COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE
SCOTT GESSLER
ORDER 12-003

Background

1. The Secretary of State has the duty to supervise the conduct of general elections. 1-1-107(1)(a), C.R.S.

In accordance with my authority under sections 1-1-107 and 1-1-110, C.R.S., I now ORDER as follows:

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2. In accordance with Election Rule 10.8 and section 1-5-407(7), C.R.S., no county may print any unique or sequential number, or a barcode containing a unique or sequential number, on a ballot except on the removable stub.
3. For the purposes of accounting and auditing, a county may write or print a unique or sequential number on a voted ballot only after the ballot is separated from the envelope and the stub is removed. Accounting and auditing includes risk limiting audit and duplication of damaged ballots.
4. If the voting system requires the printing of a barcode with a unique or sequential number, the barcode must contain only zeros.
5. All counties must implement a process for ensuring that no ballot is counted more than once.
6. Any county that has printed either unique or sequential numbers, or barcodes containing a unique or sequential number, on ballots from prior elections must redact the numbers or barcodes before providing those ballots in response to a request for inspection under CORA (Section 24-72-205.5(4)(b)(II), C.R.S.).

Dated this 20th day of August, 2012.

Scott Gessler
Secretary of State