in candidates who each received less than five percent of the votes cast for an office shall be reported collectively under the heading "scattering".

3. The board shall certify an election canvass summary report prepared by the commissioner. The election canvass summary report shall include the results of the election, including scatterings, overvotes, and undervotes, by precinct for each contest and public measure that appeared on the ballot of the election being canvassed. However, if paper ballots are used pursuant to [section 49.26](#), the election canvass summary report shall not include overvotes and undervotes.

4. Any obvious clerical errors in the tally lists from the precincts shall be corrected by the supervisors. Complete records of any changes shall be recorded in the minutes of the canvass.

[C51, §271, 304, 305; R60, §335, 506, 538, 539, 1131; C73, §502, 503, 631, 635, 662; C97, §1146, 1149; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §859, 860, 863; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §50.20, 50.21, 50.24; C75, 77, 79, 81, §50.24]

[84 Acts, ch 1291, §10](#); [89 Acts, ch 136, §49](#); [90 Acts, ch 1238, §26](#); [93 Acts, ch 143, §22](#); [95 Acts, ch 189, §10](#); [2009 Acts, ch 57, §40](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1033, §25, 26](#); [2015 Acts, ch 85, §2](#)

Referred to in [§50.48](#), [277.20](#), [331.383](#), [376.7](#), [376.9](#)

For future text of NEW subsections 3A and 3B, effective July 1, 2019, see 2017 Acts, ch 155, §28, 44