



Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

Office of the Secretary of State
Election Rules
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Amended Rules: 8.6

In accordance with Colorado election law,¹ the Secretary of State finds that certain amendments to the existing election rules must be adopted and effective immediately to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of Colorado election laws during the 2012 election cycle. Temporary adoption is necessary both to comply with law and to preserve the public welfare generally.

These rules are adopted in accordance with recommendations made by the Secretary of State, Elections Division staff, County Clerk and Recorders, and interested parties throughout the State of Colorado. The Secretary of State anticipates commencement of formal rulemaking in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act² in the near future to consider adoption of these amended and new rules on a permanent basis. Adoption of the rules on a temporary basis, however, is necessary to provide clear guidance to interested parties, including, but not limited to: county clerks, political parties, election judges, and watchers, given the close proximity of the June 2012 Primary Election.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Secretary of State finds that adoption and immediate effect of the amendments to existing election rules is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and to promote public interests.³

¹ Sections 1-1-107(1)(c), 1-1-107(2)(a), 1-1.5-104(1)(e), C.R.S. (2011). The Secretary of State has the power “[t]o promulgate, publish, and distribute...such rules as [the Secretary] finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws” and “[t]he ‘Help America Vote Act of 2002’, 42 U.S.C. 15301-15545]....”

² Section 24-4-103(3)(a), C.R.S. (2011).

³ Section 24-4-103(3)(6), C.R.S. (2011).