

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 269—ASSEMBLYMEN ANGLE AND HOLCOMB

MARCH 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,  
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to voting at poll.  
(BDR 24-1138)

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

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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; requiring a person to show a form of  
valid identification before casting a ballot at a poll; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, if a person’s name appears in the election board register or  
2 if he provides an affirmation, he is entitled to vote and must sign his name in the  
3 register when he votes at a polling place. His signature must be compared with the  
4 signature on his registration application or on one of the specified forms of  
5 identification. (NRS 293.277)

6 This bill requires a person wishing to vote at a polling place to present either  
7 current and valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank  
8 statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.541, ~~if~~  
3 ~~a person’s name appears in the election board register or if he~~  
4 ~~provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, he~~ *a person* is  
5 entitled to vote ~~[and must sign]~~ *if:*  
6 *(a) The person’s name appears in the election board register*  
7 *or he provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525;*  
8 *(b) The person presents a form of valid identification; and*



1       (c) *The person signs* his name in the election board register  
2 when he applies to vote. ~~[His]~~

3       2. *The signature of the person* must be compared by an  
4 election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on his  
5 original application to register to vote or ~~[one of the forms]~~ *with a*  
6 *form of valid identification [listed in subsection 2.*

7 ~~— 2. — Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of~~  
8 ~~identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at~~  
9 ~~the polling place are:~~

10 ~~— (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he registered to vote;~~

11 ~~— (b) A driver's license;~~

12 ~~— (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor~~  
13 ~~Vehicles;~~

14 ~~— (d) A military identification card; or~~

15 ~~— (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental~~  
16 ~~agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description~~  
17 ~~or picture.] which contains the signature of the person.~~

18       3. *As used in this section, "a form of valid identification"*  
19 *means:*

20       (a) *A current and valid photo identification of the person; or*

21       (b) *A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,*  
22 *or document issued by a governmental entity, including, without*  
23 *limitation, a check, which indicates the name and address of the*  
24 *person.*

