

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 272—ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, DIAZ, CARLTON, FLORES; ARAUJO, BILBRAY-AXELROD, BROOKS, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, COHEN, DALY, FUMO, JOINER, MCCURDY II, MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, SWANK, THOMPSON, WATKINS AND YEAGER

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SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-851)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 6, 15, 17, 31, 37, 39)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing each county and city clerk to establish polling places where any registered voter of the county or city, respectively, may vote in person on the day of certain elections; requiring, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish polling places within the boundaries of Indian reservations and colonies; requiring the preparation and use of electronic rosters; authorizing voting materials to be provided in certain languages; authorizing county and city clerks to extend the period for early voting; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires a county clerk to establish the boundaries of election
2 precincts and authorizes election precincts to be combined into election districts.
3 (NRS 293.205-293.209) Existing law prohibits a person from applying for or
4 receiving a ballot at any election precinct or district other than the one at which the
5 person is entitled to vote. (NRS 293.730) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a county
6 clerk to establish one or more polling places in the county where any person
7 entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of a



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8 primary or general election. If any such polling place is established: (1) **section 3** of
 9 this bill requires, with limited exception, the county clerk to publicize the location
 10 of such polling places; and (2) **section 4** of this bill requires the county clerk to
 11 prepare a roster of eligible voters in the county for any such polling place. **Section**
 12 **5** of this bill sets forth the procedure for a person to vote in person at any such
 13 polling place. **Sections 27-30** of this bill set forth corresponding provisions
 14 authorizing city clerks to establish polling places where any person who is entitled
 15 to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary city
 16 or general city election. **Sections 8, 10-15, 18, 22-25, 33-37 and 40-42** of this bill
 17 make conforming changes.

18 **Sections 6 and 31** of this bill require, under certain circumstances, county and
 19 city clerks, respectively, to establish at least one polling place within the boundaries
 20 of an Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the
 21 Indian tribe.

22 Existing law generally requires a voter to sign his or her name in a roster when
 23 the voter applies to vote in person. (NRS 293.277, 293.285, 293C.270, 293C.275)
 24 Existing law also provides that a roster may be in printed or electronic form.
 25 **Section 7** of this bill requires a roster to be in electronic form. **Sections 19 and 21**
 26 of this bill make conforming changes. **Sections 5, 12, 12.5, 13, 17.5, 17.7, 30, 34,**
 27 **34.5 and 35** of this bill allow a person to sign a signature card rather than the roster.

28 Existing law requires voting materials to be provided in English and any other
 29 languages necessary to be in compliance with federal law. (NRS 293.2699) **Section**
 30 **9** of this bill authorizes a county or city clerk to provide voting materials in
 31 additional languages if the clerk determines that there is a significant and
 32 substantial need for such.

33 Existing law authorizes a county or city clerk to establish permanent polling
 34 places for early voting by personal appearance and provides that the period for
 35 early voting begins the third Saturday preceding an election and extends through
 36 the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal holidays excepted. (NRS
 37 293.3564, 293.3568, 293C.3564, 293C.3568) **Sections 15 and 37** of this bill
 38 require a county or city clerk to establish at least one permanent polling place for
 39 early voting. **Sections 16 and 38** of this bill authorize a county or city clerk to
 40 extend the period for early voting through the Sunday before election day. **Sections**
 41 **17 and 39** of this bill require, under certain circumstances, a county or city clerk to
 42 establish at least one temporary place for early voting within the boundaries of an
 43 Indian reservation or Indian colony.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this
 3 act.

4 **Sec. 2. 1. A county clerk may establish one or more polling**
 5 **places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the**
 6 **county by personal appearance may do so on the day of the**
 7 **primary election or general election.**

8 **2. Any person entitled to vote in the county by personal**
 9 **appearance may do so at any polling place established pursuant to**
 10 **subsection 1.**



1 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a*
2 *county clerk establishes one or more polling places pursuant to*
3 *section 2 of this act, the county clerk must:*

4 (a) *Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper*
5 *of general circulation a notice of the location of each such polling*
6 *place.*

7 (b) *Post a list of the location of each such polling place on any*
8 *bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of*
9 *county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a*
10 *period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the*
11 *election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The*
12 *county clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public*
13 *during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without*
14 *charge.*

15 2. *The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply if every polling*
16 *place in the county is a polling place where any person entitled to*
17 *vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of*
18 *the primary election or general election.*

19 3. *No additional polling place may be established pursuant to*
20 *section 2 of this act after the publication pursuant to this section,*
21 *except in the case of an emergency and if approved by the*
22 *Secretary of State.*

23 **Sec. 4. 1.** *For each polling place established pursuant to*
24 *section 2 of this act, if any, the county clerk shall prepare a roster*
25 *that contains, for every registered voter in the county, the voter's*
26 *name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her*
27 *voter identification number, the voter's precinct or district number*
28 *and the voter's signature.*

29 2. *The roster must be delivered or caused to be delivered by*
30 *the county clerk to an election board officer of the proper polling*
31 *place before the opening of the polls.*

32 **Sec. 5. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283,*
33 *upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place*
34 *established pursuant to section 2 of this act, the election board*
35 *officer shall:*

36 (a) *Determine that the person is a registered voter in the*
37 *county and has not already voted in that county in the election;*

38 (b) *Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and*

39 (c) *Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in*
40 *NRS 293.277.*

41 2. *If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must*
42 *be identified by:*

43 (a) *Answering questions from the election board officer*
44 *covering the personal data which is reported on the application to*
45 *register to vote;*



1 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
2 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

3 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
4 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card
5 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

6 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
7 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
8 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary
9 of State.

10 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by
11 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted
12 in that county in the current election.

13 5. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
14 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer,
15 the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but
16 only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she
17 applies to vote.

18 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device
19 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board
20 officer shall:

21 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

22 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the
23 form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county
24 clerk uses voting receipts; and

25 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

26 7. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established
27 pursuant to section 2 of this act may be challenged pursuant to
28 NRS 293.303.

29 **Sec. 6. 1.** If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is
30 located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may
31 submit a request to the county clerk for the establishment of a
32 polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or
33 Indian colony.

34 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place within
35 the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony must be
36 submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:

37 (a) If the request is for a primary election, the first Friday in
38 January of the year in which the primary election is to be held.

39 (b) If the request is for a general election, the first Friday in
40 July of the year in which the general election is to be held.

41 3. If the county clerk receives a request that satisfies the
42 requirements set forth in subsection 2, the county clerk must
43 establish at least one polling place within the boundaries of the
44 Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as
45 applicable, approved by the Indian tribe.



1 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.095 “Roster” means the record in ~~printed or~~ electronic
3 form furnished to election board officers which contains a list of
4 eligible voters and is to be used for obtaining the signature of each
5 person applying for a ballot.

6 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has
8 the right:

9 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

10 (a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of
11 candidates; and

12 (b) Accurately records the voter’s preference in the selection of
13 candidates.

14 2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered
15 and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a
16 conspicuous place at the polling place.

17 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.

18 4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line at ~~his~~
19 ~~or her~~ a polling place *at which he or she is entitled* to vote before
20 7 p.m. and the voter has not already cast a vote in that election.

21 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another
22 ballot in its place.

23 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.

24 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and
25 delivered in a timely manner.

26 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting
27 during early voting or on election day.

28 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections
29 system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly,
30 disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or
31 a citizen who is overseas.

32 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and
33 recounting all votes accurately.

34 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests
35 resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.

36 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.2699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.2699 1. Each voting system used by a county or city
38 shall provide voting materials in :

39 (a) English ~~and other languages~~ ; and

40 (b) *Every language in which voting materials are required to*
41 *be prepared* in ~~compliance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. §~~
42 ~~1973aa-1a.~~ *the county or city pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 10503.*

43 2. *In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, if*
44 *a county clerk or city clerk determines that there is a significant*
45 *and substantial need for voting materials of the county or city, as*



1 *applicable, to be provided in the language or languages of a*
2 *minority group, the county clerk or city clerk may prepare voting*
3 *materials in such language or languages. For the purposes of this*
4 *subsection, there is a significant and substantial need for voting*
5 *materials to be provided in the language or languages of a*
6 *minority group if, without limitation, the minority group has been*
7 *subject to historical discrimination and unequal educational*
8 *opportunities, and, as a result, members of the minority group are*
9 *of limited-English proficiency.*

10 3. As used in this section ~~the term "voting"~~ :

11 (a) *"Limited-English proficiency" means being unable to*
12 *speak or understand English adequately to participate in the*
13 *electoral process.*

14 (b) *"Minority group" includes, without limitation, United*
15 *States citizens of Chinese heritage.*

16 (c) *"Voting materials" has the meaning ascribed to it in* ~~42~~ 52
17 U.S.C. § ~~1973aa-1a~~ 10503.

18 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and
20 NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title,
21 the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

22 2. ~~Whenever~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this*
23 *subsection, whenever* at any election all the votes of the polling
24 place, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board
25 officers shall close the polls, and the counting of votes must begin
26 and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is
27 completed. *This subsection does not apply to a polling place*
28 *established pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

29 3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers
30 shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware
31 of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be
32 received.

33 4. No person other than election board officers engaged in
34 receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside
35 the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority
36 of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the
37 provisions of this title.

38 **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293.275 ~~No~~

40 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an* election
41 board may *not* perform its duty in serving registered voters at any
42 polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless it has
43 before it the roster for the polling place.

44 2. *For a polling place established pursuant to section 2 or 27*
45 *of this act, an election board may perform its duty in serving*



1 *registered voters at the polling place in an election if the election*
2 *board has before it the roster for the county or city, as applicable.*

3 **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283
5 and 293.541, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person
6 provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is
7 entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the roster *or on a*
8 *signature card* when he or she applies to vote. The signature must
9 be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a
10 facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or
11 one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

12 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of
13 identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at
14 the polling place are:

15 (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
16 to vote;

17 (b) A driver's license;

18 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
19 Vehicles;

20 (d) A military identification card; or

21 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
22 agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description
23 or picture.

24 *3. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by*
25 *the Secretary of State, to determine that the voter has not already*
26 *voted in that county in the election.*

27 **Sec. 12.5.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 293.283 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered
29 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster *or on a*
30 *signature card* as required by NRS 293.277, the voter must be
31 identified by:

32 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
33 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
34 register to vote;

35 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
36 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

37 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
38 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card
39 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

40 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board
41 officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

42 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, a
44 registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the
45 election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall



1 immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the roster
2 ~~and~~ *or signature card*, verify the signature of the voter in the
3 manner set forth in NRS 293.277 ~~and verify that the registered~~
4 *voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.*

5 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified
6 by:

7 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
8 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
9 register to vote;

10 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
11 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

12 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
13 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card
14 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

15 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
16 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
17 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
18 State.

19 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.296 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293.296 1. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical
21 disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a
22 ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to
23 assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice,
24 except:

25 (a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or

26 (b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.

27 2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a
28 voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with
29 respect to the casting of that ballot.

30 3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied
31 or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to
32 the election board or any member thereof or when the registered
33 voter requests such assistance in any manner.

34 4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this
35 section, the county clerk and election board officer shall, upon the
36 request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make
37 reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at ~~his or her~~
38 *a polling place ~~at which he or she is entitled to vote.~~*

39 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 293.3564 1. ~~The~~ *Each* county clerk ~~may~~ *shall* establish *at*
41 *least one* permanent polling ~~places~~ *place* for early voting by
42 personal appearance in the county . ~~at the locations selected~~
43 ~~pursuant to NRS 293.3564.~~

44 ~~2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, any~~



1 2. *Any* person entitled to vote early by personal appearance
2 may do so at any polling place for early voting.

3 ~~3. If it is impractical for the county clerk to provide at each~~
4 ~~polling place for early voting a ballot in every form required in the~~
5 ~~county, the county clerk may:~~

6 ~~—(a) Provide appropriate forms of ballots for all offices within a~~
7 ~~township, city, town or county commissioner election district, as~~
8 ~~determined by the county clerk; and~~

9 ~~—(b) Limit voting at that polling place to registered voters in that~~
10 ~~township, city, town or county commissioner election district.]~~

11 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal
13 appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary or general
14 election and , *except as otherwise provided in this subsection,*
15 extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal
16 holidays excepted. *A county clerk may extend the period for early*
17 *voting by personal appearance through the Sunday before election*
18 *day.*

19 2. The county clerk may:

20 (a) ~~Exclude~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,*
21 *include* any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period
22 for early voting by personal appearance.

23 (b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain
24 open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for
25 early voting.

26 3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
27 open:

28 (a) On Monday through Friday:

29 (1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until
30 6 p.m.

31 (2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until
32 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the county clerk so requires.

33 (b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting,
34 for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

35 (c) *If a county clerk extends the period for early voting by*
36 *personal appearance through the Sunday before election day*
37 *pursuant to subsection 1, on the Sunday before election day*
38 *during such hours as the clerk may establish.*

39 (d) If the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the
40 period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours
41 as the county clerk may establish.

42 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early
44 voting, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,* the county
45 clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting



1 which may include, without limitation, the clerk's office pursuant to
2 NRS 293.3561.

3 2. *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in*
4 *whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a*
5 *request to the county clerk for the establishment of a temporary*
6 *branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the*
7 *Indian reservation or Indian colony.*

8 3. *A request for the establishment of a temporary branch*
9 *polling place for early voting within the boundaries of an Indian*
10 *reservation or Indian colony must be submitted to the county clerk*
11 *by the Indian tribe on or before:*

12 (a) *If the request is for a primary election, the first Friday in*
13 *January of the year in which the primary election is to be held.*

14 (b) *If the request is for a general election, the first Friday in*
15 *July of the year in which the general election is to be held.*

16 4. *If the county clerk receives a request that satisfies the*
17 *requirements set forth in subsection 3, the county clerk must*
18 *establish at least one temporary branch polling place for early*
19 *voting within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian*
20 *colony. The location and hours of operation of such a temporary*
21 *branch polling place for early voting must be approved by the*
22 *Indian tribe.*

23 5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293.3568 do not
24 apply to a temporary *branch* polling place. Voting at a temporary
25 branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and
26 during any hours within the period for early voting by personal
27 appearance, as determined by the county clerk.

28 ~~3.1~~ 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to
29 be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

30 ~~4.1~~ 7. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner
31 or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected
32 by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling
33 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct
34 early voting at that location.

35 **Sec. 17.5.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as
36 follows:

37 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283,
38 upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an
39 election board officer shall:

40 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.

41 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting ~~H~~ *or a*
42 *signature card.*

43 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in
44 NRS 293.277.



1 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted *in that county* in
2 the current election pursuant to this section.

3 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must
4 be identified by:

5 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
6 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
7 register to vote;

8 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
9 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

10 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
11 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card
12 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

13 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
14 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
15 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
16 State.

17 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by
18 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted
19 *in that county* in the current election pursuant to this section.

20 5. The roster for early voting *or signature card, as applicable,*
21 must contain:

22 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered
23 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the
24 voter's signature;

25 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that
26 information is available; and

27 (c) The date of voting early in person.

28 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
29 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the
30 voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only
31 for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

32 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which
33 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer
34 shall:

35 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

36 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that
37 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the
38 voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and

39 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

40 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may
41 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

42 **Sec. 17.7.** NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as
43 follows:

44 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording
45 device which directly records the votes electronically are used



1 during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
2 election other than a presidential preference primary election:

3 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

4 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The
5 statement must include:

6 (1) The title of the election;

7 (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording
8 device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

9 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording
10 device for that day; ~~and~~

11 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for
12 that day ~~and~~; *and*

13 *(5) The number of signatures on signature cards for that*
14 *day.*

15 (b) Secure:

16 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by
17 NRS 293.3594; and

18 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed
19 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.3594.

20 2. At the close of the last voting day, the county clerk shall
21 deliver to the ballot board for early voting:

22 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;

23 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;

24 (c) *The signature cards used for early voting;*

25 *(d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from*
26 *each mechanical recording device used during the period for early*
27 *voting; and*

28 ~~(d)~~ *(e) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.*

29 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the
30 close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

31 (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of
32 ballots; and

33 (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to
34 transport those items to the central counting place and seal the
35 container with a numbered seal. The official statement of ballots
36 must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

37 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.4689 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293.4689 1. If a county clerk maintains a website on the
39 Internet for information related to elections, the website must
40 contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the
41 county clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without
42 limitation:

43 (a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on
44 election day in such a format that a registered voter may search the



1 list to determine the location of the polling place *or places* at which
2 the registered voter is ~~required~~ *entitled* to cast a ballot; and

3 (b) The abstract of votes required pursuant to the provisions of
4 NRS 293.388.

5 2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the
6 website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be
7 maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the
8 abstract of votes for specific information.

9 3. If the information required to be maintained by a county
10 clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a
11 website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, another
12 county clerk or a city clerk, the county clerk may provide a
13 hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of
14 subsection 1 with regard to that information.

15 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293.511 ~~If a~~ *The* registrar of voters' register or ~~roster is kept~~
17 ~~by computer, the register or~~ roster, as applicable, must include the
18 name, address, precinct, political affiliation and signature or
19 facsimile thereof of each voter and any additional information
20 required by the county clerk.

21 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the registration of a
23 voter if:

24 (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district
25 attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that
26 information in the registration concerning the identity or residence
27 of the voter is fraudulent;

28 (b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to
29 subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to
30 subsection 3; and

31 (c) The voter fails to present satisfactory proof of identity and
32 residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county
34 clerk shall notify the voter by registered or certified mail, return
35 receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to subsection 1.
36 The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation. Unless the
37 voter, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in the
38 office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory proof of identity and
39 residence to the county clerk, the county clerk shall cancel the
40 voter's registration.

41 3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to
42 provide the notice required by subsection 2, the county clerk shall
43 execute an affidavit of cancellation and file the affidavit of
44 cancellation with the registrar of voters' register and ~~f~~



1 ~~—(a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by~~
2 ~~computer, the county clerk shall attach a copy of the affidavit of~~
3 ~~cancellation in the roster.~~

4 ~~—(b) In counties where records of registration are kept by~~
5 ~~computer, the county clerk shall have the affidavit of cancellation~~
6 ~~printed on the computer entry for the registration and]~~ add a copy of
7 ~~the affidavit~~ to the roster.

8 4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the
9 date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter
10 pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if the
11 voter furnishes:

12 (a) Official identification which contains a photograph of the
13 voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other
14 official document; and

15 (b) Satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address
16 at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with
17 the address listed on the roster.

18 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1
19 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and an
20 absent ballot or a ballot voted by a voter who resides in a mailing
21 precinct is received from the voter, the ballot must be kept separate
22 from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter presents
23 satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and residence
24 before such ballots are counted on election day.

25 6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card
26 issued pursuant to NRS 293.517 does not provide proof of the:

27 (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or

28 (b) Residence or identity of a person.

29 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.547 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293.547 1. After the 30th day but not later than the 25th day
31 before any election, a written challenge may be filed with the county
32 clerk.

33 2. A registered voter may file a written challenge if:

34 (a) He or she is registered to vote in the same precinct as the
35 person whose right to vote is challenged; and

36 (b) The challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the
37 registered voter.

38 3. The challenge must be signed and verified by the registered
39 voter and name the person whose right to vote is challenged and the
40 ground of the challenge.

41 4. A challenge filed pursuant to this section must not contain
42 the name of more than one person whose right to vote is challenged.
43 The county clerk shall not accept for filing any challenge which
44 contains more than one such name.

45 5. The county clerk shall:



1 (a) File the challenge in the registrar of voters' register and ~~f:~~
2 ~~(1) In counties where records of registration are not kept by~~
3 ~~computer, he or she shall attach a copy of the challenge to the~~
4 ~~challenged registration in the roster.~~
5 ~~(2) In counties where records of registration are kept by~~
6 ~~computer, he or she shall have the challenge printed on the~~
7 ~~computer entry for the challenged registration and} add a copy of ~~it~~~~
8 ~~*the challenge*~~ to the roster.

9 (b) Within 5 days after a challenge is filed, mail a notice in the
10 manner set forth in NRS 293.530 to the person whose right to vote
11 has been challenged pursuant to this section informing the person of
12 the challenge. If the person fails to respond or appear to vote within
13 the required time, the county clerk shall cancel the person's
14 registration. A copy of the challenge and information describing
15 how to reregister properly must accompany the notice.

16 (c) Immediately notify the district attorney. A copy of the
17 challenge must accompany the notice.

18 6. Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to this section, the district
19 attorney shall investigate the challenge within 14 days and, if
20 appropriate, cause proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in a
21 court of competent jurisdiction without delay. The court shall give
22 such proceedings priority over other civil matters that are not
23 expressly given priority by law. Upon court order, the county clerk
24 shall cancel the registration of the person whose right to vote has
25 been challenged pursuant to this section.

26 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of
28 registration and the election, the county clerk shall prepare for
29 ~~each~~ :

30 (a) *Each* polling place a roster containing the registered voters
31 eligible to vote at the polling place.

32 (b) *Each polling place established pursuant to section 2 or 27*
33 *of this act, if any, a roster containing the registered voters eligible*
34 *to vote in the county or city, respectively.*

35 2. The ~~roster~~ *rosters* must be delivered or caused to be
36 delivered by the county or city clerk to an election board officer of
37 the proper polling place before the opening of the polls.

38 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,
40 sample ballots must include:

41 (a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;

42 (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect,
43 as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015,
44 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment,



1 statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special
2 district or political subdivision and advisory question;

3 (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
4 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed
5 constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted
6 upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory
7 question;

8 (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional
9 amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a
10 special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and
11 rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
12 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and

13 (e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

14 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word
15 "Incumbent" must appear on the ballot next to the name of the
16 candidate who is the incumbent, the word "Incumbent" must appear
17 on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the
18 incumbent.

19 3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be
20 printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional
21 amendment if:

22 (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly
23 reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment
24 were not included;

25 (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes
26 the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided
27 at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample
28 ballot; and

29 (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the
30 full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

31 4. A county clerk may establish a system for distributing
32 sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who
33 elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system
34 may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access
35 through an Internet website. If a county clerk establishes such a
36 system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by
37 electronic means, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot
38 to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the
39 procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the
40 Secretary of State.

41 5. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot
42 by electronic means pursuant to subsection 4, the county clerk shall
43 distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

44 6. Before the period for early voting for any election begins,
45 the county clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the



1 county by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot
2 for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the
3 location of his or her polling place **H or places**. If the location of
4 the polling place **or places** has changed since the last election:

5 (a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each
6 registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before
7 distributing the sample ballots; or

8 (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type
9 immediately above the location which states:

10
11 **NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE *OR***
12 ***PLACES* HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION**
13

14 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a sample
15 ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

16 (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type; and

17 (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold
18 lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

19
20 **NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN**
21 **LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)**
22

23 8. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the
24 display area of a voting device may include material in less than
25 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the
26 pages of the sample ballot.

27 9. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a
28 sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided
29 pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared
30 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

31 10. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the
32 county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to
33 that person from the county are in large type.

34 11. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a
35 statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a
36 voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations
37 to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place **or places** and
38 provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote,
39 including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to
40 assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided
41 pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at
42 centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for
43 use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall
44 include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:

45 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;



1 (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at
2 such centralized voting locations; and

3 (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her
4 ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his or her
5 regularly designated polling place ~~+~~ *or places.*

6 12. The cost of distributing sample ballots for any election
7 other than a primary or general election must be borne by the
8 political subdivision holding the election.

9 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293.730 1. A person shall not:

11 (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere
12 with the conduct of the election.

13 (b) Except an election board officer, receive from any voter a
14 ballot prepared by the voter.

15 (c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of
16 the polls.

17 (d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or
18 district other than ~~the~~ one at which the person is entitled to vote.

19 (e) Show his or her ballot to any person, after voting, so as to
20 reveal any of the names voted for.

21 (f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for whom he or she
22 intends to vote.

23 (g) Except an election board officer, deliver a ballot to a voter.

24 (h) Except an election board officer in the course of the election
25 board officer's official duties, inside a polling place, ask another
26 person his or her name, address or political affiliation.

27 2. A voter shall not:

28 (a) Receive a ballot from any person other than an election
29 board officer.

30 (b) Deliver to an election board or to any member thereof any
31 ballot other than the one received.

32 (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may
33 afterward be identified as the one voted by the person.

34 3. Any person who violates any provision of this section is
35 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
36 NRS 193.130.

37 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293.790 If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to
39 vote at the same election, at any polling place other than ~~the~~ one in
40 which the person is ~~registered~~ *entitled* to vote, such person is
41 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.



1 **Sec. 26.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 27 to 31, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 27. 1.** *A city clerk may establish one or more polling*
5 *places in the city where any person entitled to vote in the city by*
6 *personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary city*
7 *election or general city election.*

8 **2.** *Any person entitled to vote in the city by personal*
9 *appearance may do so at any polling place established pursuant to*
10 *subsection 1.*

11 **Sec. 28. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if*
12 *a city clerk establishes one or more polling places pursuant to*
13 *section 27 of this act, the city clerk must:*

14 **(a)** *Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper*
15 *of general circulation a notice of the location of each such polling*
16 *place.*

17 **(b)** *Post a list of the location of each such polling place on any*
18 *bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing*
19 *body of the city. The list must be posted continuously for a period*
20 *beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election*
21 *and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The city clerk shall*
22 *make copies of the list available to the public during the period of*
23 *posting in reasonable quantities without charge.*

24 **2.** *The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply if every polling*
25 *place in the city is designated as a polling place where any person*
26 *entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so on*
27 *the day of the primary city election or general city election.*

28 **3.** *No additional polling place may be established pursuant to*
29 *section 27 of this act after the publication pursuant to this section,*
30 *except in the case of an emergency and if approved by the*
31 *Secretary of State.*

32 **Sec. 29. 1.** *For each polling place established pursuant to*
33 *section 27 of this act, if any, the city clerk shall prepare a roster*
34 *that contains, for every registered voter in the city, the voter's*
35 *name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her*
36 *voter identification number, the voter's precinct or district number*
37 *and the voter's signature.*

38 **2.** *The roster must be delivered or caused to be delivered by*
39 *the city clerk to an election board officer of the proper polling*
40 *place before the opening of the polls.*

41 **Sec. 30. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272,*
42 *upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place*
43 *established pursuant to section 27 of this act, if any, the election*
44 *board officer shall:*



1 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the city
2 and has not already voted in that city in the election;

3 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and

4 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in
5 NRS 293C.270.

6 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must
7 be identified by:

8 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
9 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
10 register to vote;

11 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
12 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

13 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
14 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
15 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

16 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
17 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
18 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary
19 of State.

20 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the
21 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in
22 that city in the current election.

23 5. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
24 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer,
25 the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but
26 only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she
27 applies to vote.

28 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device
29 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board
30 officer shall:

31 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

32 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the
33 form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city
34 clerk uses voting receipts; and

35 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

36 7. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established
37 pursuant to section 27 of this act, if any, may be challenged
38 pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

39 **Sec. 31.** 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is
40 located in whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may
41 request to the city clerk for the establishment of a polling place
42 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.

43 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place within
44 the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony must be
45 submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:



1 (a) *If the request is for a primary city election that is held:*

2 (1) *On the dates set forth for primary elections pursuant to*
3 *the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in January*
4 *of the year in which the primary city election is to be held.*

5 (2) *On the dates set forth for primary city elections*
6 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in*
7 *December of the year immediately preceding the year in which the*
8 *primary city election is to be held.*

9 (b) *If the request is for a general city election that is held:*

10 (1) *On the dates set forth for general elections pursuant to*
11 *the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in July of*
12 *the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

13 (2) *On the dates set forth for general city elections pursuant*
14 *to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in January of the*
15 *year in which the general city election is to be held.*

16 3. *If the city clerk receives a request that satisfies the*
17 *requirements set forth in subsection 2, the city clerk must establish*
18 *at least one polling place within the boundaries of the Indian*
19 *reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as*
20 *applicable, approved by the Indian tribe.*

21 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city
23 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail if:

24 (a) The election is a special election; or

25 (b) The election is a primary city election or general city
26 election in which the ballot includes only:

27 (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the
28 registered voters of only one ward; or

29 (2) One office or ballot question.

30 2. The provisions of NRS 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive,
31 *and section 31 of this act*, 293C.305 to 293C.340, inclusive, and
32 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election
33 conducted pursuant to this section.

34 3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this
35 section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been
36 designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.

37 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2
39 and NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions
40 of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

41 2. Whenever at any election all the votes of the polling place,
42 as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers
43 shall close the polls and the counting of votes must begin and
44 continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.

45 *The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any polling place*



1 *established pursuant to section 27 of this act where any person*
2 *entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance on the day of the*
3 *election may do so.*

4 3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers
5 shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be
6 aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be
7 received.

8 4. No person other than election board officers engaged in
9 receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside
10 the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority
11 of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the
12 provisions of this chapter.

13 **Sec. 34.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272,
15 if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an
16 affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote
17 and must sign his or her name in the roster *or on a signature card*
18 when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by
19 an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on
20 the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of
21 identification listed in subsection 2.

22 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a
23 voter at the polling place are:

24 (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
25 to vote;

26 (b) A driver's license;

27 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
28 Vehicles;

29 (d) A military identification card; or

30 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
31 agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description
32 or picture.

33 *3. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the*
34 *Secretary of State, to determine that the voter has not already*
35 *voted in that city in the current election.*

36 **Sec. 34.5.** NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as
37 follows:

38 293C.272 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered
39 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster *or on a*
40 *signature card* as required by NRS 293C.270, the voter must be
41 identified by:

42 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
43 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
44 register to vote;



1 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
2 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

3 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
4 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
5 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

6 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board
7 officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

8 **Sec. 35.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272,
10 a registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to
11 the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer
12 shall immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the
13 roster ~~and~~ *or signature card*, verify the signature of the voter in
14 the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270 ~~H~~ *and verify that the*
15 *registered voter has not already voted in that city in the current*
16 *election.*

17 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified
18 by:

19 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
20 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
21 register to vote;

22 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
23 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

24 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
25 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
26 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

27 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
28 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
29 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
30 State.

31 **Sec. 36.** NRS 293C.282 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293C.282 1. Any registered voter who, because of a physical
33 disability or an inability to read or write English, is unable to mark a
34 ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to
35 assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice,
36 except:

37 (a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or

38 (b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.

39 2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a
40 voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with
41 respect to the casting of that ballot.

42 3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied
43 or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to
44 the election board or any member thereof or when the registered
45 voter requests such assistance in any manner.



1 4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this
2 section, the city clerk and election board officer shall, upon the
3 request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make
4 reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at ~~his or her~~
5 a polling place ~~+~~ *at which he or she is entitled to vote.*

6 **Sec. 37.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows:

8 293C.3564 1. The city clerk ~~may~~ *in a city providing for*
9 *early voting pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of*
10 *subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110 shall establish at least one*
11 permanent polling ~~places~~ *place* for early voting by personal
12 appearance in the city at the locations selected pursuant to
13 NRS 293C.3561.

14 2. Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance
15 may do so at any polling place for early voting.

16 **Sec. 38.** NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 293C.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal
19 appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary city
20 election or general city election, and *, except as otherwise provided*
21 *in this subsection,* extends through the Friday before election day,
22 ~~Sundays and~~ federal holidays excepted. *A city clerk may extend*
23 *the period for early voting by personal appearance through the*
24 *Sunday before election day.*

25 2. The city clerk may:

26 (a) ~~Include~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,*
27 *include* any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period
28 for early voting by personal appearance.

29 (b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain
30 open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for
31 early voting.

32 3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
33 open:

34 (a) On Monday through Friday:

35 (1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until
36 6 p.m.

37 (2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until
38 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the city clerk so requires.

39 (b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting,
40 for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

41 (c) *If a city clerk extends the period for early voting by*
42 *personal appearance through the Sunday before election day*
43 *pursuant to subsection 1, on the Sunday before election day*
44 *during such hours as the clerk may establish.*



1 (d) If the city clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period
2 for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as the
3 city clerk may establish.

4 **Sec. 39.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows:

6 293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for
7 early voting, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3*, the city
8 clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting
9 pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

10 2. *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in*
11 *whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a*
12 *request to the city clerk for the establishment of a temporary*
13 *branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian*
14 *reservation or Indian colony.*

15 3. *A request for the establishment of a temporary branch*
16 *polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or*
17 *Indian colony must be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian*
18 *tribe on or before:*

19 (a) *If the request is for a primary city election that is held:*

20 (1) *On the dates set forth for primary elections pursuant to*
21 *the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in January*
22 *of the year in which the primary city election is to be held.*

23 (2) *On the dates set forth for primary city elections*
24 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in*
25 *December of the year immediately preceding the year in which the*
26 *primary city election is to be held.*

27 (b) *If the request is for a general city election that is held:*

28 (1) *On the dates set forth for general elections pursuant to*
29 *the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in July of*
30 *the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

31 (2) *On the dates set forth for general city elections pursuant*
32 *to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in January of the*
33 *year in which the general city election is to be held.*

34 4. *If the city clerk receives a request that satisfies the*
35 *requirements set forth in subsection 3, the city clerk must establish*
36 *at least one temporary branch polling place for early voting within*
37 *the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony. The*
38 *location and hours of operation of such a temporary branch*
39 *polling place for early voting must be approved by the Indian tribe.*

40 5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293C.3568 do not
41 apply to a temporary *branch* polling place. Voting at a temporary
42 branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and
43 during any hours within the period for early voting by personal
44 appearance, as determined by the city clerk.



1 ~~13-1~~ 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to
2 be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

3 ~~14-1~~ 7. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner
4 or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected
5 by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling
6 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct
7 early voting at that location.

8 **Sec. 39.5.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows:

10 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
11 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early
12 voting, an election board officer shall:

13 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.

14 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting ~~H~~ *or a*
15 *signature card.*

16 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in
17 NRS 293C.270.

18 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted *in that city* in the
19 current election pursuant to this section.

20 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified
21 by:

22 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
23 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
24 register to vote;

25 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
26 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

27 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
28 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
29 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

30 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
31 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
32 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
33 State.

34 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the
35 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted *in*
36 *that city* in the current election pursuant to this section.

37 5. The roster for early voting *or signature card, as applicable,*
38 must contain:

39 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered
40 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the
41 voter's signature;

42 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that
43 information is available; and

44 (c) The date of voting early in person.



1 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
2 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the
3 voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only
4 for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

5 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which
6 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer
7 shall:

8 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

9 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that
10 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the
11 voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and

12 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

13 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may
14 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

15 **Sec. 39.7.** NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical
18 recording device which directly records the votes electronically are
19 used during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
20 election other than a presidential preference primary election:

21 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

22 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The
23 statement must include:

24 (1) The title of the election;

25 (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording
26 device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

27 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording
28 device for that day; ~~and~~

29 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for
30 that day ~~and~~; and

31 *(5) The number of signatures on signature cards for that*
32 *day.*

33 (b) Secure:

34 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by
35 NRS 293C.3594; and

36 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed
37 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293C.3594.

38 2. At the close of the last voting day, the city clerk shall deliver
39 to the ballot board for early voting:

40 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;

41 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;

42 (c) *The signature cards used for early voting;*

43 (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from
44 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early
45 voting; and



~~(d)~~ (e) Any other items as determined by the city clerk.

3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

(a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots; and

(b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a number seal. The official statement of ballots must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

Sec. 40. NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.530 1. A city clerk may establish a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website. If a city clerk establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

2. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

3. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the city by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place ~~H~~ *or places*. If the location of the polling place *or places* has changed since the last election:

(a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before distributing the sample ballots; or

(b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE *OR PLACES* HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a sample ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type;

(b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question, including arguments for and against the measure or question, as required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217; and



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1 (c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold
2 lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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4 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
5 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)
6

7 5. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot
8 next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if required
9 pursuant to NRS 293.2565.

10 6. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the
11 display area of a voting device may include material in less than
12 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the
13 pages of the sample ballot.

14 7. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a
15 sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided
16 pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared
17 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

18 8. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city
19 clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to that
20 person from the city are in large type.

21 9. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement
22 indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter who is
23 elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the
24 voter to vote at his or her polling place *or places* and provide
25 reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote,
26 including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to
27 assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to
28 subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized
29 voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by
30 voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the
31 sample ballot a statement indicating:

32 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

33 (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at
34 such centralized voting locations; and

35 (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her
36 ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at the voter's
37 regularly designated polling place *or places*.

38 10. The cost of distributing sample ballots for a city election
39 must be borne by the city holding the election.

40 **Sec. 41.** NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided by special charter,
42 registration of electors in incorporated cities must be accomplished
43 in the manner provided in this chapter.

44 2. The county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration
45 list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the



1 county the roster of all electors eligible to vote at a regular or special
2 city election.

3 3. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 27 of this*
4 *act, the* rosters must be prepared, one for each ward or other voting
5 district within each incorporated city. The entries in the roster must
6 be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.

7 4. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or copies of
8 the applications to register to vote in the county clerk's office.

9 **Sec. 42.** NRS 293C.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293C.715 1. If a city clerk maintains a website on the
11 Internet for information relating to elections, the website must
12 contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the
13 city clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without
14 limitation:

15 (a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on
16 election day in such a form that a registered voter may search the list
17 to determine the location of the polling place *or places* at which the
18 registered voter is ~~required~~ *entitled* to cast a ballot; and

19 (b) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website
20 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.387.

21 2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the
22 website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be
23 maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the
24 abstract of votes for specific information.

25 3. If the information required to be maintained by a city clerk
26 pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from
27 a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, a
28 county clerk or another city clerk, the city clerk may provide a
29 hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of
30 subsection 1 with regard to that information.

31 **Sec. 43.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
32 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
33 provisions of this act.

34 **Sec. 44.** This act becomes effective:

35 1. On July 1, 2017, for the purpose of adopting any regulations
36 and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary
37 to carry out the provisions of this act; and

38 2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.

