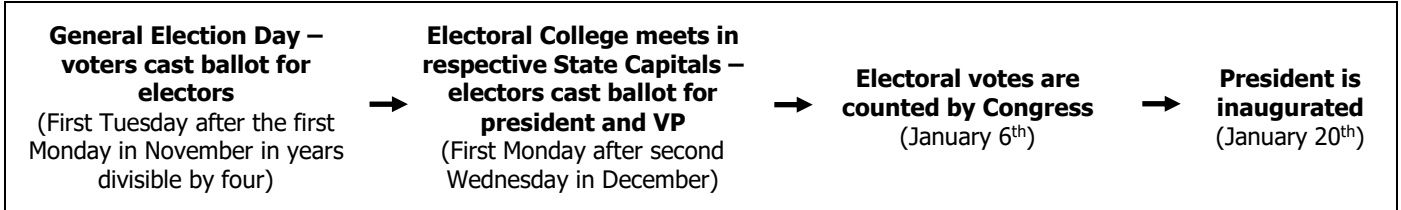
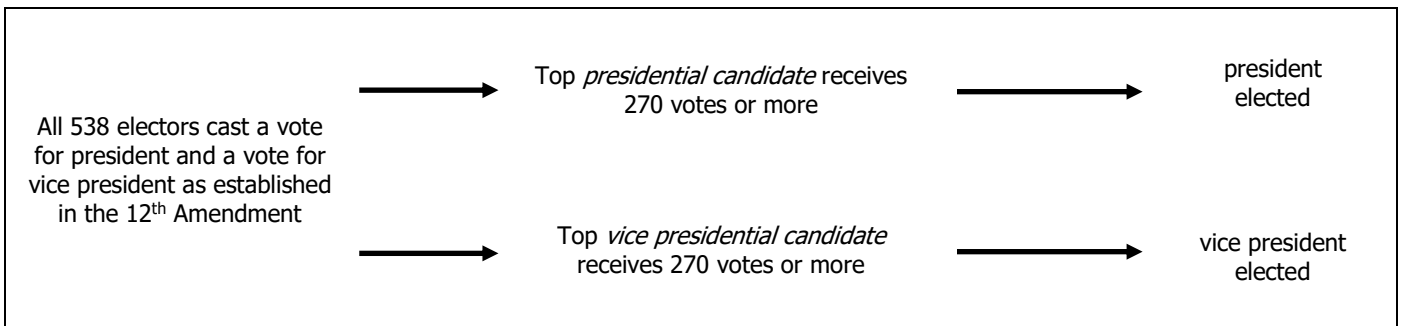


HOW THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ARE ELECTED

The Electoral College Timeline



The Electoral College as established by the Constitution and the 12th Amendment



What happens if the top presidential and vice presidential candidates receive fewer than 270 electoral votes?
The decisions are made in the House and the Senate based on the 12th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

Presidential candidate receives 26 votes or more → president elected

House of Representatives vote by state for president from top 3 candidates

Majority of states (26 votes) needed to win

If no presidential candidate receives 26 votes by January 20th and the vice president has been elected, vice president becomes acting president until president is elected by the House

If neither candidate is elected by January 20th, House Speaker becomes acting president until president is elected by House

Vice presidential candidate receives 51 votes or more → vice president elected

Senators vote individually for VP from top 2 candidates

Majority of senators (51 votes) needed to win

If no vice presidential candidate is elected by January 20th and a president has been elected, a vice president is appointed by the president, 25th Amendment