



Election Audit Summit December 7-8, 2018

Pam Anderson, Executive Director
Colorado County Clerks Association



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?

- 2013: Implementation pushed to 2017 in Amended by HB 13-1303 to move to 2017.

Challenges: pilot experience, identifying robust partners and technical functionality

Opportunities: collaboration and innovation





County Implementation and Collaboration

Pilots- Boulder, Arapahoe, Pitkin, Chaffee, Logan, Yuma to name a few!

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

Association Working Group

- 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

**RISK-LIMITING AUDIT
COLORADO COUNTY PLAYBOOK**

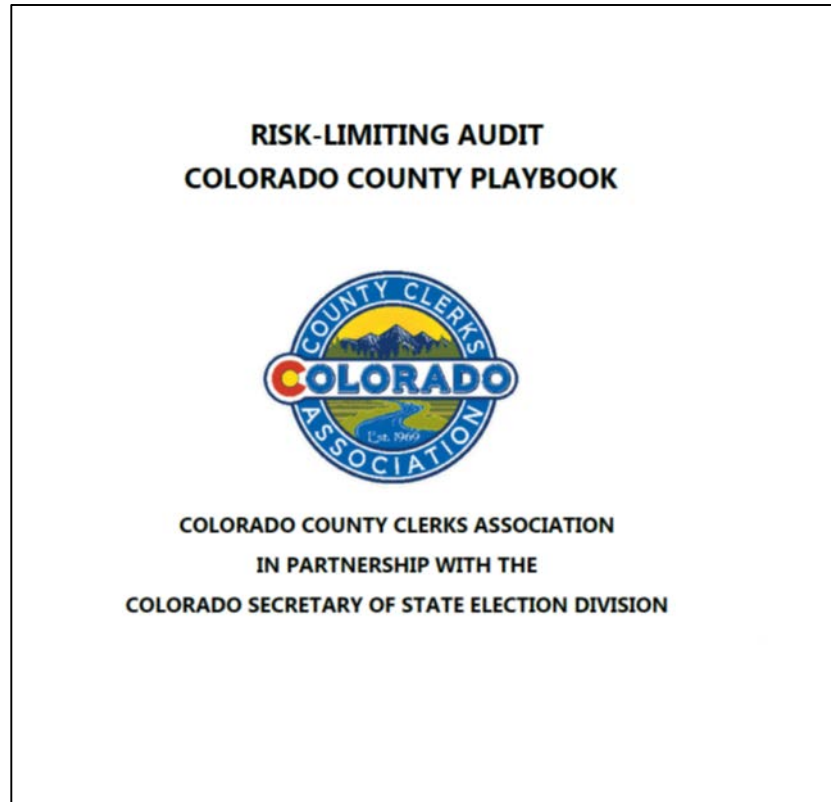


**COLORADO COUNTY CLERKS ASSOCIATION
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTION DIVISION**

County Playbook

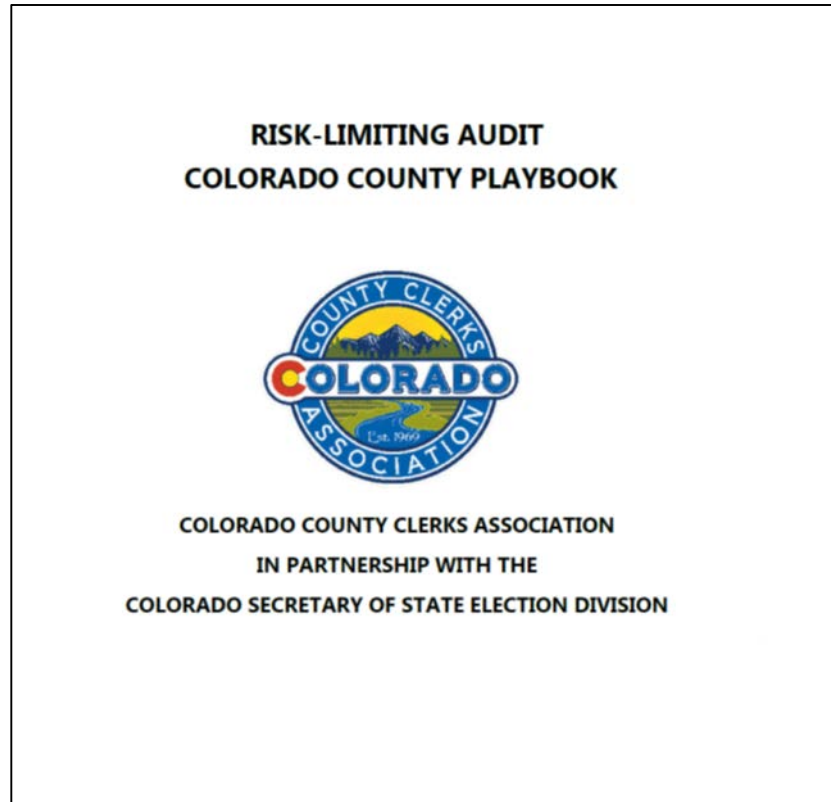
- Partnership with the Colorado Secretary of State
- Distinctions for operational considerations when you are conducting the election
- Lessons and insight from our pilot counties

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

Conclusion

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

Pam Anderson
CCCAExecutiveDirector@gmail.com
[@PamAndJeffco](#)
[@CO Cty Clerks](#)

