



## Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado

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**To:** Colorado Department of State

**From:** Linda Templin, RCV for Colorado

**Re:** Proposed Rules included in October 31, 2025 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

**Date:** 12/5/25

I am submitting these comments on behalf of the RCV for Colorado (RCV4CO). RCV4CO is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to help make ranked choice voting (RCV) elections successful. Ranked choice voting is referred to as ranked voting under Co. Rev. Stat. 1-7-1003 so we use that terminology in this comment. We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on proposed amendments to the Colorado Department of State Election Rules. RCV4CO is available to discuss any of these comments and to provide support to the Department of State as it works on these regulations.

2027 a multi-county jurisdiction may be using Single transferable Vote (STV). As such, we suggest that the office of the Secretary of State use language that encompasses both Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) and STV. We suggest the language "Ranked Voting" while identifying that that balloting method correlates with the tally methods IRV and STV exclusively. IRV and STV are the tally methods that are the most fair to all concerned. There are any number of tally variations which could be devised that are not fair to all concerned. It is in the interest of the voters of Colorado to dissuade such variances from best practices.

Prior policy inputs from the County Clerks Association has been that they prefer to have rules promulgated for the sake of consistency between jurisdictions. There are jurisdictions in STV which are situated across two sparsely-resourced rural counties which will benefit from state-supported practices as are being suggested by Boulder County.

Thank you for hearing our oral and written comments. Our team is consistently impressed by the dedication to detail displayed by Colorado's County Clerks and Office of the Secretary of State. We also thank you for your service.

Truly,

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