



Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

**Office of the Secretary of State
Election Rules
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Amended Rules: 7.2.3(b), 11.3.2(e), 25.2.2 (includes renumbering 25.2.2(c)-(k)).

New Rules: 7.2.3(c), 7.2.17, 7.9.11, 7.17, 11.3.2(e)(2), 25.2.2(b) and (c)(2).

In accordance with Colorado election law,¹ 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 given the approaching March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election. These rules address specific issues identified during the 2019 coordinated election that must be addressed prior to this election. Rule 7.9.11 is also needed on a temporary basis to ensure that the rights of tribal nations under Colorado law are protected for the upcoming general election. The rules are immediately effective as 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.²

¹ Sections 1-1-107 (1) (c), 1-1-107(2) (a), 1-7.5-104, C.R.S. (2019).

² Section 24-4-103(3) (6), C.R.S. (2019).