



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

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

**August 22, 2018**

New Rules: 2.1.6, 2.9, 2.20, 4.8.3, 7.4, 7.7.5, 20.5.3, 20.7, 21.5.2, 26

Repealed Rules: 7.2.7, 7.3, 20.20, 21.4.11, 21.4.12

Amended Rules: 1.1.4, 1.1.6, 1.1.31, 1.1.24, 1.1.43, 2.1, 2.2, 2.8, 2.16.2, 4.7.1, 7.1.1, 7.2.12, 7.5.5, 7.5.8, 7.5.13, 7.11.3, 8.7.4, 10.6.2, 10.13.3, 11.2.3, 11.3.1(a), 11.3.2(c-e), 11.4, 11.5, 11.7, 11.8, 11.9, 11.10, 14.1.2, 14.5.5, 16.2.6, 19, 20.2.2, 20.3, 20.4, 20.5.2, 20.6-20.19, 21.3.6, 21.4.4, 21.4.5, 21.4.7(e), 21.4.9, 21.10(d)(3), 21.5, 21.6, 21.10.12, 25.5.2

**Renumbering:**

- Current Rules 1.1.31 and 1.1.24 renumbered as Rules 1.1.7 and 1.1.25
- Current Rules 2.9-2.17 renumbered as Rules 2.10-2.18
- Current Rule 7.4 renumbered as Rule 7.3
- Substantial renumbering in Rule 11 as noted in draft
- Substantial renumbering in Rule 20 as noted in draft
- Rules 21.4.13-21.4.16 renumbered as Rules 21.4.11-21.4.14
- Current Rules 21.5.1(g-u) are renumbered as Rules 21.5.2(a-o)

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 November 6, 2018 General Election. The Secretary of State must adopt rules to provide clear guidance the county clerks and the general public.

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. (2017).

<sup>2</sup> Section 24-4-103(3) (6), C.R.S. (2017).