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Mr. Williams.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Office of the Colorado Secretary of State Election Rules, 8 CCR 1505-1 dated June 15, 2018. I notice that there is no actual hearing scheduled. I am sure that someone so attentive to a "failure to act" as yourself would not deliberately omit the actual hearing(s) on 55 pages of far-reaching regulatory changes. Please let us know where and when the public hearings are to take place.

After a preliminary reading, what jumps out at me is all the details about Ranked Choice Voting.

I remember learning in Jr. High that "In American law, anything that was not forbidden is permitted. Under the Code Napoleon [in the time depicted in *Les Miserables*] anything not specifically permitted was forbidden." May I suggest, instead of trying to micromanage the efforts of the counties and municipalities searching for better voting protocols, take note of Nobel-Prize-winner Kenneth J. Arrow's proof that a perfect democratic voting system is impossible. Your office should simply allow the people of each jurisdiction within Colorado to seek its own best way of implementing:

All elections shall be free and open; and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage.
(Colo. Const. Art. II, Sect. 5)

Thank you again for keeping us informed.

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