

Voter Options and Transfer of Equipment Committee (Draft 30 Oct 2013)

A. Establishment. The Voter Options and Transfer of Equipment Committee (“VOTE Committee”) is established to allocate funding with respect to the Uniform Voting System.

B. Membership. (1) The VOTE Committee shall consist of seven members who shall serve two-year terms. The members shall be as follows:

- (a) The Secretary of State or his designee.
- (b) By February 1 of each odd year, the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader shall each appoint one Clerk and Recorder from a county* with less than 50,000 active voters.
- (c) By February 1 of each odd year, the Senate President and Senate Minority Leader shall each appoint one Clerk and Recorder from a county with more than 50,000 active voters.
- (d) By February 15 of each odd year, the Secretary of State shall appoint two Clerk and Recorders, no more than one of whom can be from his political party.
- (e) If any legislative appointment is not made, the Secretary of State shall appoint a Clerk and Recorder from that category of the same political party of the designated appointing official.

(2) The VOTE Committee shall elect from its members a Chair and Vice Chair by March 31 of each year.

C. Meetings. All meetings of the VOTE Committee shall be conducted pursuant to the Colorado Sunshine Law. The VOTE Committee shall meet on at least a quarterly basis.

D. Allocation of funds. (1) While it is anticipated that most allocations will be to County Clerk and Recorders who will then provide assistance to local governments within their jurisdiction, any local government may apply for funds from the VOTE Committee.

(2) Unless approved by at least six members of the VOTE Committee, all fund allocations require a 20% cash match from the local government. *[The requirement of matching grants limits excessive requests. The exception is included so that the committee by a super-majority can address limited exceptions.]*

(3) The VOTE Committee shall allocate funds based on the factors established by its procedures. At a minimum, the following factors shall be included:

- (a) Number of voters.
- (b) Needs of the voters, including the needs of voters whose access to voting is limited by disability.
- (c) Provision by the local government of additional matching funds or assistance.
- (d) The number of Voting Service and Polling Centers required by law and the number of Voting Service and Polling Centers to be operated.
- (e) The number of elections to be conducted and the number of jurisdictions participating in those elections.
- (f) Fiscal accountability, including the use of past allocations and care for the equipment previously allocated.
- (g) The availability of other equipment to meet the need.
- (h) The development of pilot programs and the testing of equipment and procedures.

*The term “county” includes a city and county.