Sample Certificate of Vote[53]

Before the Electoral College meeting, the Secretary of State prepares certificates of vote to be signed by the electors at the meeting. In addition, the Governor prepares nine certificates of ascertainment which set forth: (a) names of the candidates for president and vice president; (b) names of the electors; and (c) number of votes received by each. The Governor sends three certificates of ascertainment directly to the Archivist of the United States prior to the Electoral College meeting, and sends to the remaining certificates to the Secretary of State. The certificates of ascertainment are affixed to the certificates of vote at the Electoral College meeting.

The State of South Carolina

Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond

2016 ELECTORAL COLLEGE CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

We, the undersigned, being duly elected Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, for the State of South Carolina, at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, certify that the following candidates for President and Vice President received the following number of votes, by ballot, at the meeting of Electors held on Monday, December 19th, 2016, in Columbia, South Carolina.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: DONALD J. TRUMP NUMBER OF ELECTOR VOTES: 9

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: MICHAEL R. PENCE NUMBER OF ELECTOR VOTES: 9

GLENN A. MCCALL (AT-LARGE)

DONALD MATTHEW MOORE (AT-LARGE)

JERRY HARDISTY (1ST CONG. DIST.)

JAMES S. ULMER, JR. (2ND CONG. DIST.)

BRENDA M. BEDENBAUGH (3RD CONG. DIST.)

WILLIAM E. CONLEY (4TH CONG. DIST.)

SHERY SMITH (5TH CONG. DIST.)

MOYE GRAHAM (6TH CONG. DIST.)

JERRY HALL ROWNER (7TH CONG. DIST.)

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In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at the State Capitol in the City of Columbia, South Carolina, on this nineteenth day of December, 2016.

MARK HAMMOND, SECRETARY OF STATE

On the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December following the presidential election, at 11:00 AM, the Secretary of State convenes the meeting of the South Carolina Electoral College. At the meeting, each of the nine electors signs certificates of vote for President and Vice-President. The Secretary of State then signs the certificates of vote to certify the election. Additionally, the certificates of ascertainment are affixed to the certificates of vote. Under Section 7-19-110, electors are entitled to mileage, subsistence and per diem to be paid from appropriations to the Secretary of State's Office.

Following the Electoral College meeting, the Secretary of State delivers the certificates of vote and certificates of ascertainment to the following entities: (a) One certificate of vote and one certificate of ascertainment are mailed to the President of the United States Senate; (b) Two certificates of vote and two certificates of ascertainment are mailed to the Archivist of the United States; and (c) One certificate of vote and one certificate of ascertainment are mailed to the federal judge of the district where the electors assembled. The Secretary of State also keeps two certificates of vote and two certificates of ascertainment on file.

[53] S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, "Agency Presentation – Notaries, boards and commissions, authentications, and apostilles (December 5, 2019)," under "Committee Postings and Reports," under "House Legislative Oversight Committee," under "Secretary of State, Office of the," and under "Meetings," https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20Presentation%20-%20Notaries,%20Boards%20and%20Commissions.pdf (accessed January 21, 2020), slide 50-51, and 53-54. Hereinafter "Notaries Presentation."