

**Rule 23. Commissions****23.1 Bipartisan Election Advisory Commission**

23.1.1 The Secretary of State finds and declares that open discussion about the administration and conduct of elections in Colorado is necessary to ensure that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to participate in fair, accessible, and impartial elections, and has the assurance that elections are conducted with integrity and his or her vote will count. Because the Colorado General Assembly discontinued the Colorado Voter Access and Modernized Election Commission, the Secretary of State will establish a Bipartisan Election Advisory Commission (the Commission) to identify processes for improvement and work to obtain bipartisan support in the administration of elections. The Commission will make recommendations to the Secretary of State regarding the development and implementation of best practices, administrative rules and suggestions for legislation.

**23.1.2 Membership of the Commission**

- (a) The Secretary of State will appoint at least 13 members to the Commission. The Commission may include:
  - (1) A Representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of people with disabilities;
  - (2) A member of the executive branch and at least one legislator from each party;
  - (3) Two County clerk and recorders representing the Colorado County Clerks Association presidential line of leadership;
  - (4) If both clerks in (3) are from the same party or if not all counties are members of the CCCA, additional clerks may be appointed;
  - (5) Two representatives of organizations that advocate on behalf of local governments, including counties, municipalities, and special districts;

- (6) Chair, party officer, or legal counsel for each major political party; and
  - (7) Two members with expertise on voting rights and/or election integrity.
- (b) The Secretary of State or his or her designee, will be a member and serve as chair of the Commission.
- (c) The Secretary of State's office will provide staff support to the Commission as may be directed by the Secretary of State.

#### 23.1.3 Meetings

- (a) The Commission must meet no fewer than three times annually.
- (b) The meetings will be held at the office of the Secretary of State, regional locations throughout the state, or virtually as the Commission determines appropriate.
- (c) Meetings must comply with Colorado Open Meetings Law and will permit an opportunity for public comment.
- (d) Notices, records of meetings, written comments, and documents submitted to the commission will be published on the official website of the Secretary of State. Documents that are otherwise publicly available need not be posted. Any submission containing inflammatory or otherwise inappropriate content will not be posted, including any material that is defamatory, irrelevant, duplicative, or obscene.