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Colorado Election Rulemaking – Clear Ballot Group comments

Rule reference	Clear Ballot Group question/comment
<p>20.5.3(b)(1) B) ANY NETWORK SWITCH USED WITHIN A CLOSED NETWORK FOR THE VOTING SYSTEM MAY ONLY BE MANAGED FROM A COMPONENT OF THE VOTING SYSTEM WITH AN INTACT CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY.</p>	<p>Does this proposed rule require commercial-off-the-shelf network switches to be a part of the approved parts list (APL)?</p>
<p>New Rule 21.3.6 concerning the accessibility of materials provided to the Department by voting system providers: 21.3.6 ANY MATERIAL THAT IS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE THAT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND IS CREATED BY THE VOTING SYSTEM PROVIDER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN AN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT.</p>	<p>What is meant by “accessible format”? Is any digital format sufficient, or is the intention for documents to be 508-compliant? Also, does this apply to previously certified documentation or only to documentation that is submitted after the rule goes into effect?</p>
<p>21.11.3 Ballot layout requirements (c) The voting system must be able to support ranking at least ten named candidates and INCLUDING up to two write-in candidates per instant runoff contest. (d) The voting system must allow the ranked voting contests to be formatted on paper ballots WITH in the following ways: (1) Candidates listed in columns and rankings listed in rows. (2) Rankings RANKINGS listed in columns and candidates listed in rows.</p>	<p>Clear Ballot Group agrees with this rule as this format change aligns with ranked choice voting best practices.</p>