



## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

Pursuant to the requirements of section 24-4-103(3)(a), C.R.S., (2006), notice of proposed rulemaking is hereby given by the Secretary of State. A rulemaking hearing will be held on **August 7, 2007 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in the Blue Spruce Conference Room on the second floor of the Office of the Secretary of State at 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 C.C.R. 1505-1.

### **Subject of the Proposed Rulemaking**

Amendments and revisions to the Colorado Secretary of State Election Rules as may be necessary or appropriate to improve the administration of elections in Colorado. The revisions and amendments to be considered include rules concerning: minimum requirements for vote centers and electronic pollbooks; identification requirements; voter registration drives; petition circulation and protests; military and overseas voting; and absentee voting. The Secretary of State shall also consider such other rule amendments as may be necessary to answer questions arising under Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes; and rules necessary to implement amendments to the Colorado election laws made during the 2007 regular session of the 66<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### **Authority for Proposed Rulemaking**

Revisions and amendments to the "Election Rules" of the Colorado Secretary of State, 8 C.C.R. 1505-1, are proposed pursuant to the following statutes:

1. Section 1-1-107(2)(a), C.R.S., (2006), which authorizes the Secretary of State "[t]o promulgate, publish and distribute . . . such rules as the secretary finds necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of the election laws."
2. Section 1-1.5-104(1)(e), C.R.S., (2006), which authorizes the Secretary of State to "[p]romulgate rules in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., as the secretary finds necessary for proper administration and implementation of [the "Help America Vote Act of 2002", P.L. No. 107-252]."

Copies of the initial draft of the proposed rules may be obtained from the office of the Secretary of State at 1700 Broadway, suite 270, Denver, Colorado 80290, or by calling (303) 894-2200, ext. 6316. An initial copy will be provided free of charge. The proposed rules are also posted on the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us).

A final copy of the proposed rules for consideration at the public rulemaking hearing will be posted on the Secretary of State website and made available to the public no later than **August 2, 2007** in accordance with section 24-4-103(4)(a), C.R.S., (2006), which states that “[a]ny proposed rule or revised proposed rule by an agency which is to be considered at the public hearing . . . shall be made available to any person at least five days prior to said hearing.”

The rulemaking hearing on August 7, 2007 will be held in accordance with section 24-4-103, C.R.S., (2006). 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 **August 7, 2007 at 1:30 p.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. The hearing will be audio recorded and broadcast over the Internet. The broadcast may be accessed through the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us) on the “Information Center” page under “Broadcast and Recorded Meetings.” For additional information, please contact Hilary Rudy, Elections Division at [hilary.rudy@sos.state.co.us](mailto:hilary.rudy@sos.state.co.us) or (303) 894-2200 ext. 6316.

Dated this 15th Day of June, 2007.



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