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Aug. 25: After over three days of delays, official results of the Aug. 18 elections were released. According to the Federal Electoral Institute, federal deputy seats were captured by the following parties: Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), 320; National Action Party (PAN), 89; Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD), 41; National Revolutionary Cardenista Front Party (PFCRN), 23; Party of the Authentic Mexican Revolution (PARM), 15; and, the Popular Socialist Party (PPS), 12. In the Senate races, the PRI won 31 of the 32 seats, while the PAN captured one, in Baja California. The PRI also won all six gubernatorial races, although the results for the states of Guanajuato and San Luis Potosi were being contested by the opposition. Aug. 29: Ramon Aguirre, the PRI candidate who was officially declared the winner in the Guanajuato gubernatorial race, stepped down. He said his decision was aimed at avoiding violence. Following his resignation, the state legislature declared the Aug. 18 elections null and void. The legislature will appoint an interim governor to take office Sept. 26. New elections are expected within three to 14 months after the interim governor is installed. Aug. 30: The Guanajuato legislature proposed Leon Carlos Medina Plascencia, PAN mayor of Leon, for the post of interim governor. Following the announcement, a crowd of several hundred PRI supporters stormed the state legislature building. Aug. 31: Medina Plascencia was officially confirmed as interim governor. Approximately 700 PRI supporters had occupied the state legislature building for 36 hours in an attempt to prevent the deputies from naming an interim governor. (Sources: El Nacional, El Universal, 08/26/91, 08/30/91; El Financiero, 08/26/91, 08/30/91; La Jornada, 08/31/91; The Mexico City News, 08/30/91, 08/31/91, 09/02/91)

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