Lt. Governor's Office

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General Election Year		
Municipal Election Year		

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Municipal Election Year		

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1. Special Elections - Proposal

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- What happens to a voter's party affiliation?
 - The voter retains their party affiliation but would be counted as an unaffiliated voter for voter totals
 - If the party regains their official party status those voters are automatically counted as affiliated with that party
- Is that good policy?

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2. Political Party Affiliation Proposal

- How long should a voter retain their affiliation with a party that no longer exists?
 - An organization has to submit 2,000 signatures by November 30 before a general election year
 - If a party does not regain party status after that first petition deadline, any voter affiliated with that party becomes an unaffiliated voter

3. County Clerk Certifications

7-20-5 Report of election and appointment of officers.

Within 10 days after a county clerk issues a certificate of election or <u>a certificate of appointment made to fill vacancies</u> in elective county offices, the county clerk shall prepare and forward to the lieutenant governor a certified report showing:

- (1) the name of the county;
- (2) the name of the county office to which the person was elected or appointed;
- (3) the date of the election or appointment of the person;
- (4) the date of the expiration of the term for which the person was elected or appointed;
- (5) the date of the certificate of election or appointment; and
- (6) the date of the qualification of the person elected or appointed.

Amended by Chapter 3, 2000 General Session

3. County Clerk Certifications - Proposal

- The county clerk needs to notify the Lt. Governor of any appointment to fill a vacancy
 - In practice this can be done by updating the list of elected officials in our statewide election management system

4. Sample Ballots

- At least 7 days before the commencement of voting sample ballots must be:
 - Posted in the election officers office
 - Mailed to each candidate
 - Mailed to the LG's office
- At least 7 days before Election Day
 - Post a copy of the Public Notice Website
 - Post a copy on the County Website

Ballots are mailed to voters 21 days before the election

4. Sample Ballots - Proposal

- Goal is to get samples shared when they will be useful, and catch any errors before mailed to all voters
- Review deadlines to post, mail, and share sample ballots before ballots are mailed to voters
- Post sample ballots online and give notice to candidates instead of mailing samples

5. Military and Overseas Voters - Cleanup

- 20A-16-407:
 - When reasonably possible, the county clerk shall deliver or mail all military-overseas voter ballot envelopes to the appropriate voting precinct election judges so that the ballots may be processed on election day.
- This doesn't match procedures for a vote by mail system. Ballots can be processed by the county clerk in their office along with other ballots

6. Update LG code with gender-neutral terms

67-1a-3 Employment of personnel.

The lieutenant governor, with the approval of the governor, may employ personnel necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of <u>his</u> office.

Enacted by Chapter 68, 1984 General Session

7. RCV Pilot Project - Date Cleanup

- Municipalities have to put out an election notice by May 1, including offices up for election and dates for declaring candidacy
- Municipalities have until the second Monday in May to vote to participate in the pilot project and inform our office
- Declarations of candidacy are in August for the pilot project, not June
- Need to have the decision date before the notice date