Pitkin County supports Rule changes as recommended by the Colorado Election Statute Review Committee. The following comments are in addition to the ESRC, representing Pitkin County:

Proposed Election Rules 8 CCR 1505-1, May 15, 2017

New Rule 1.1.10:
- Should the definition for CVR include batch number and ballot number?

New Rule 2.14.4:
- Pitkin County opposes the proposed rule as written!   Because the Pitkin Election Department runs reports throughout the day to assist in balancing election activity, handling multiple ballot exceptions, assisting with VSPC issues or errors, providing reports to watchers, etc., it is essential to have data to maintain operations throughout the day during elections season.

Amended Rule 7.6.1:
- Pitkin County strongly supports rule as written, as it assists to accommodate voters who have lost an envelope (or didn't receive one from printer) without having to issue replacement mail ballot packet.

New Rule 7.16
- Add "as is practicable" so as to allow for envelopes that are ripped/not scannable, the signature is not on the line, or it is missing a signature and has been cured.

Amended Rule 13.2.9 (a):
- Will the form be updated to include a request for hearing?

Proposed rules for implementation of 107 & 108

Rule 7.5.13: Process should be the same as for ID Required ballots.

- One county offered a fourth option involving QR codes on stubs. Pitkin supports a rule that is broad enough to allow for QR codes on stubs and does not require it. Pitkin will not pursue an approach involving stubs.
- Pitkin suggests the following ideas procedurally and thinks the rules as they are currently drafted are broad enough to allow for a fifth option: Option 5. Unaffiliated ballot packets must include complete packets for each ballot style. Blue bar on envelopes and blue bordered ballots for Dems, red bar on envelopes and red bordered ballots for Reps and very clear language that only one ballot is to be returned and should be returned in corresponding colored envelope. Further, all return envelopes should have two bar codes: one containing voter info and Dem flag, and one containing voter info and Rep flag. Receiving judges bink bar code based on ballot envelope color. Therefore, when the opening team goes to pull out the ballot, they will immediately see if the colors don't concur, and then the ballot can be backed out of the process, the bar code rescanned for the correct ballot returned. This may incur increased cost for one additional envelope per packet and additional postage. This may save costs in labor.

<u>Proposed pilot program for cross-jurisdictional voting pilot</u>

Pitkin County submits some questions in reference to procedures:

1) Is this simply sharing of locations, whereas respective staff/judges of individual counties process their respective voters within the same VSPC? Or, would cross county staff/judges simply process an in-person federal ballot for provisional voters?
2) How would VR judges access both county databases? Two different SCORE/WEBSCORE logins?
3) Which county parties would be responsible for appointing judges?
4) How would both elections be loaded onto the ICXs?
5) Does the host county determine the processes that judges will use; e.g balancing mail ballot inventory, etc?

Respectfully submitted,
Janice K. Vos Caudill, Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder
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