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§3-11-6. Proclamation of result of election by Secretary of State; effective date of amendment ratified.

On the twenty-fifth day after the election is held, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Secretary of State shall ascertain from said certificates the result of the election in the state, and declare the same by proclamation published as a Class I-0 legal advertisement in two newspapers printed at the seat of government. The cost of such publication, determined in accordance with the provisions of section three, article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code, shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the office of Secretary of State. If a majority of the votes cast at said election upon said question be for ratification of an amendment, the amendment so ratified shall be in force and effect from the date of such ratification, as part of the Constitution of the State.