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To: SoS Rulemaking

Cc: Hilary Rudy; Johnson, Debra A. - OCR Clerk and Recorder

Subject: Denver County Rule Comments

Attachments: Graphic_Rule Comments NCOA_2013-10-7.pdf

Dear Secretary Gessler,

Re: Notice of Revised Draft Proposed Election Rules for consideration - 9/26/2013

In accordance with the above-referenced proposed rules, I respectfully submit the following written comments with regards to proposed rule 2.13.2.

C.R.S. 1-2-302.5(3) expressly states that the county 'shall not change an elector's record during the sixty days immediately preceding a primary or general election unless the county clerk and recorder receives confirmation of the new address from the elector.' The proposed rule extends this blackout period to all elections even though the statute only references primary and general elections in accordance with NVRA.

First, we believe this proposed rule creates a circular situation that will inhibit voters from receiving their ballots. In addition, there is a fiscal impact to the taxpayer. Please see the attached document that illustrates the cost comparison of the proposed rule in contrast to our proposed modification. We propose that counties be allowed to process NCOA records up until 8 days before the election to be consistent with the OLVR timeline.

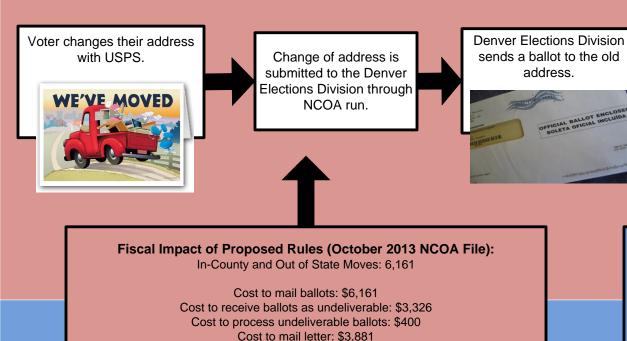
If you have any questions regarding our comments or proposed modification to the rule, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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Process and Cost Comparison: SOS Proposed NCOA Rules



Total cost = \$13,768

USPS runs the address against the NCOA data, because the voter has moved the ballot is returned to the Denver Elections Division as Undeliverable.



The ballot is processed as undeliverable at the Denver Elections Division and the voter record is marked Inactive.

Denver Elections Division runs a NCOA. The voters who were in the October file are in the December file however they are now Inactive and cannot be updated. They are sent a letter by mail.



Fiscal Impact to Denver suggestion to process records until 8 days prior to Election Day (October 2013 NCOA File):

In-County and Out of State Moves: 5,176

Cost to mail ballots: \$5,176 Cost to mail confirmation card to Out of State voters: \$620

Total cost = \$5,796



Change of address is submitted to the Denver Elections Division through NCOA run. The Denver Elections
Division updates the
address for all in county
moves and inactivates all
records for out of state
moves.



The Denver Elections Division mails ballots to all Active voters to their current address.



The voter gets their mail ballot, votes it, and returns it to the Denver Elections Division.

