PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

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The following document is the initial draft regulation proposed by the agency submitted on 07/01/2019

Section 1. NAC 284.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Division of Human Resource Management, will require that an employee who is proceeding through the reassignment process must be made aware by his or her agency of the consequences of exhausting his or her reassignment rights pursuant to subsection 10 of the regulation.

NAC 284.405 Reassignment of employee with disability who is unable to perform essential functions of position with or without reasonable accommodation. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.305)

- 1. The Division of Human Resource Management shall assist an appointing authority with the reassignment of an employee with a disability who is unable to perform the essential functions of his or her position with or without reasonable accommodation by identifying any vacant or soon to be vacant positions for which the employee meets the minimum qualifications. Those vacant or soon to be vacant positions may include positions that are outside of the geographical location of the employee. A refusal by the employee of an offer of a position that is outside of the geographical location of the employee will not affect the employee's reassignment rights pursuant to this section. The employee *must be made aware by the employee's agency that he or she* will continue to be referred to positions pursuant to this section until the reassignment rights of the employee are exhausted in accordance with subsection 10.
- 2. The appointing authority of the employee shall, through the interactive process, determine if a vacant or soon to be vacant position at the employee's current grade exists within the employee's agency. If such a position is identified and the employee meets the minimum qualifications, as determined by the Division of Human Resource Management pursuant to NAC 284.317, and is able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation, the appointing authority shall offer the employee the position unless the appointing authority demonstrates that such an appointment would cause an undue hardship to the appointing authority.
- 3. If the appointing authority of the employee is not able to reassign the employee pursuant to subsection 2, the appointing authority of the employee shall notify the Division of Human Resource Management. For at least 30 days after receipt of the notification, the Division of Human Resource Management shall place the employee on reassignment lists for any vacant or soon to be vacant positions being filled at the grade of the current position of the employee if the employee meets the minimum qualifications for the positions and has expressed an interest in those positions. If such a position is determined to be available and it is determined through the interactive process that the employee is able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation, the employee must be offered the position unless it is demonstrated that such an appointment would cause an undue hardship.
- 4. If reassignment is not available pursuant to subsection 2 or 3, the appointing authority of the employee shall, through the interactive process, determine if a vacant or soon to be vacant position below the grade of the current position of the employee exists within the employee's agency. If such a position is identified and the employee meets the minimum qualifications, as determined by the Division of Human Resource Management pursuant to NAC 284.317, and is able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation, the appointing authority shall:

- (a) Consider the employee for any such positions in the order of the grade of the positions beginning with the grade closest to the grade of the current position of the employee if multiple positions with different grades are determined to be available within the employee's agency; and
- (b) Offer the employee such a position unless the appointing authority demonstrates that such an appointment would cause an undue hardship to the appointing authority.
- 5. If reassignment is not available pursuant to subsection 2, 3 or 4, the appointing authority of the employee shall notify the Division of Human Resource Management. For at least 30 days after receipt of the notification, the Division of Human Resource Management shall place the employee on reassignment lists for vacant or soon to be vacant positions being filled at or below the grade of the current position of the employee if the employee meets the minimum qualifications for the positions and has expressed an interest in those positions. If such a position is determined to be available and it is determined through the interactive process that the employee is able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation, the employee must be offered the position unless it is demonstrated that such an appointment would cause an undue hardship.
- 6. The appointing authority of an employee to whom subsection 1 applies may offer the employee a position in the employee's agency below the grade of the current position of the employee if:
- (a) A vacant or soon to be vacant position at the grade of the current position of the employee is not identified within the employee's agency;
- (b) The employee meets the minimum qualifications of the position as determined by the Division of Human Resource Management pursuant to NAC 284.317; and
- (c) It is determined that the employee is able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation unless it is demonstrated that such an appointment would cause an undue hardship.
- → If the employee accepts the position offered pursuant to this subsection, the employee may continue to exercise his or her reassignment rights pursuant to subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, and subsections 7 to 12, inclusive, for a period of 60 days following the appointment.
- 7. An employee may not be reassigned to underfill a vacant or soon to be vacant position allocated at grade 30 or higher if that position is allocated at a higher grade than the position the employee currently occupies.
- 8. After the reassignment of an employee is made pursuant to this section, the status of appointment of the employee will be determined in accordance with NAC 284.444.
- 9. The reassignment of an employee which is made pursuant to this section will take precedence over all other types of appointments and use of lists, including, without limitation, the lists, other than reemployment lists, set forth in NAC 284.358.
- 10. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, reassignment rights pursuant to this section are exhausted when an employee:
 - (a) Accepts a reassignment at or below the grade of the current position of the employee;
 - (b) Accepts a position through a competitive or noncompetitive appointment;
- (c) Notifies the appointing authority in writing that he or she no longer wishes to seek reassignment;
- (d) Has not been appointed from any of the lists on which his or her name was included in accordance with this section and the Division of Human Resource Management determines that there are no other positions available;

- (e) Refuses a position within his or her geographical location that is at or below the grade of the current position of the employee; or
 - (f) Accepts reemployment pursuant to NAC 284.6014.
- 11. The provisions of this section do not prohibit an employee from accepting another position through a competitive or noncompetitive appointment.
 - 12. As used in this section:
 - (a) "Agency" includes:
 - (1) A department as defined in NAC 284.055;
- (2) Any other entity of the Executive Branch of State Government which employs persons in the classified service, including, without limitation, the office of an elected officer;
 - (3) A division of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
 - (4) Any division or institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education.
 - (b) "Geographical location" has the meaning ascribed to it in NAC 284.612.
 - (c) "Soon to be vacant" means a position in which:
 - (1) The Division of Human Resource Management is aware will have an imminent vacancy;
 - (2) A list has not been certified for the position; and
- (3) The employee will be able and available to fill the position within 30 days after the position becomes open.
 - (d) "Undue hardship" has the meaning ascribed to it in 29 C.F.R. § 1630.2.

(Added to NAC by Personnel Comm'n by R097-16, eff. 11-2-2016)

Sec. 2. NAC 284.586 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Explanation of Proposed Change: This amendment, proposed by the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, is intended to give supervisors and managers more latitude to address last minute requests for civil leave on election day. This will give agencies greater flexibility in workload management. For example, an agency will be able to stretch civil leave with pay over a longer period of time, which will allow the voting process to be managed with little to no effect on an agency.

NAC 284.586 Civil leave with pay to vote. (NRS 284.065, 284.155, 284.345) Civil leave with pay must be granted to allow an employee time off to vote subject to the conditions established in NRS 293.463. If an employee determines he or she will need time off to vote, either during early voting or on the day of the election, he or she must submit a request for civil leave with pay to the person authorized to grant such leave [before the day of the election.] prior to the day the leave is to be taken.

[Personnel Div., Rule VII § E subsec. 7, eff. 8-11-73]—(NAC A by Dep't of Personnel, 10-26-84; A by Personnel Comm'n by R145-05, 12-29-2005)