



Help Shape Colorado's Election Rules

Topic: Proposed rules to implement legislative changes and clean up revision

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What is this about?

Secretary Griswold is considering amendments to Colorado's Rules Concerning Elections (8 CCR 1505-1). The amendments are intended to improve the administration and enforcement of Colorado election law¹ and to increase transparency and security in the election process. We invite you to share your thoughts and recommendations as we develop a preliminary draft of the proposed rules in anticipation of a formal notice of permanent rulemaking issued in accordance with the Colorado Administrative Procedure Act.²

Please review the attached working draft. The following highlights the primary goals of the proposed rulemaking:

- Ensure proper administration of legislation recently passed by the Colorado General Assembly, including:
 - HB19-1266: Concerning the voting rights of persons serving a sentence of parole, and in connection therewith, making an appropriation
 - HB19-1278: Concerning modifications to miscellaneous provisions of the "Uniform Election Code of 1992", and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation
 - SB19-202: Concerning ballot access for voters with disabilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation
- Eliminate obsolete provisions; and
- Simplify the language of existing rules.

Why does the Secretary need my help?

The Secretary values your feedback and we would very much like to hear your thoughts. We need your help to identify necessary revisions or additional guidance in order to propose a constructive and comprehensive draft rule for consideration during the rulemaking proceedings. Overall, we invite your opinions and recommendations to help shape Colorado's Election Rules.

¹ Article VII of the Colorado Constitution, Title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 ("HAVA"), P.L. No. 107-252.

² Section 24-4-103(3)(a), C.R.S.

How do I submit my comments and what is the deadline?

You may email your comments to SOS.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us. To ensure consideration of your comments before we issue the proposed draft, please submit your comments by 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2019.

Will my comments become part of the official record for the anticipated rulemaking?

Yes, we will incorporate your comments into the official record when we commence with formal rulemaking. Our office will identify your comments as information received in anticipation of rulemaking to support the development of the proposed draft rule. Please note that you will have an additional opportunity to provide testimony and/or written comments regarding the proposed rule during the rulemaking proceeding.

To promote transparency and to help generate discussion, our office will post a copy of your comments on the Secretary of State’s website. We appreciate privacy concerns and will redact personal contact information that may appear in your comments prior to posting (including your home address, personal email address, and telephone number). To view the comments that we receive, please visit: https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule_making/ruleComments.html.