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Amended Rule 2.5.4: I WANT CLARIFICATION ON THIS AMENDMENT. The amended rule must clarify that in elections years of both presidential and state primaries, the party affiliation of the voter only applies to a single primary in the election cycle not all the primaries in the cycle.

Amended Rule 2.13.2: I REJECT THIS AMENDMENT, which would eliminate the requirement of election judges to maintain a log of new registered voters or of any changes made by register electors. These actions are critical to maintaining the integrity of fair and honest elections.

Amended Rule 8: I REJECT THIS AMENDMENT, which would not allow poll watchers to have any electronic device or mobile phone in their possession in the vicinity of the polling place. This is problematic because, without these, watchers would be unable to report voting irregularities in real time.

Ballot Separation Options for Unaffiliated Voters: The SoS has laid out 3 options for ballot separation for unaffiliated voters. While all three have some flaws, Option 1 is probably the best of the three proposed. This option would allow unaffiliated voters to receive all major party ballots and the return envelope would provide a method for the county to determine which party's ballot has been cast.

I RECOMMEND OPTION 1, however, ask that the SoS take steps to create a failsafe method for ensuring voter anonymity.

Cross Jurisdiction Voting: The Sos is suggesting creating a mechanism for allowing cross-county voting. While this seems like a good idea, it would potentially encourage some counties to REDUCE the number of voting centers.

I RECOMMEND CLARIFICATION/ REVISION OF THIS PROCESS to address the possibility that counties may reduce voting centers by shifting to other counties as this could reduce voter turnout and create confusion among voters.

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