

Bipartisan Election Advisory Commission notes 2024-09-06

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Topics

- Progress on auditing transparency
- Election Rule changes
- Bipartisan Election Advisory Commission engagement in policy, strategy, legislation

Progress on auditing transparency

Followup to my presentation here last December:

- Colorado's Risk-Limiting Tabulation Audits: Accomplishments and Proposed Improvements
- Thanks to SoS for sharing ballot manifests before rolling of the dice
- Thanks for holding dice rolling ceremony in person

Opportunities for Further Improving Audits

- Still important:
 - Improvement 2: Explain audits better!
 - Improvement 3: Timely Cast Vote Records
 - Improvement 4: Better Contest Selection
 - Improvement 5: Minimum Ballot Count to Audit per County
 - Improvement 6: Avoid Need for Extra Rounds
 - Improvement 7: Promote Public Engagement
 - Improvement 8: Leverage Ballot Images

ColoradoRLA updates in coming years for IRV auditing provide an opportunity to incorporate straightforward changes to achieve these improvements.

Help us retain best-in-class audits and inspire the rest of the country

Election Rule Changes

- Thank you for Proposed Change to Election Rule 25.2.2 (c) on Canvass Board membership
 - Even better: Clerks should appoint unaffiliated voter with auditing experience
- As a first step in timely public release of Cast Vote Records, please give the Canvass Board, in their role as election officials, access to the CVRs to allow them to cross-check the risk-limiting audit

I appreciate Michael Raisch's very thoughtful input on these issues

- Thank you for allowing Sequential Elimination in IRV reporting
 - Even better: require sequential elimination, prohibit batch elimination

Bipartisan Election Advisory Commission engagement in policy, strategy, legislation

- Great representation of the various election stakeholders
- Great venue to discuss continued election improvements, election bills, etc.
- How to engage members more?

Links

I'll talk Monday Sept 9 for the LWV Larimer County on

- [Conroy v Dennis and Colorado's Election Integrity Journey](#)

Questions?

Link to this talk:

<https://bcn.boulder.co.us/~neal/elections/beac-2024-09/>

