

## **Working Draft of Proposed Rules**

### **Election Rules**

#### **8CCR 1505-1**

#### **Comments Submitted By Morgan County**

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Regarding Amendments to Rule 20.3.1(e) regarding physical locking mechanisms and seals for DRE's and ballot marking devises:

Line 15-I believe this should say DAU as opposed to DRE's. The DRE does not have headphones. If we have to have headphones for all of our election equipment, it would be cost prohibitive to purchase all new DAU's.

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Line 4 Page 2 and Line 28 Page 3 - Rule 20.4.1 and Rule 20.5.2 (H) Just as a point of clarification, perhaps both should have the same wording. Reference is being made to the "criminal background check" in 20.4.1 and in 20.5.2 (H) is says "background check" (just for consistency).

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Amendments to Rule 20.5.2, regarding internal controls for voting system. (E) Line 8 - 13

It appears that this rule would require the counties to purchase BOSS. I know there are many counties which have the HART Voting System. If this is requiring us to purchase BOSS, it is yet another unfunded mandate which we cannot afford. There are many of the small counties which simply cannot afford this. Additionally, the HART Service Bureau has done a good job in providing the small and medium size counties an affordable service. Considering the lack of employees in a Clerk's office, most would not have the ability to build their own ballot as well as their normal daily duties in the Clerk's Office. This is not an acceptable rule. Additionally, if the SOS is sincere about eventually having a Uniformed Voting System, forcing the counties to purchase this NOW would not be in the best interests of the State or the counties. Last I checked BOSS would cost approx \$25,000 plus there would be training, etc. Additionally, most counties just do not have the space to store more equipment.

I was not really sure that this was what was intended with the rule so perhaps it just needs to be worded differently if that is the case.

Rule 20.5.2 ( c ) REREAD THIS ONE

**Page 4 of 7 Line 15, 19, 22 and 26** New Rule 20.11(D) and Amendment to Rule 20.11.2

I believe this should include DRE and DAU's