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Subject: Comments - working draft Election rules

Good afternoon.

We have the below concerns/clarifications regarding the proposed rules:

Proposed Rule 17.1.2

If a voter service and polling center loses connectivity to SCORE, an election judge must attempt to verify the elector's eligibility by contacting the County Clerk & Recorder's Office by telephone or electronic mail. If the elector's eligibility can be determined, the judge must issue the voter a mail ballot or replacement mail ballot and the County Clerk's Office must assign vote credit in SCORE immediately. If an elector's eligibility cannot be determined, the election judge must issue the voter a provisional ballot.

- After eligibility is determined, the judge issues a mail ballot or replacement ballot. How can the County Clerk's Office assign vote credit in SCORE? Vote credit is only assigned when a voter casts an in person ballot at the VSPC. If the voter receives a mail ballot, it will not show vote credit until after the ballot has been received by our office.
- Also, it would be more accurate to state "If a voter service and polling center loses connectivity to WebSCORE and SCORE....".

Proposed Rule 7.911

Concerning extending the hours of voting by court order –

- Candidates, citizens, and media demand results as soon as the polls close. This proposed rule will cause a delay which we feel may reduce voter confidence in the transparency of fair and honest elections. By not providing results in a timely matter, after the county closes polls, citizens beginning asking questions of the process. Although we understand the intent of this proposed rule, it is public perception that is not addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

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