

To: Colorado Secretary of State From: Campus Election Engagement Project Mountain West Director, Jan Brennan Subject: Election Rulemaking SB21-250 Date: July 30, 2021

**In regard to SB21-250 SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-213.5, add (1)(c) as follows: 1-2-213.5. State institutions of higher education - electronic voter registration option - information to students. (1) (c) EACH STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL, DURING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH FALL SEMESTER AND DURING THE LAST FULL WEEK OF EACH SPRING SEMESTER, PROVIDE BY E-MAIL TO EACH ENROLLED STUDENT INFORMATION ON VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND ON HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE

We support the recommendation of the Colorado Elections Youth Advisory Council and recommend the adoption of the following template for the required student election notification. We recommend that notifications use this template or include the information outlined in this template in another format.

#### **Colorado Election Information - Student Notice**

Students may choose to vote at their campus residence as long as they have been a Colorado resident for at least 28 days, or students can choose to vote in their home state or city.

When a student registers as a Colorado voter, this cancels any previous registration in another state.

Colorado has no deadline for voter registration. Students can register and immediately cast their ballot through election day.

## September Notification Election and Voting Information

**For each election** taking place during the academic year (September 1 - May 30 of the following year), the notification will include:

- Election Title, Day of week, Date Ex: General Election, Tuesday November 3, 2020 Ex: Colorado Primary Election, Tuesday June 30, 2020
- List of Federal, state and local positions included in the election. Ex:

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<u>Federal</u>: President of the United States, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives

<u>State</u>: CO State Senate, CO State House of Representatives, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Supreme Court

<u>Municipal</u>: Mayor, City Council, County Commissioner, Comptroller, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, District Attorney, County court judges, District court judges, Probate court judges, Regional Transportation District.

<u>May Notification</u> Election and Voting Information The same information will be provided for each election taking place during the **summer break (May 15 – September 1)**, the notification will include:

## September & May Notifications Voter Information

- Find complete Colorado Election Information at GoVoteColorado.com
- Voter Registration: <u>Register to Vote online in Colorado</u> with your Colorado Drivers' License, Colorado ID or social security number. Use the same link to check or update your registration. Or <u>download and complete a paper registration form</u> and return it to: COUNTY CLERK & RECORDERS' OFFICE

### • Voting in Colorado: Mail Ballot Information

If you are registered by DATE (eight days before election day), you will automatically receive your ballot by mail.

Ballots should be received by DATE.

If you registered after the mail cut-off or have not received your mail ballot by this date, contact your <u>County Clerk & Recorder</u>, where you will also find a list of county Voter Service & Polling Centers.

Mail ballots can be returned

- via U.S. Postal Service (be sure to put a stamp on the envelope)
- by dropping off the ballot at a Voter Service or Polling location. Contact your <u>County Clerk & Recorder</u> for polling locations.
- By dropping the ballot into a drop box. Contact your <u>County Clerk & Recorder</u> for drop box locations.

## Early Voting

Colorado voters can vote at a Voter Service & Polling Center starting DATE through DATE, HOURS.

Look up your voting site and hours at: <u>www.govotecolorado.com</u> These are the <u>acceptable forms of identification</u> you can use to vote.

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### **Election Day Voting**

Colorado voters can vote on election day at a Voter Service & Polling Center from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Mountain time. If you are in line by 7:00 pm, you will be allowed to vote.

Look up your voting site and hours at: <u>www.govotecolorado.com</u> These are the <u>acceptable forms of identification</u> you can use to vote.

## Voting Support

<u>Military and overseas voting</u>. <u>Accessible voting</u> for those with disabilities.

#### **More Election Information:**

- For more information on voting as a college student, visit the Secretary of State's <u>Voting While In College FAQ</u>
- <u>Colorado Campus Voting Challenge</u> is a nonpartisan competition between higher education institutions in Colorado with a commitment to increasing student voter participation and engagement on campuses across the state. Institutions that opt into the Challenge are eligible to receive recognition for their efforts.