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Subject: Comments - working draft election rules

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed election rules. Please see my comments below:

7.5.12 – Is this still in reference to an elector delivering a ballot to the wrong county or does it mean clerks need to log ballots picked up at the post office on election night from their own county? If it is only for counties other than your own county, I would propose the following: COUNTY CLERKS PICKING UP BALLOTS FROM THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ON ELECTION NIGHT, FOR COUNTIES OTHER THAN THEIR OWN, MUST LOG THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS BY COUNTY...

7.7.3 – Does this need to have “BY THAT SAME MEANS” at the end of the sentence? It seems incomplete.

7.9.6 – Is this recorded in SCORE or WebSCORE? Wouldn't it need to be indicated in WebSCORE in order to issue the ballot? Or will WebSCORE be allowed to issue whichever ballot the judge chooses and it can be recoded in SCORE at a later date? Also, shouldn't “THE COUNTY CLERK” be either ELECTION JUDGE or ELECTION OFFICIAL if it is done at the VSPC?

8.1.5 – What if rules or statutes change regarding watchers? Or if watcher training is updated? Is it a good idea to have the certificate valid beyond the current year?

10.5.1 (c) – Removing “including the number of accepted and rejected mail ballots” is a good change.

(d) Is it necessary to report provisional ballots cast AND counted if we are listing those rejected by their appropriate code in (h)? If we do need to report provisional ballots cast and provisional ballots counted/rejected separately, removing “including the number accepted and rejected” in (d) would make more sense. Wouldn't the total in (h) equal number of ballots cast since the ballot is either accepted or rejected?

As for rules regarding 107 and 108, here are my thoughts on that:

2.5.4 – This should probably state, IF AN UNAFFILIATED ELECTOR WHO HAS ALREADY BEEN MAILED A PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT PACKET...since they will be mailed both ballots if they have not already chosen an affiliation.

7.9.6 – Same comments as above

I like Option 3 (having either option) as some counties may not be able to afford Option 1.

Cross-Jurisdiction Voting Pilot

I believe this would cause voter confusion and make people think they can vote anywhere in the state. I also see the potential for more mail ballots being dropped off everywhere, leading to even higher costs associated with sending ballots to the correct counties.

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