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Historical and Biographical Notes

According to the Missouri Constitution, the returns for every election for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general shall be sealed and transmitted by the returning officers to the Secretary of State, who shall appoint two disinterested judges of a court of record of the state, and the three shall constitute a board of state canvassers. Sometimes the board has called itself the state board of canvassers. Both designations are found in the records. The board meets at the state capitol and opens and canvasses the returns of the votes cast, then they ascertain and proclaim the results of the election.

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Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series consists of Board of State Canvassers reports, signed by the three members of the board. The reports indicate the election race, names of candidates, and total votes cast. Often there are two original copies of the report, sometimes foldered together and other times separate.

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