



## **Statement of Justification and Reasons for Adoption of Temporary Rules**

**Office of the Secretary of State**  
**Election Rules**  
**8 CCR 1505-1**

**June 24, 2014**

New Rule: 7.13

In accordance with Colorado election law,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary of State finds that certain amendments to the existing election rules must be adopted and effective immediately to ensure the uniform and proper administration and enforcement of Colorado election laws.

Temporary adoption is necessary both to comply with law and to preserve the public welfare given the close proximity of the 2014 Primary Election and the fact that several electors returned otherwise valid mail ballots in an unofficial envelope. The Secretary of State must adopt rules to provide clear guidance to affected electors and county clerks regarding the procedures for processing returned ballots.

For these reasons, and in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Secretary of State finds that adoption and immediate effect of the amendments to existing election rules is imperatively necessary to comply with state and federal law and to promote public interests.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sections 1-1-107(1)(c), 1-1-107(2)(a), 1-7.4-104, C.R.S. (2014).

<sup>2</sup> Section 24-4-103(3)(6), C.R.S. (2013).