



OFFICIAL RESULTS - STATE ELECTIONS HELD TO
DETERMINE LOCATION OF STATE CAPITOL

FIRST ELECTION: Held October 1, 1889, in concert with election whereat electors of Territory voted upon adoption of state constitution as provided by Article XIV of state constitution. Said Article XIV established conditions of capitol site election as follows:

1. A majority vote shall be necessary to determine location of seat of state government. The legislature shall not have the power to locate or change state capitol.
2. In event no majority vote cast on single capitol site at first election, then state legislature, at first regular session after adoption of constitution, shall provide for re-submitting question at next succeeding state general election. Only names of the three cities receiving greatest number of votes at first election shall appear upon ballot.
3. If second election still results in no city receiving a majority of votes - then legislature shall provide for a third election to be held in concert with next succeeding state general election. If third election necessary, then only the names of the two cities receiving the greatest number of votes at second election shall appear upon ballot.
4. Once location of state capitol is determined - then it can only be changed by a two-thirds vote at a state general election.

RESULTS OF 1ST ELECTION: (October 1, 1889)

		<u>% Votes Cast</u>
Olympia	25,490	46.20
* North Yakima	14,711	26.66
Ellensburg	12,833	23.26
Centralia	607	01.10
** Yakima	314	00.57
Pasco	130	00.24
Scattering votes	1,088	01.97
Total	55,173	100.00%

* Changed name to Yakima in 1917.
** Changed name to Union Gap in 1905



SECOND ELECTION: Whereas city of Olympia received by far the greatest number of votes at first election, it just missed receiving a majority of all votes cast. Obeying the directions of Article XIV of the state constitution, the first legislature passed executing statutes (Chapter XVI, Laws 1889-90) providing for second election to be held in concert with the 1890 state general election.

RESULTS OF 2ND ELECTION: (November 4, 1890):

		<u>% Votes Cast</u>
Olympia	37,413	72.77
Ellensburg	7,722	15.02
North Yacima	6,276	12.21
Scattering votes	200
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Total	51,413	100.00%

Olympia this time received well over the necessary majority of votes. The issue was decided and the holding of the third election was not necessary.