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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Pursuant to the requirements of section 24-4-103, C.R.S., notice of proposed rulemaking is hereby given by the Secretary of State. **A rulemaking hearing will be held on June 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Secretary of State's conference room, Suite 270, 1700 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80290.** All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the subject of revisions and amendments to the "Election Rules" of the Colorado Secretary of State, 8 CCR 1505-1.

Subject of the Proposed Rulemaking

Amendments and revisions of the Secretary of State's Election Rules are proposed to clarify and conform to statutory changes made by the Colorado General Assembly and to make such other amendments to the election rules as may be desirable to improve the administration of elections in Colorado. The revisions and amendments to be considered include: certification and education of designated election officials; absentee ballots; provisional ballots; testing and auditing and certification of voting equipment; voter registration drives; identification information to be provided by electors; and rules necessary to implement amendments to the Colorado election laws made during the 2006 regular session of the 65th General Assembly.

Authority for Proposed Rulemaking

Revisions and amendments to the Secretary of State "Election Rules": [8 CCR 1505-1] are proposed pursuant to the following statutes:

1. Section 1-1-107(2)(a), C.R.S. (2005), which authorizes the Secretary of State "to promulgate, publish and distribute...such rules as the secretary of state finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws...."
2. Section 1-1.5-104(1)(e), C.R.S. (2005), which authorizes the Secretary of State "to promulgate rules... as the secretary finds necessary for the proper administration, implementation, and enforcement of [the "Help America Vote Act of 2002", P.L. No. 107-252]...."

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained on or before June 2, 2006, from the office of the Secretary of State, 1700 Broadway, Suite 270, Denver, Colorado 80290, or by calling 303-894-2200, ext. 6332. An initial copy will be given free of charge. The proposed rules also will be published on the Secretary of State's Internet Web site at www.sos.state.co.us.

The hearing will be held in accordance with Section 24-4-103, C.R.S. (2005). Written and oral data, comments and arguments, will be received from all interested parties. Written submissions must be filed at or before the commencement of the hearing on June 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in order to be considered. Oral testimony may be limited, in order to allow the proceedings to go forward with reasonable promptness and efficiency. Also, the hearing will be broadcast over the Internet from the Secretary of State's web site (go to www.sos.state.co.us, click on "Information Center" and then "Broadcast and Recorded Meetings").

For more information, please contact Christi Heppard, Elections Division at christi.heppard@sos.state.co.us or (303)-894-2200, ext., 6332.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2006.

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