



Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules

Colorado Department of State Election Rules 8 CCR 1505-1

October 31, 2024

New Rule: 20.5.2(c)(12)

In accordance with Colorado law,¹ the Department of State finds that certain amendments to the existing election rules are necessary for the administration of elections in Colorado, as a result, must be adopted and effective immediately and will ensure uniform and proper administration of Colorado elections.

The adoption of new Rule 20.5.2(c)(12) on a temporary basis is necessary given the quickly approaching General Election on November 5, 2024. This rule is necessary to avoid delay in addressing the changing of certain passwords. Delay in authorizing employees or designees of the Secretary of State with the tasks outlined in Rule 20.5.2(c)(12) 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 necessary and the 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.

² Section 24-4-103(6), C.R.S.