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## **DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ELECTION NIGHT PROCEDURES**

**LAS CRUCES, NM** – The Doña Ana County Clerk’s office on Thursday announced changes to some Election Night procedures following new statutory law.

According to NMSA 1-6-14-K: “On election night, the absent voter election board shall recess upon the earlier of completion of its work or 11:00 p.m. An absent voter election board that recesses at 11:00 p.m. shall continue its work only between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on each subsequent day until the board has completed its work.” The statute is a change from previous years where the Election Board would not adjourn until after all votes were counted. The change means that even if not all votes are counted on election night by 11:00 p.m., the County Clerk and all election workers must adjourn for the day and continue to count the next day at 9:30 a.m.

“With new legislation comes changes that we want voters to be aware of. Please know that when you are waiting for election results, there are hundreds of community members that are working hard to get those results to you as quickly as possible, while always prioritizing adhering to the law and processes that protect the integrity of our elections. We appreciate our media partners in assisting us in offering clear and accurate information,” said Doña Ana County Clerk, Dr. Amanda López Askin.

Election Day for the 2023 Regular Local Election is on November 7, 2023. Forty-two Voting Convenience Centers will be available for Doña Ana County voters to cast their ballot from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Nine secured container locations are also available for absentee ballot drop-off.

Completed absentee ballots must be received by the Doña Ana County Clerk’s Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information about the 2023 Regular Local Election visit: [www.dacelections.com](http://www.dacelections.com).

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Spanish language interpretation services are now available upon request for participation in Doña Ana County sponsored meetings, events, or activities. Please contact the Community & Constituent Services Office at 525-6163, at least 48 hours prior to the event. Servicios de interpretación en las juntas será disponible por petición. Por favor en contacto la Oficina de Servicio a la Comunidad y Constituyentes 525-6163 por lo menos dos días hábiles por adelantado para pedir este servicio.