

# Colorado Department of State

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## Safeguarding Democracy Project

Insider Threat Presentation - SB 153 and HB 1273

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Insider Threats and  
Election Improvements

# SB 153 Protections Against Insider Threats

1. Crime to tamper with voting system – felony, two years, \$500K fine
2. Crime to “image” a voting system
3. Defines an “election record” to NOT include extraneous information
4. Elected officials in counties +100,000:
  - A. No keycard access to voting systems room
  - B. Never alone with a voting system
5. 24/7/365 Video surveillance and keyless entry:
  - A. \$1M funding for county grants
  - B. Enforced as of July 1, 2023

# SB 153 Election Improvements

1. Disqualifications for serving as a DEO:
  - A. Conviction of an election offense (Colorado or any U.S. jurisdiction)
  - B. Conviction of conspiracy to commit sedition, insurrection, or treason.
2. Certification Training for all county clerks and election officials
3. Misdemeanor to disobey an SOS order
4. Whistleblower protections to report a violation to law enforcement
5. When county fails to canvass:
  - A. SOS can certify an incomplete canvass
  - B. SOS can designate a special master to review and certify a canvass
6. Ballots must be tabulated on certified voting equipment

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Protections for Election Officials

# HB 1273 Protections for Election Officials

1. Misdemeanor to Doxx an election official to intimidate or harass
2. Election Officials eligible to become “confidential voters”
3. Misdemeanor to interfere with an Election Official
  - A. Threats, intimidation or coercion **while** performing official duties
  - B. Threats, intimidation or coercion **in retaliation for** performing official duties.

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