

**STATE OF COLORADO**  
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**Department of State at a glance:**

- 3,999,053 registered voters
  - 3,354,273 active voters
  - 43,342 preregistered voters
  - 33,628 UOCAVA voters
- 711,642 business entities in good standing
- 15,793 registered charities
- 1,143 bingo-raffle licenses issued this year
- 85,195 commissioned notaries public
- 99.7% of our transactions occur online (average of 885,000 filings per year)
- Approximately 450 phone calls each day and 10 million website visits each year

**Performance Plan (FY18-19)**  
**Elections Division**

2018 General Election Summary

-3,410,856 ballots mailed

-2,583,580 ballots cast

-120,960 in-person voters

-15,579 UOCAVA votes

-Voter turnout: 75.7% (active voters)

65.5% (total registered voters)

63% (voting eligible population) = 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally

- In April, Colorado surpassed 2 million online voter registration transactions. The cost savings of receiving an electronic form over paperwork is approximately 95 cents per transaction, a savings of \$1.9 million over the life of the system.
- 2018 was the first year that the Department conducted signature verification on candidate petitions.
- The Department launched a statewide educational campaign to inform unaffiliated voters about the first primary election in which they could participate. Thanks to the campaign, the error rate, projected by the blue book to be 7%, was cut to 2.4%.
- Beginning in 2017, Colorado became the first state in the nation to conduct a risk-limiting audit (RLA) after each election, providing statistical evidence that the election outcome is correct, as well as a high probability of correcting a wrong outcome.
- The Secretary of State's office held a first of its kind elections and cybersecurity training exercise known as the Election Preparedness for Infrastructure and Cybersecurity, or EPIC. Nearly 200

election officials and representatives of federal agencies participated in this training to prepare for a myriad of scenarios that could occur on Election Day.

### **Business & Licensing Division**

- The Secretary of State's office partnered with the Governor's office and other state agencies to create a mobile-friendly website, known as My Biz Colorado, which provides a single portal for small business owners to interact with the multiple state agencies required to get a small business up and running.
- The Business Intelligence Center's Go Code Colorado completed its fifth year. Over 200 competitors from all regions of the state formed 38 teams to use public data to solve Colorado business problems. In addition, 38 data sets were added to the Colorado Information marketplace, bringing the total to 240.
- The Department implemented the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, which modernizes and clarifies the laws governing notaries in the Colorado.

### **Information Technology Division**

- During the 2016 and 2018 elections, CDOS partnered with the Governor's Office, Governor's Office of Information Technology, the Department of Homeland Security, the state Department of Public Safety, the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the FBI, the National Guard, and others to rally around protection, monitoring, detection and response in the face of known and unknown threats. The Department stood up joint fusion centers on Election Day to share information quickly and securely across jurisdiction boundaries.
- The Department continues to support county deployments of new voting systems that record all votes via paper ballots.
- The Department continues to work with a statewide community to build a Colorado Threat Information Sharing network
- The Department worked with state and federal officials to include elections-related scenarios in the national Cyber Storm VI exercises held by the Department of Homeland Security in spring of 2018.
- In June, with JBC approval, this office obtained state matching funds allowing us to accept over \$6.3 million in federal funding to help further bolster our cybersecurity efforts.

### **Regulatory Agenda**

- Through rulemaking, the Department constructed a new system for receiving campaign finance complaints and forwarding them onto the administrative courts.
- With three successful risk-limiting audits completed, including statewide audits, the Department will revisit election rules to see if any updates need to be made for the next audit.

### **Budget Request and Legislative Agenda**

- The Department submitted to the JBC a request for a \$32.7 million budget, funded primarily through cash funds, but including general funding for the 2020 presidential primary.