



Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

Colorado Department of State Election Rules 8 CCR 1505-1

September 22, 2023

Amended Rules: 6.8; 7.4.11; 7.4.12; 7.7.3; 7.7.8; 8.8; 18.4.1

New Rules: 6.2.2; 8.10.2(d); 20.4.2(e); 20.11.1(f)

Repealed: 7.4.12

In accordance with Colorado law,¹ the Department of State finds that certain amendments to the existing election rules are imperatively necessary and, as a result, must be adopted and effective immediately to ensure compliance with the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of Colorado and federal election laws.

Adoption of these rules on a temporary basis is necessary given the quickly approaching coordinated election on November 7, 2023. Adopting these rules with immediate effect will provide interested parties, including, but not limited to county clerks, watchers, and the general public with the rules necessary to comply with state and federal law in the upcoming election. Because these rules are necessary for the upcoming state election, failing to adopt these rules for the upcoming election would be contrary to the public interest.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of State finds that temporary adoption of the amendments to existing election rules is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and failure to adopt these rules immediately would be contrary to the public interest.²

¹ Sections 1-1-107(1)(c), 1-1-107(2)(a), 1-7.5-104, 24-4-103 (6)(a) C.R.S. (2022)

² Section 24-4-103(6), C.R.S. (2022)