PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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<u>List Maintenance Regulation</u>

Authority: NRS 293.124; NRS 293.247; NRS 293.530; NRS 293.675

(NEW) NAC 293.XXX Maintenance of the Statewide Voter Registration List

- 1. Pursuant to NRS 293.675, the statewide voter registration list must be regularly maintained to ensure the integrity of the registration process and the election process.
- 2. During odd-numbered years, the following list maintenance actions must be taken:
 - (a) Deceased voters who are identified as being registered voters through reports provided to the Secretary of State by the Nevada Office of Vital Records and the Electronic Registration Information Center must be removed not later than 5 business days after receipt by the county clerk.
 - (b) Felons who have started their incarceration and who are identified as being registered voters through reports provided to the Secretary of State by the Nevada Department of Corrections must be removed not later than 5 business days after receipt by the county clerk.
 - (c) All voter initiated registration updates must be processed not later than 5 business days after receipt by the county clerk.
- 3. No less than once per odd-numbered year, a state-wide list maintenance mailing activity may be performed in which the Secretary of State or county clerk sends a notice to all active registered voters in each county.
 - (a) If sent, these notices should be sent as "Official Elections Mail" and should be compliant with the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501 et seq for voter list maintenance purposes.
 - (b) The cost of the notices shall be either borne by or reimbursed by the Secretary of State.
 - (c) The notices should be sent according to the following schedule in order to facilitate the requirements of NRS 293.530:
 - i. Not later than the first business day of October in an odd-numbered year preceding a mid-term election year or,
 - ii. Not later than the first business day of August in an odd-numbered year preceding a presidential election year.
- 4. During even-numbered years, the following list maintenance actions must be taken:
 - (a) Deceased voters who are identified as being registered voters through reports provided to the Secretary of State by the Nevada Office of Vital Records and the Electronic Registration Information Center must be removed not later than 15 business days after receipt by the county clerk.
 - (b) Felons who have started their incarceration and who are identified as being registered voters through reports provided to the Secretary of State by the Nevada Department of Corrections must be removed not later than 15 business days after receipt by the county clerk.
 - (c) All voter initiated registration updates must be processed not later than 15 business days after receipt by the county clerk.

- 5. NRS 293.503(4) and the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20507 prohibit routine voter list maintenance less than 90 days prior to an election with federal candidates on the ballot.
 - (a) During the 90 days prior to an election with federal candidates on the ballot, only the following changes may be made to county voter lists:
 - i. at the request of the registrant;
 - ii. as provided by State law, by reason of criminal conviction or mental incapacity
 - iii. the death of the registrant
- 6. Due to the restrictions on routine voter list maintenance before an election with federal candidates on the ballot it is of the utmost importance that county clerks conduct voter list maintenance actions within the prescribed timelines.
 - (a) Before the start of an even-numbered year:
 - i. All tasks listed in sections 2 and 3 of this regulation, as applicable.
 - (b) After a primary election during an even-numbered year:
 - i. Following the canvass of the vote conducted pursuant to NRS 293.387 and before the start of the 90-day blackout period required by NRS 293.503(4) and National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20507, every active registered voter who was sent official elections mail during the primary election that was returned to the county clerk by the US Postal Service as being "undeliverable" must be sent a notice pursuant to NRS 293.530 so that the 33-day requirement will be met and the notices acted upon before the start of the 90-day blackout period.
 - ii. For the 2026 election cycle:
 - 1. Primary Election Day: June 9, 2026
 - 2. Canvass of the vote to be completed not later than: June 19, 2026
 - 3. Notices must be sent not later than this date to allow 33 days for response plus two days for processing: July 1, 2026
 - 4. 90 days before the General Election: August 5, 2026
 - iii. For the 2028 election cycle:
 - 1. Primary Election Day: June 13, 2028
 - 2. Canvass of the vote to be completed not later than: June 23, 2028
 - 3. Notices must be sent not later than this date to allow 33 days for response plus two days for processing: July 5, 2028
 - 4. 90 days before the General Election: August 9, 2028
 - (c) After a general election during an even-numbered year:
 - i. Following the canvass of the vote conducted pursuant to NRS 293.387, every active registered voter who was sent official elections mail during the general election that was returned to the county clerk by the US Postal Service as being "undeliverable" must be sent a notice pursuant to NRS 293.530 and the notices acted upon not later than 90 days after the general election. This ensures

appropriate and uniform list maintenance following the conclusion of the general election cycle.

- ii. For the 2026 election cycle:
 - 1. General Election Day: November 3, 2026
 - 2. Canvass of the vote to be completed not later than: November 13, 2026
 - 3. Recommended date that notices be sent not later than to allow 33 days for response plus time for processing:
 December 18, 2026
 - 4. 90 days after the General Election: February 1, 2027
- iii. For the 2028 election cycle:
 - 1. General Election Day: November 7, 2028
 - 2. Canvass of the vote to be completed not later than: November 17, 2028
 - 3. Recommended date that notices be sent not later than to allow 33 days for response plus time for processing:
 December 22, 2028
 - 4. 90 days after the General Election: February 5, 2029