§ 759. Canvassing of vote; moratorium on further referendum. 1. In any referendum held pursuant to this title, the ballots cast shall be counted, returns made and canvassed and results certified in the same manner as other municipal elections or referendums for the local government entities to be consolidated.

2. Consolidation shall not take effect unless a majority of the electors voting in each local government entity to be consolidated vote in favor of consolidation. If in any one of the entities such a majority vote does not result, the referendum shall fail and consolidation shall not take effect.

3. If consolidation is approved by a majority of the electors voting in each local government entity to be consolidated, certificates of such result shall be immediately filed with the secretary of state and with the clerks of the entities and county in which any part of the entities is situated.

4. If the referendum shall fail, the consolidation process specified by this title shall not be initiated for the same purpose within four years of the date of such referendum. This subdivision, however, does not apply to a permissive referendum conducted pursuant to section seven hundred sixty-three of this title.