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Election Night Results

Each county enters the results for its portion of the split town in VERIS.

Canvass

Following your canvass, you are required by § 24.2-601 to report the results of the portion of the town that lies in your county to the electoral board of the county in which the larger portion of the town lies. The Certification of the Votes cast for each candidate for each office in the split town is provided for this purpose. If write-in votes were cast, the electoral board also must complete the Write-Ins Certification that lists all write-in votes cast for each office.

Then, you must fax the Certification of Votes and, if applicable, the Write-Ins Certification to the office of the general registrar of the county in which the larger portion of the town lies and mail the original of each document to that office.

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You then must prepare and execute the Abstract for each town office, forward a copy to the Department of Elections and to the clerk of the town council, issue the Certificate of Election to each person elected to a town office and transmit the results to the general registrar so that each winner’s record can be marked in VERIS.

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