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Jena M. Griswold
Colorado Secretary of State
RE: Comments for Proposed Election Rulemaking

Please see comments listed below associated with proposed election rules:

Election Rule 7.2.4 (B) Voiding ballots & ballot packets

This process will cause additional postage cost for mailing replacement ballots with additional insert to an already full ballot packet. It will also cause an increase to our printing cost for the add additional insert regarding replacement information. We smaller counties are already under budget constraints. The biggest issue with this process will cause major voter confusion when receiving 2 ballot packets.

Election Rule 7.7.1 A single election judge MUST conduct the first level of signature verification:

In my opinion for any election that County Clerks are performing there should always be a bipartisan team of judges doing signature verification especially for those counties that do not have a machine to do their verifying. The first level of review is very important and we should be conducting signature verification with both party's judges as a means of transparency no matter what type of election year it is. I feel after the 2020 elections, transparency is absolutely important when it comes to public perception.

Election Rule 7.7.8 (A) & (B) County Clerk Must Maintain:

This process will significantly slow down a verification process for smaller counties that have judges for their signature verification process verses a verification machine. It would require judges to do manual tracking for each ballot with some sort of handwritten log to fill out for every ballot signature reviewed causing multiple hours of added work therefore, making timely election night results reporting impossible.

Thank you,

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