



March 1, 2018

The Honorable Wayne W. Williams
Colorado Secretary of State
1700 Broadway, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80290

Secretary Williams:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on your proposed election rules. Overall, the Denver Elections Division agrees with your proposed changes and it agrees the comments made by the Election Statute Review Committee (ESRC).

The Division would, however, like to comment on one additional rule. Current Election Rule 7.2.12 says that "If an unaffiliated voter selects a mail ballot preference for a major or minor political party that is not participating or that prohibits unaffiliated voters from voting in its primary election, the county clerk must send the voter the mail ballot packet described in Rule 7.2.10. The packet must include a notice explaining why the voter is receiving the packet."

We ask that the Secretary of State's office please strike the last line of that rule. First, such a notice would add to our election costs. Secondly, we believe that the spirit of this language is already included in Election Rule 7.2.16.

Thank you very much for your time. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel Volkosh
Denver Elections Division