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Legislative and Implementation Experience

Evolution of the policy with the Colorado General Assembly

Collaboration and implementation at the counties.
Policy Environment

*Setting the stage for change*

- Voting Systems-Tumultuous times
  - HAVA implementation (2006)
  - Colorado Certification (2008)
    - SOS decertification (12/17/2007) and recertification with conditions
  - [House Bill 08-1155](#)
Policy Environment
Setting the stage for change

• Election Reform Commission (2008-2009)
  • Technical and Audit Subcommittee
  • Recommendations included:
    • Continued certification of legacy equipment through 2013
    • Paper audit trails for 2 counties by 2010 (extended in legislation)
    • Improved “statistically valid” audit
  • First documented statement on audit design
    • “risk-based audit design” versus “current fixed-percent audit”

• Interconnectivity the reform ideas- system
Legislation
Setting the stage for change

• 2009- Holy cow did we do a lot!
  • Registration reforms: online, list maintenance improvements
  • Primary Elections: mail ballot delivery for Primaries
  • House Bill 09-1335- Certification and Audits
    • Voting system required to be paper-based
    • More details on certification, hold on equipment purchase
    • C.R.S. 1-7-515: Risk Limiting Audit Pilot Program (2010)
      • Implementation date: 2014.

• 2013: Implementation pushed to 2017 in Amended by HB 13-1303 to move to 2017.
Legislation...now what?

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Challenges: pilot experience, identifying robust partners and technical functionality

Opportunities: collaboration and innovation
County Implementation and Collaboration

- What they learned and how to apply operationally.
- How to communicate and train?

- Pilot counties and the Secretary of State (Jerome Lovato, Hilary Rudy, Dwight Shellman, Ben Schler, Jessi Romero)
- State-level implementation: Tools, transmission of information, collation of data
- County Implementation: accounting, functionality, accuracy and transparency
County Playbook

- Partnership with the Colorado Secretary of State
- Distinctions for operational considerations when you are conducting the election
- Lessons and insight from our pilot counties
Implementation Considerations

- Brief overview of audit
- Steps, benchmarks and timelines
- Procedures and Processes
  - How do you help insure success?
  - Batching, tracking or organizational suggestions
  - Retrieval of ballots
  - Processing and scanning procedures
Implementation Considerations

- Election Set-up and Anonymity
  - Constitutional Provisions
  - Complexity of ballots
  - Inspection and sorting
  - Redaction

- Reliance and connectivity of all jurisdictions in each other’s success.

- Balancing Values
  - Higher legal threshold for election officials
  - Transparency
  - Efficiency
Happy to report- Long and ongoing road--but worth it!
We are not done!

Recognition of the complexity for all stakeholders in the movement toward policy and operational implementation.

Gratitude to our partners for the journey

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