

👋 Hello from Stephanie Thomas, the Secretary of the State of Connecticut!

I'm reaching out to tell you how we're keeping elections a secure, trustworthy process.

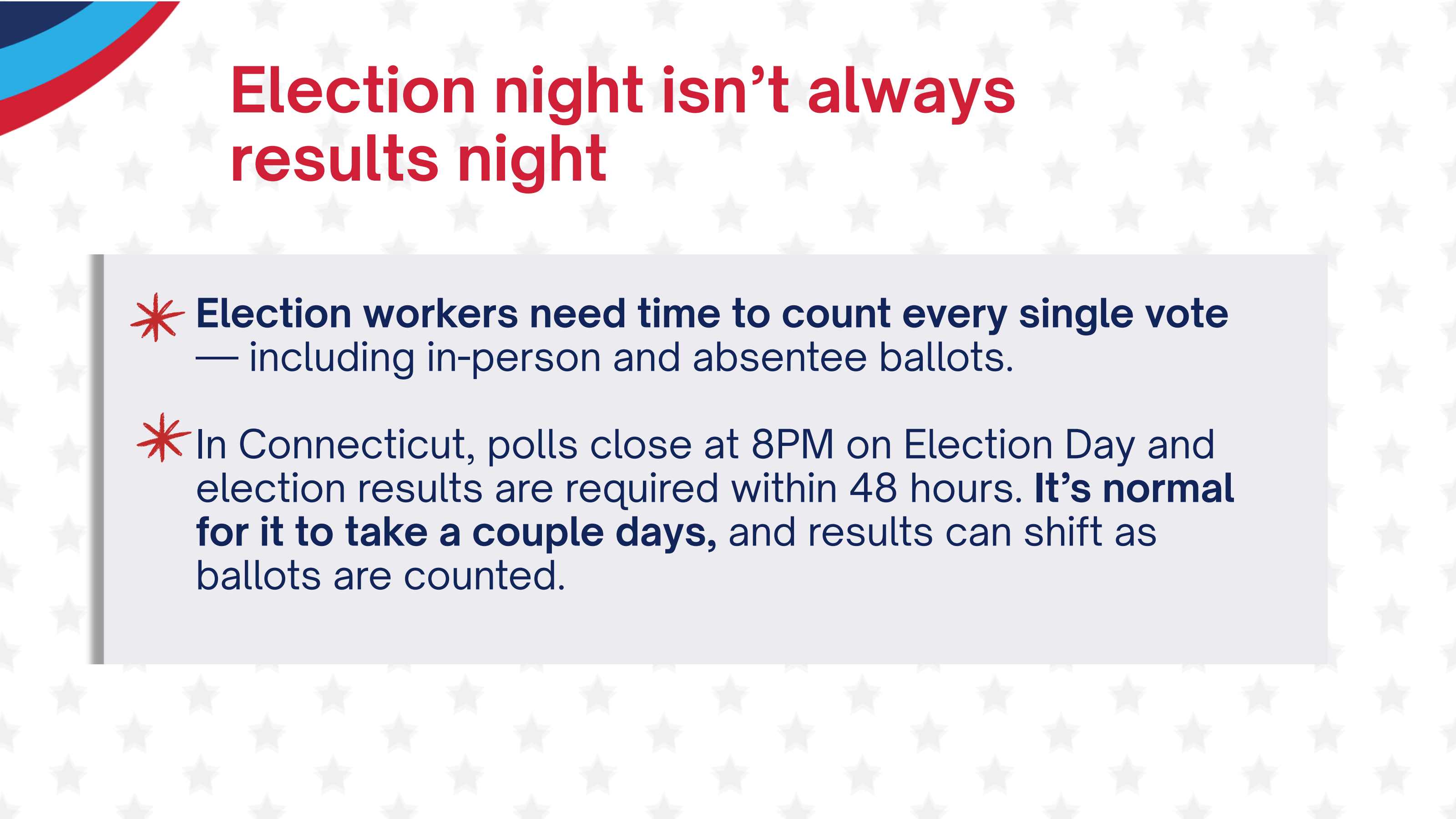


Who's in charge of elections?

- * **Elections are run by states**, not the federal government.
- * Connecticut has a dedicated State Elections Enforcement Commission to oversee and enforce all state election laws.
- * **CT law prohibits police officers from checking voter qualifications**, loitering at voting sites, or knowingly being within 250 feet of voting sites.

Early voting and absentee voting are both safe methods

- * Early voting has become increasingly popular, and often faster than waiting in lines on Election Day.
- * Absentee voting is another safe method, and not at all new. 150,000 soldiers voted by mail during the Civil War, and the military continues to vote by mail today.
- * You can track your absentee ballot here once it's been received by your Town Clerk.
- * Learn more about early and absentee voting here.



Election night isn't always results night

- * Election workers need time to count every single vote — including in-person and absentee ballots.
- * In Connecticut, polls close at 8PM on Election Day and election results are required within 48 hours. **It's normal for it to take a couple days**, and results can shift as ballots are counted.

Election officials make sure voting equipment is secure and voting lists are updated

- * **Connecticut tests and approves all voting equipment** before every election—and it's open to the public to watch the testing.
- * Voting machines **must produce a paper record** for all elections.
- * If the ballot margins are tight, Connecticut will recount ballots. [Here's more info about recount requirements.](#)
- * **States regularly update voter lists** to remove voters who have moved, died, or are no longer eligible. During the 2024 elections, [over 21 million records were removed](#) across the country.

An illustration of five diverse people (three women and two men) of various ethnicities and ages, standing behind a long banner. The background is white with faint grey stars. The banner is pink and contains text about voting information.

For more voting information and sample ballots, go to: MyVote.CT.gov

TRUSTWORTHY RESOURCES

MyVote.CT.gov

vote.gov

eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state

nass.org/can-i-vote

nased.org/for-voters

howelectionswork.org

ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup

[Voter help hotline: Call or text 866-OUR-VOTE](https://www.866OURVOTE.org)

HASHTAGS

#CTvotes #CTSOTS #yourvoteyourvoice #trustedelections
#yourvotematters #everyvotecounts #voteready

All art in this toolkit is from the [Election Assistance Commission's social media toolkit](#), which is free and available to the public.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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