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To: SoS Rulemaking
Subject: Comments-Draft Election Rules concerning Voting Systems Conditions for Use

Secretary Gessler,

Prowers County is a user of Hart InterCivic election equipment, so please understand that proposed Draft Election Rules for the Voting Systems Conditions for Use comes at a time of concern for smaller counties and the unaffordable impact it would impose.

For example:

Page 1 20.3.1(e) *The County must provide each DRE voter a Headset with an Adjustable volume Control.* This would involve the purchase of additional eSlates to include headset to meet the requirements. We cannot simply just attach headsets to existing eSlates, therefore we would have a cost to purchase new eSlates to accommodate the rule . I am pretty sure the cost have increased since we last purchased eSlates back in 2006.

Page 3 (E) *The voting system provider may not have an administrative or application 8 user/operator account, or administrative account access to the accounts. OR 9 USER ACCESS TO THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OR ELECTION 10 DATABASE. IF A VENDOR PROGRAMS THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY MUST 11 CHANGE THE ADMINISTRATOR, USER, AND DEVICE-LEVEL PASSWORDS 12 BEFORE CONDUCTING THE LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST.* This would require some of us Hart Users to purchase BOSS at the cost of approximately \$25,000 and Prowers County would be one of them. That would be a huge impact to our county. Our Vendor (Hart) do programming for us since we didn't/don't have the funds to purchase BOSS or Ballot Now Systems. I would rather have a trained ballot programmer to program our ballots. Since the vendor is never in our office I don't understand the need to change passwords prior to Logic and Accuracy testing. If the State is working on a process to move toward unified election equipment this seems unreasonable to standardize these rules for use at this time.

I always have concerns associated with elections and the ever changing rules... but at this time I am very busy with Mail Ballots so I haven't thoroughly read all 60 pages. I think that working with counties for a cost-effective solution is the best solution for our citizens/voters. I also thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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