

RECORDER'S NOTES
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ELECTION OFFENSES DON'T DO THAT!

Colorado Election Offenses Laws and Rules:

Election offenses are a unique type of criminal offense in Colorado. Unlike most criminal statutes, election offenses are usually codified in article 13 of title 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Commonly encountered election offenses include:

Intimidating or Interfering with Voters. (C.R.S. §1-13-711 and C.R.S. §1-13-713)

No person shall interfere with any voter. This includes impeding, preventing, compelling, or inducing a voter from voting at all or voting a specific way.

Interfering with Election Officials. (C.R.S. §1-13-701)

No person shall interfere, intimidate, or retaliate against an election official when doing their official duties or induce an election official to violate their duties

Tampering with Materials for Voters. (C.R.S. §1-13-601)

No person shall destroy notices or signage on voting, instructions, sample ballots, supplies, or equipment that has been deployed for use at a Voter Services and Polling Center or county clerk's office.

Tampering with Ballot Boxes. (C.R.S. §1-13-707.5)

No person shall tamper with, or unlawfully open, ballot boxes, including drop boxes.

Tampering with Voting Equipment. (C.R.S. §1-13-708)

No person shall tamper or facilitate unauthorized access or tampering with voting equipment.

Electioneering. (C.R.S. §1-13-714)

No person shall campaign within 100 feet of a polling location for or against any candidate who is on the ballot, any ballot issue, or any ballot question. This can include soliciting signatures or displaying, wearing, or disturbing materials that promote or oppose a candidate or issue through the use of a name, likeness, or campaign slogan. Does not include display of American flag.

No Open or Concealed Carry Near Election Facilities or Drop Boxes. (C.R.S. §1-13-724)

No person shall openly carry firearms within 100 feet of any drop box, Voter Services and Polling Centers, or county clerk facility where votes are counted.

What are the penalties for voting by people not entitled to vote?

Colorado Revised Statutes 1-13-704.5 Any person voting in any election provided by law knowing that he or she is not entitled to vote in such election commits a Class 5 Felony.

Is it illegal to vote twice?

- Yes. Attempting to cast two ballots in an election is a crime.
- Upon discovering that a voter attempts to cast two ballots, the clerk and recorder must refer the matter to the appropriate District Attorney's office or to the Colorado Attorney General for investigation and prosecution.
- Colorado has a statewide system and if two ballots are returned for the same person ONLY one can be accepted for counting. The statewide system will not allow for two ballots to be accepted for counting. Colorado Revised Statutes 1-13-710.

Is it illegal to give false information?

- Yes. Any person who knowingly aids or abets an elector in planning or committing the offense of knowingly giving false information regarding the elector's place of present residence commits a class 6 felony. Colorado Revised Statutes 1-13-709.6

Is it illegal for voters to show their ballots to others to reveal how they voted?

- Voters can show their ballot to others, if it is not done in furtherance of an election violation—like vote buying.

Signing someone else Ballot

- Pursuant to C.R.S 1-13-106 Forgery, any person who forges the name of a registered elector to a voter's mail-in or mail ballot commits forgery as set forth in section 18-5-102 commits a class 5 felony and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.

Logan County Offices will be closed the following days to allow our employees to spend time with their families for the holiday season:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025

BallotTrax is a free service for Logan County Voters that allows you to track the status of your ballot online, as well as receive messages by text, phone or email when your ballot has been sent to you and received by our Elections Division. Logan County voters may sign up at votelogancounty.ballottrax.net

The Election and Recording Department can be reached at 522-1544 for voter and election questions or recording information. The Motor Vehicle Department can be reached at 522-1158 for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle. You can also reach our office by email at baconp@logancountyco.gov . **Like us on Facebook at Logan County Elections/MotorVehicle/Recording**