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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:34 PM
To: SoS Rulemaking
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I am submitting this again.
Thank you.
Margit Johansson

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From: Margit Johansson [REDACTED]
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Subject: Comments on Current Election Rules (8 CCR 1505-1)
To: SoS Rulemaking <SoS.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us>

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope it will be possible for you to consider my comments on just one Rule in the current Election Rules, submitted after the suggested deadline of last Friday at 5PM (but not after any of your regular work hours have elapsed!).

My comments are on the last entry in Rule 16 concerning UOCAVA voters:

"16.2.8. Nothing in this Rule 16.2 permits internet voting. Internet voting means a system that includes remote access, a vote that is cast directly into a central vote server that tallies the votes, and does not require the supervision of election officials."

The definition in this Rule is misleading, as it does not acknowledge that use of email to return voted ballots is also use of the Internet for voting, with the same risks for the "purity of elections".

A more accurate description of Internet voting is one used by independent computer experts Douglas W. Jones and Barbara Simons, authors of the book **BROKEN BALLOTS: Will Your Vote Count?**. In Chapter 11, "Internet Voting: Voting Rights for Viruses?", specifically in 11.2.1 The Server, it is written: "**Internet voting, whether web-based or via email** (my bolding) involves having a computer (client), typically that of the voter, communicate via the Internet with a server." (page 269 of my paperback version of 2012).

I'm quite sure I gave the Secretary of State's office a copy of this book a few year's back. Hopefully, his office still has it, as that whole chapter 11 has much valuable information on Internet Voting that will serve the Secretary of State well in his job "...to secure the purity of elections..." [See CRS 1-1-107(5)] --- information you aren't likely to get by listening to vender-speak.

Thank you for considering this comment on 16.2.8.

Sincerely,

Margit Johansson

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