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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Comments - Elections rules - 04/15/2025 hearing
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Good morning!

Please find below my comments regarding the Preliminary Draft Rules:

- 7.2.17 Hole in the Return Envelopes:
 - El Paso County has no comment - we do not use holes in our reply envelopes.

- 7.2.18 Working with vendor for QC:
 - El Paso County has not comment – we already do this and will continue to do so.

- 7.14.2 Costs:
 - (A)(1) Mentions Overtime (OT) wages for permanent staff are reimbursed. We use staff from other county departments and elected offices outside of our Elections Department. Is their hourly wage reimbursed or just Overtime (OT)?
 - (C) Printing and mailing costs – there is language referring to costs paid by the county to a third-party vendor. What if the County prints and mails ballots without a vendor? Are those costs reimbursable?
 - (E)(5) We would suggest removing “Remote Connectivity” and change it to “Technical Support for Voter Check-In Equipment”. The support may be in person and not remote. This would cover both scenarios.
 - (F)(1) Does this include hard drives that are purchased and not billed to a third-party vendor?
 - (F)(4) We use County Security, not a third party. Would their hours be reimbursed?

- 7.14.3 Not Covered:

- (B) Annual license fees are required to use the voting system in each election. Can the license fee be split by the number of elections per year?
- (C) Can the annual preventative maintenance expense be split by the number of elections per year?

One of our biggest concerns throughout is that equipment that can be used for more than one election is not reimbursable. This includes BODs, laptops, voting system components, and other expensive purchases required to conduct an election. We allocate these costs to jurisdictions by breaking it down over several election cycles. There should be some type of allocation from the State to the Counties that are required to use this equipment.

Thank you so much for considering our comments for the upcoming April 15th meeting.

Respectfully,

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