§ 9-212. Determinations by county canvassing boards. 1. The canvassing board shall determine each person elected by the greatest number of votes to each county office, and each person elected by the greatest number of votes to each city, town or village office of a city, town or village of which it is the board of canvassers. The canvassing board shall also determine whether any ballot proposal submitted only to the voters of the county, or only to the voters of a city, town or village of which it is the board of canvassers, as the case may be, has by the greater number of votes been adopted or rejected.

2. All such determinations shall be in writing and signed by the members of the canvassing board or a majority of them and filed and recorded in the office of the board of elections. Except in the city of New York and in the counties of Nassau, Orange and Westchester, the board of elections shall cause a copy of such determinations, and of the statements filed in its office upon which such determinations were based, to be published once in each of the newspapers designated to publish election notices and the official canvass. The statement of canvass to be published, however, shall not give the vote by election districts but shall contain only the total vote for a person, or the total vote for and the total vote against a ballot proposal, cast within the county, or within the portion thereof, if any, in which an office is filled or ballot proposal is decided by the voters if the canvass of the vote thereon devolves upon the county board of canvassers. Such totals shall be expressed in arabic numerals.

3. The board of elections shall prepare and forthwith transmit to each person determined by the canvassing board to have been elected a certified statement, naming the office to which such canvassing board has declared him elected.

4. The appropriate state or local election official shall establish a free access system (such as a toll-free telephone number or an internet website) that any individual who casts an affidavit ballot may access to discover whether the vote of that individual was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the reason that the vote was not counted.