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2016 Election Results Reporting Guidelines
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Pursuant to the general supervisory authority over all elections and the direct authority over the conduct of elections for federal, state and multi-county offices and statewide or multi-county ballot propositions (Utah Code Annotated § 67-1a-2), the Lt. Governor sets forth the following guidelines for the orderly, consistent and timely release of election results.

For the November 8, 2016 General Election, all county clerks shall count ballots and publically release election results after Election Day, as required by UCA § 20A-3-309(3), using the following schedule:

Thursday, November 10
Tuesday, November 15
Friday, November 18
Tuesday, November 22

If a county holds their canvass between 8 days and 13 days after the election (as allowed by UCA § 20A-4-301(b)) that county would not release any additional results once the canvass is complete.

Utah Constitution Art. 4 Sec. 8 and UCA § 20A-3-102 require all elections to be conducted by secret ballot. As per UCA § 20A-3-309(3)(d), if the release of any election results will or could result in the disclosure of a voter's vote, the election officer can request permission from the Lt. Governor to delay releasing results until a sufficient number of ballots can be counted to protect a voter's vote from being disclosed. If a county has *20 or less ballots to be counted on a given day* the Lt. Governor grants permission to withhold releasing those results.

If a county has more than 20 ballots but has determined the release of the results will or could result in the disclosure of a voter's vote, the election official must submit a written request to the Lt. Governor requesting permission to withhold the release of election results. If the county is granted permission to withhold the release of the results, the county shall withhold the release until such time as determined appropriate by the Lt. Governor.

Each county shall transmit to the Lt. Governor's Office updated results by 2:30 p.m. on any day ballots are counted after Election Day. The Lt. Governor's Office will post results from all counties at 3:00 p.m.