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Notice of Mandatory Rule Review Written Comment Period

Elections Rules [8 CCR 1505-1] March 9, 2017

What is this about?

Secretary Williams is reviewing the Elections Rules in accordance with section 24-4-103.3, C.R.S. We invite you to participate in this effort by submitting written comments. The most helpful comments will reference issues within the scope of the rule review criteria outlined below, cite specific sections of the rules, and explain the reason for a recommended change.

For the rule review, the Secretary of State will consider:

- 1. Whether the rule is necessary;
- 2. Whether the rule overlaps or duplicates other rules of the agency or with other federal, state, or local government rules;
- 3. Whether the rule is written in plain language and is easy to understand;
- 4. Whether the rule has achieved the desired intent and whether more or less regulation is necessary;
- 5. Whether the rule can be amended to give more flexibility, reduce regulatory burdens, or reduce unnecessary paperwork or steps while maintaining its benefits;
- 6. Whether the rule is implemented in an efficient and effective manner, including the requirements for the issuance of permits and licenses;
- 7. Whether a cost-benefit analysis was performed by the applicable rule-making agency or official in the principal department pursuant to section 24-4-103 (2.5), C.R.S.; and
- 8. Whether the rule is adequate for the protection of the safety, health, and welfare of the state or its residents

A current copy of the rules is available online at:

http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=6994&fileName=8%20CCR%201505-1.

How do I submit my comments and what is the deadline?

You may email your comments to <u>SOS.Rulemaking@sos.state.co.us</u>. To ensure consideration of your comments, please submit your comments by 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2017.

Will my comments appear online?

Yes. To promote transparency and help generate discussion, our office will post a copy of your comments on the Secretary of State's website. We will also incorporate your comments into a report of our review findings that will appear in the Secretary of State's annual departmental regulatory agenda.

To view the comments that we receive, please visit: www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule_making/ruleReviews.html.