

Informational Statement

The information required by NRS 233B.066 is provided below:

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

NRS 293.124 provides the Secretary of State, as the Chief Officer of Elections for the State of Nevada, the authority to adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of title 24 of NRS. The purpose of this proposed regulation is to clarify the circumstances under which civil penalties related to campaign finance reporting may be waived or reduced for good cause. It establishes specific eligibility requirements, including timely filing of required reports for the preceding 36 months, and authorizes the Secretary of State, with approval of the Attorney General, to grant a waiver or reduction in certain cases without a formal request. These procedures ensure consistency, transparency, and proper handling of penalty waivers and reductions, and are necessary to provide clarity to the public, regulated entities, and stakeholders regarding the waiver process.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of the public response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The Office of the Secretary of State solicited comment on the proposed amendment by posting a notice with links to the full text of the proposed amendment to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices website, Secretary of State's website, and Nevada Public Notice website as well as posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations pursuant to NRS 233B.

All 17 county clerks and registrars were given a copy of all notices and proposed text along with the guidance to distribute to anyone who may be interested.

A workshop was held regarding this regulation on January 12, 2026 and the adoption hearing was held on January 23, 2026. The notices, proposed text, and link to the video of the workshop and adoption hearing are posted at the following website:

<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-resources/elections-regulations-2026/>

Written comments received prior to each adoption hearing are available upon request.

There was limited public response about this regulation. Comments received generally supported the proposed good cause criteria for waiving or reducing civil penalties under NRS 294A.420, while suggesting additional measures such as requiring verification for threats to personal safety, considering candidate quality through signature requirements, or including police reports for serious threats.

3. The number of persons who: (1) Attended each hearing; (2) Testified at each hearing; and (3) Submitted to the agency written statements.

Workshop date: January 12, 2026

(a) Number in attendance: 7

(b) Number testifying: 0

(c) Written statements submitted: 1

Adoption Hearing date: January 23, 2026

(a) Number in attendance: 3

(b) Number testifying: 0

(c) Written statements submitted: 0

4. **For each person identified in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (c), the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing: (1) Name; (2) Telephone number; (3) Business address; (4) Business telephone number; (5) Electronic mail address; and (6) Name of entity or organization represented.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet for details.

5. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Written comments were not solicited from businesses as the proposed regulation does not affect businesses.

6. **If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

7. Comments generally supported the proposed good cause criteria for waiving or reducing civil penalties. The regulation was adopted because its intent is to provide clarity on campaign finance statutes regarding requests for a waiver or reduction of civil penalties. It codifies existing statutory standards and clarifies the circumstances under which a waiver or reduction may be granted, based on historical data and established practice, to ensure consistency and transparency for candidates and political entities. **The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include: (1) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and (2) Both immediate and long-term effects.**

These regulations do not create an economic effect on either Nevada businesses or the public.

These regulations relate to the conduct of Nevada elections and, as such, do not create an adverse or beneficial economic impact in either the immediate or long-term.

8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

There is no anticipated cost related to the enforcement of the proposed regulation.

9. **A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other regulations of another state or government agency.

10. **If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

This regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity.

11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.

Workshop - January 12, 2026	Adoption Hearing - January 23, 2026
Mark Wlaschin - SOS (Host)	Mark Wlaschin - SOS (Host)
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