

Election Statute Review Committee (ESRC) Comments to the Secretary of State Regarding the Working Draft of Proposed Election Rules Dated April 25, 2018

Proposed Rule 2.3.2:

Please specify what information must appear in this written correspondence. While counties feel that minimum matching criteria is too much information, we would appreciate enough information to confidently make a match.

Proposed Rule 2.18:

Could the Secretary of State's office please define "detention facility" so that each county understands the universe of locations it is dealing with.

Proposed Rule 2.18.1:

Please specify that this rule applies to each election conducted by the county clerk and recorder. Additionally, we ask that the Secretary of State's office say "beginning with the 2019 Coordinated Election" so that counties have enough time to address the logistics of these rules.

Please give counties express authority to appoint jail administrators or representatives as registrars, much like the principal of a public high school.

Proposed Rule 7.5:

Again, please change this rule to say "beginning with the 2019 Coordinated Election" so that counties have enough time to address the logistics of these rules.

What does "make efforts" mean? If the Sheriff's office is not receptive to this process, what is the clerk obligated to do?

Proposed Rule 7.5.1:

Could this please be a checkbox on the mail ballot plan instead of a free form?

Please strike "and retrieval" from paragraph (b).

Overall

Some counties are concerned about the balance of security and a voter's right to a secret ballot.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit comments.