## How the President and Vice President are Chosen

General Election Day (First Tuesday in November)

## Electoral College Meets in

Respective State Capitals

(First Monday after second Wednesday in December)


If top presidential and vice presidential candidates receive fewer than 270 electoral votes, decisions made in House and Senate.

Amendment 12 U.S. Constitution

House
Representatives vote for president from top 3 candidates by state. Majority of states (26 votes) needed to win.

## Senate

Senators vote for vice president from top 2 candidates. Majority of senators (51 votes) needed to win.

Presidential candidate receives 26 votes or more.

If no presidential candidate receives 26 votes by Jan. $20^{\text {th }}$ 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
Jan. $20^{\text {th }}$, House Speaker becomes acting president until president is elected by House.

If no vice presidential candidate is elected by Jan. $20^{\text {th }}$ and a president has been elected, a vice president is
 appointed by the president, $25^{\text {th }}$ Amendment.

