



## **Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules**

**Office of the Secretary of State**  
**Election Rules**  
**8 CCR 1505-1**

**August 23, 2019**

Amended Rules: 1.1.26, 1.1.41, 2.10.1, 2.17.2(b)(1), 2.19.4.1.3, 4.8.4, 4.8.5, 5.3, 6.1.2, 6.4, 7.1, 7.2.7, 7.2.9, 7.2.14, 7.4 – 7.7, 7.9, 7.10, 7.12, 8.7.4, 9.1.4, 9.2, 10.1.4, 10.5.1, 10.6.2, 11.2, 11.3.2, 11.4, 11.9.1(d), 11.9.2 – 11.9.4, 14.4.1, 15.2, 15.7, 17.1.2, 17.2.9, 17.2.10, 20, and renumbering amendments as required

Repealed Rules: 1.1.42, 7.1.4, 7.9.7, 7.12.3, 20.2.4, 20.5.1(b), 21.3.3

New Rules: 4.5.2(f), 4.8.4(c), 7.1.2, 7.5.3, 7.5.14, 7.9.10, 11.9.5, 15.1.1(d), 15.1.4(d)(14), 15.1.4(e)(5), 20.2, 20.5.4, 20.6.2(e), 21.1.1, 21.3.4, 22.4

In accordance with Colorado election law,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary of State finds that certain amendments to the existing election rules must be adopted and effective immediately to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of Colorado election laws.

Adoption of these rules on a temporary basis is necessary to implement legislation recently passed by the General Assembly, including: HB19-1266, HB19-1278, and SB19-202. This legislation must be implemented prior to the administration of the state-wide coordinated election on November 5, 2019, making temporary adoption necessary. This temporary adoption also overrides temporary amendments to rules 2.10.1 and 17.2.10 previously adopted to comply with the requirements of HB19-1266. The enclosed temporary rule adoption correlates with permanent rules adopted by the Secretary of State today, August 23, 2019, and is necessary to provide clear guidance to interested parties, including, but not limited to: county clerks and the general public.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Secretary of State finds that temporary adoption of the amendments to existing election rules is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and to promote public interests.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sections 1-1-107 (1) (c), 1-1-107(2) (a), 1-7.4-104, C.R.S. (2018).

<sup>2</sup> Section 24-4-103(3) (6), C.R.S. (2018).