

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-328 substituted “the certificates of votes so made by them, together with the annexed certificates of ascertainment of appointment of electors” for “the certificates so made by them”.

**§ 11. Transmission of certificates by electors**

The electors shall immediately transmit at the same time and by the most expeditious method available the certificates of votes so made by them, together with the annexed certificates of ascertainment of appointment of electors, as follows:

(1) One set shall be sent to the President of the Senate at the seat of government.

(2) Two sets shall be sent to the chief election officer of the State, one of which shall be held subject to the order of the President of the Senate, the other to be preserved by such official for one year and shall be a part of the public records of such office and shall be open to public inspection.

(3) Two sets shall be sent to the Archivist of the United States at the seat of government, one of which shall be held subject to the order of the President of the Senate and the other of which shall be preserved by the Archivist of the United States for one year and shall be a part of the public records of such office and shall be open to public inspection.

(4) One set shall be sent to the judge of the district in which the electors shall have assembled.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 644, 62 Stat. 674; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 7, 65 Stat. 712; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, § 107(e)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2291; Pub. L. 117-328, div. P, title I, § 107(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5236.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-328 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to disposition of certificates.

1984—Pub. L. 98-497 substituted “Archivist of the United States” for “Administrator of General Services” two places in par. “Third”.

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, substituted “Administrator of General Services” for “Secretary of State” two places in par. “Third”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-497 effective Apr. 1, 1985, see section 301 of Pub. L. 98-497, set out as a note under section 2102 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

**§ 12. Failure of certificates of electors to reach President of the Senate or Archivist of the United States; demand on State for certificate**

When, after the meeting of the electors shall have been held, no certificate of vote mentioned in sections 9 and 11 of this title from any State shall have been received by the President of the Senate or by the Archivist of the United States by the fourth Wednesday in December, the President of the Senate or, if the President of

the Senate be absent from the seat of government, the Archivist of the United States shall request, by the most expeditious method available, the chief election officer of the State to send up the certificate lodged with such officer by the electors of such State; and it shall be the duty of such chief election officer of the State upon receipt of such request immediately to transmit same by the most expeditious method available to the President of the Senate at the seat of government.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 644, 62 Stat. 674; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 8, 65 Stat. 712; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, § 107(e)(1), (2)(B), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2291; Pub. L. 117-328, div. P, title I, § 108(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5237.)

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2022—Pub. L. 117-328, § 108(a)(1)–(4), (6)–(8), inserted “, after the meeting of the electors shall have been held,” after “When”, struck out “and list” after “certificate of vote” and after “send up the certificate”, and substituted “in December,” for “in December, after the meeting of the electors shall have been held,” “or, if the President of the Senate be absent” for “or, if he be absent”, “lodged with such officer” for “lodged with him”, “the duty of such chief election officer of the State” for “his duty”, and “by the most expeditious method available” for “by registered mail”.

Pub. L. 117-328, § 108(a)(5), which directed substitution of “chief election officer” for “secretary of State”, was executed by making the substitution for “secretary of state” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1984—Pub. L. 98-497 substituted “Archivist of the United States” for “Administrator of General Services” in section catchline and two places in text.

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**§ 13. Same; demand on district judge for certificate**

When, after the meeting of the electors shall have been held, no certificates of votes from any State shall have been received at the seat of government on the fourth Wednesday in December, the President of the Senate or, if the President of the Senate be absent from the seat of government, the Archivist of the United States shall send a special messenger to the district judge in whose custody one certificate of votes from that State has been lodged, and such judge shall forthwith transmit that certificate by the hand of such messenger to the seat of government.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 644, 62 Stat. 674; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 9, 65 Stat. 712; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, § 107(e)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2291; Pub. L. 117-328, div. P, title I, § 108(b), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5237.)

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