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Colorado Secretary of State

Election Order 2023-01

Re: 2023 Coordinated Election Post-Election Audit Dates

Date: September 13, 2023

Operative Facts

The Coordinated Election will be held on November 7, 2023. Election Rules 25.2.2 (g)-(i) requires that each county in Colorado conducting the post-election audit must adhere to a specific schedule. Due to the date of the Coordinated Election, the current schedule may conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. However, Election Rule 25.2.6 authorizes the Secretary of State to, "By order, alter any of the requirements outlined in Rule 25.2."

Order

In accordance with Election Rule 25.2.6, I order that the post-election deadlines in Rule 25.2 are altered to the following:

- November 17, by 2PM MT: Counties conducting a comparison or ballot polling audit must upload hashed ballot manifest and hashed CVR export to the Secretary of State's Office. (Rule 25.2.2 (g)(1), (2), (h)(1), (2))
- November 17, by 2PM MT: Counties conducting a comparison or ballot polling audit must upload RLA tabulation results to the Secretary of State's election night reporting system. (Rule 25.2.2 (g)(3), (h)(3))
- November 17, by 2PM MT: Counties must alert the Secretary of State's voting system team regarding when the county intends to begin auditing ballot cards.
- **November 17:** Secretary of State will convene a public meeting to establish a random seed for use with the Secretary of State's RLA tool's pseudo-random number generator. (Rule 25.2.2(i)).
- **November 17:** Secretary of State will notify each county of, and publish on the Audit Center, the randomly selected ballot cards that each county must audit. (Rule 25.2.2 (1))

Dated this 13th day of September, 2023

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