

Procedures for the Resolution of a Disputed Presidential Election: Calendar of Deadlines

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa	Su
0		Election Day citizens cast ballots; preliminary count is conducted & reported	Chief Elections Officer triggers this calendar if there is close election				
1			Local Election Authority complete local recount				
2		Pres. Election Court complete recount Local Election Authority complete local canvass Chief Elections Officer certify statewide results	deadline for petitions to review local canvass deadline to contest certified canvass results recount appeal deadline	[Thanksgiving Day in some years]	deadline for motion to dismiss contest deadline for canvass petition briefs/motions State Supreme Court recount appeal argument		
3	State Supreme Court recount appeal resolved Pres. Election Court contest motion hearing	Pres. Election Court canvass review finished	canvass appeal deadline Pres. Election Court trial of contest begins	[Thanksgiving Day in some years]	State Supreme Court canvass appeal argument		
4	State Supreme Court canvass appeal resolved Local Election Authority recount remand done	Pres. Election Court contest resolved	contest appeal deadline Local Election Authority canvass remand done	Pres. Election Court recount remand done	State Supreme Court contest appeal argument Pres. Election Court canvass remand done		
5	State Supreme Court contest appeal resolved recount remand done canvass remand done	Safe-Harbor Deadline Chief Elections Officer Final certification based on all judicial orders					
6	Electors Vote for President						

Procedures for a Presidential Dispute: Schedule for Official Institutions

WEEK	Local Election Authority	Presidential Election Court	State Supreme Court
1	Recount complete		
2	Canvass complete	Recount review complete	
3	Contest discovery	Canvass review complete Contest motions hearing	Recount appeal complete
4	Recount remand complete	Contest trial, if necessary	Canvass appeal complete
5	Canvass remand complete	Recount remand review Canvass remand review	Recount remand appeal Canvass remand appeal Contest appeal complete

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Procedures for a Presidential Dispute: Schedule for Campaign Attorneys

WEEK	RECOUNT	CANVASS	CONTEST
1	Observe local recount	Observe local canvass	Investigation of facts
2	Present challenged ballots to Pres. Election Court	Deadline for petition to review local canvass	Deadline to file contest; continue fact investigation
3	Argue recount appeal in State Supreme Court	Litigate review of canvass in Pres. Election Court	Litigate motion to dismiss; conduct discovery; amend contest, as needed
4	Litigate recount remand (if necessary)	Argue canvass appeal in State Supreme Court	Contest trial (if necessary)
5	Recount remand review & appeal (if necessary) in Pres. Election Court & State Supreme Court	Canvass remand review & appeal (if necessary) in Pres. Election Court & State Supreme Court	Argue contest appeal & any necessary remand

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