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Summary of Revisions to the RULES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR STATE-FUNDED ELECTIONS

The State Board of Election Commissioners met on June 19, 2013 and approved for public comment revisions to the “Rules for Reimbursement of Expenses for State-Funded Elections.” The public comment period ended on July 23, 2013.

Staff held a public hearing on July 17, 2013 to hear additional comments and the State Board of Election Commissioners met again on August 21, 2013 to approve revisions to the “Rules for Reimbursement of Expenses for State-Funded Elections” that set forth general procedures for distributing funds from the State to the counties for state-funded election expenses. Below is a summary of the initial revisions that were approved by the Board on June 19, 2013 for the public comment period, followed by a list of persons commenting on the rule, a summary of the comments, the agency’s response to the comments, and the changes to the rules as a result of the public comments.

Initial changes include: 1) removing the auxiliary funding category; 2) striking language providing contingencies in the event state funding is insufficient to cover reimbursable expenses; and 3) striking language providing that new funding categories would not be paid if funds are insufficient to cover expenses under the current rules.

PERSONS COMMENTING ON THE RULE

Ginna Watson – Garland County Election Commissioner (written comments submitted via hand delivery on July 17, 2013)

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

A recommendation was made to include the election of prosecuting attorney in the definition of “Nonpartisan General Election” in §500.

AGENCY’S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

The prosecuting attorney election will be included in the definition of “Nonpartisan General Election”.

RULE CHANGES AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

§500: Add the prosecuting attorney election to the definition of “Nonpartisan General Election”.