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HOW THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ARE ELECTED

The Electoral College Timeline

General Election Day – voters cast ballot for electors

(First Tuesday after the first Monday in November in years divisible by four) Electoral College meets in respective State Capitals – electors cast ballot for president and VP (First Monday after second Wednesday in December)

Electoral votes are counted by Congress
(January 6th)

→ President is inaugurated (January 20th)

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

All 538 electors cast a vote for president and a vote for		Top <i>presidential candidate</i> receives 270 votes or more		president elected
vice president as established in the 12 th Amendment		Top <i>vice presidential candidate</i> receives 270 votes or more		vice president elected

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 20^{th} , 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 20^{th} and a president has been elected, a vice president is appointed by the president, 25^{th} Amendment