

The Legal Center for People  
with Disabilities and Older People



*Colorado's Protection & Advocacy System*

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State of Colorado  
Department of State  
1700 Broadway  
Suite 200  
Denver, CO 80290

Re: Public Comment for Proposed Rulemaking Election Rules 8 CCR 1505-1

The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People (“The Legal Center”) is Colorado’s Protection and Advocacy Organization. We represent people with disabilities in claims involving civil rights discrimination issues. The Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (“PAVA”), one of many programs at The Legal Center, is mandated to protect the rights of voters with disabilities by participating in legislative decision making, such as providing testimony at proposed rulemaking hearings.

The Legal Center is offering supporting testimony for the proposed rule language that addresses the rights of voters with disabilities. The Legal Center strongly supports the following proposed rules:

1. Proposed Rule 20.3.1(e) establishing that every voter service and polling center must have at least one DRE with a headset that has adjustable volume control.
2. Rule 20.11.2(b) stating that a county may not release a report generated from SCORE that could potentially identify a voter who casts a specific ballot.
3. Proposed Rule 20.11.2(d) which requires a county to arrange DRE’s in order to prevent election officials and other voters from observing how a DRE voter casts a ballot.
4. New Rule 20.18.2 stating that DRE’s for ES & S Voting Systems may only use the 9 inch screen on the VVPAT.
5. New Rule 20.20 stating that the Sequoia DRE must add clarifying text to the display screen during the VVPAT review process that instructs the voter to review the ballot choices.

Thank you for your time and attention and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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