



# **Summary of Significant Updates in the Final 2019 Elections Procedures Manual from the 2014 Manual**

This summary is not exhaustive, but highlights significant substantive updates from the 2014 Elections Procedures Manual.

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## **UPDATES THAT MAKE OUR ELECTIONS MORE SECURE**

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- Updated security measures for electronic voting systems. (Chapter 4)
- Specifies security requirements for e-pollbooks, ballot-on-demand printers, and memory sticks/removable electronic storage devices. (Chapter 4)
- Prohibits use of electronic voting systems to modem election results. (Chapter 4)
- Creates new security requirements for ballot drop-off locations and drop-boxes. (Chapter 2)
- Allows counties to perform additional logic and accuracy testing beyond statutory requirements to increase public confidence in the accuracy of our election results. (Chapter 4)
- Updated language to reflect new voting technology and practices.
- Authorizes and specifies procedures and security requirements for use of certified electronic applications to electronically tally write-in votes. (Chapter 10)

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## **UPDATES THAT MAKE OUR ELECTIONS MORE ACCESSIBLE**

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- Reduces the maximum allowable wait-time at voting locations from one hour to 30 minutes. (Chapter 8)
- Creates new procedures to minimize the number of provisional ballots cast by voters who mistakenly go to the incorrect polling place. (Chapter 9)
- Specified new requirements to facilitate voting by otherwise eligible voters who are held in pre-trial detention or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor conviction. (Chapter 2)
- Clarified procedures to help ensure that military and overseas voters have an opportunity to vote a full ballot by requiring County Recordors to hold a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) until 7 pm on Election Day. (Chapter 2)
- Requires that ballots read by tabulation equipment as blank or over-voted be reviewed, and, where voter intent is clear, manually duplicated in order to be counted. (Chapter 10)

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- Specifies procedures to ensure that protected/secured registrants and participants in the Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program are able to sign petitions without disclosing their residence address. (Chapter 1)
- Specifies procedures to facilitate the signing of petitions by voters who require assistance in completing and/or signing a petition due to physical disability or medical condition. (Chapter 14)
- Specifies that a provisional ballot envelope or affidavit may be used to register a voter for the first time for future elections (not the election in which the provisional ballot was cast) so long as it substantially complies with applicable laws.
- Specifies procedures for curing early ballots with missing or inconsistent signatures. (Chapter 2)

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## **UPDATES THAT MAKE OUR VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MORE ACCURATE**

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- Incorporates updates to voter registration and proof of citizenship procedures resulting from the LULAC Consent Decree and LULAC Addendum to the 2014 Elections Procedures Manual. (Chapter 1)
- Specifies uniform procedures for voter registration processing in response to information provided on juror questionnaires (Chapter 1).
- Specifies procedures for use of the federal SAVE database for verifying citizenship, naturalization, or other immigration numbers submitted as DPOC for voter registration purposes and clarifies that the SAVE database shall not be used for list maintenance purposes (i.e., to cancel an already-registered voter). (Chapter 1)
- Specifies that if the voter registration deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day for state government, and notwithstanding any state deadline, the Secretary of State has authority to move the voter registration deadline to maintain compliance with the NVRA. (Chapter 1)