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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Discussion of Changes to Secretary of State Election Rules 37 and 45
Concerning Voting System Standards**

As a result of legislative changes during the 2009 Session of the General Assembly, the Secretary of State has determined that Election Rules 37 and 45 should be reviewed and amended to reflect the new laws. Accordingly, the Secretary of State's Office has begun drafting changes to the rules and has engaged the Freeman, Craft, McGregor Group as technical experts to assist in that effort.

Working with the assistance of these experts, the Secretary of State's Office is finalizing an initial draft of the new rules and is establishing a public process to promote transparency in the rule drafting process, with the goal of promulgating new rules that effectively address security, accuracy, and accessibility. By Tuesday, September 29, 2009, a copy of the initial draft will be posted on the Voting Systems Certification Information page of the Secretary of State website at the following location: <http://www.elections.colorado.gov/Default.aspx?PageMenuID=1334>.

The Secretary will host two public meetings to discuss the initial draft, as well as to obtain strong technological analysis and input from the public with regard to the rules.

The first public meeting will consist of a presentation of the initial draft by the Secretary of State's Office and the Freeman, Craft, McGregor Group, who will present an overview and explanation of the recommended changes. The Freeman, Craft, McGregor Group will present their recommendations via teleconference, and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions about the presentation.

The first meeting will occur on Friday, October 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. MST in the Blue Spruce Conference Room of the Colorado Secretary of State's Office and will be broadcast via the internet. Following this meeting, the public is invited to submit written questions and comments to the Secretary of State. Submissions should be made no later than close of business on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 to ensure full consideration prior to the second public meeting.

The second public meeting will be an open dialogue between the Secretary of State's Office, members of the Freeman, Craft, McGregor Group, and the public with regard to the questions and comments submitted, as well as other discussion items that may be raised by the public. The meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon MST in the Aspen Conference Room of the Colorado Secretary of State's Office and will be broadcast via the internet. Following this meeting, the Secretary of State will review all information submitted and discussed with the intent of filing a formal Notice of Rulemaking at the end of October.

Summary of Schedule

Public Presentation of Initial Draft of Revisions to Election Rules 37 and 45
Friday, October 2, 2009 1:00 p.m. MST
Colorado Secretary of State's Office, Blue Spruce Conference Room
1700 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Denver, CO

Deadline to Submit Written Comments and Questions to Ensure Full Consideration at the
October 20, 2009 Public Hearing
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 5:00 p.m. MST

Public Discussion of Initial Draft, including Written Comments and Questions Submitted
by Public
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 9:00 a.m. MST
Colorado Secretary of State's Office, Aspen Conference Room
1700 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Denver, CO

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