



## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT**

### **(REVISED)**

### **JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

*(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] [218E.320](#))*

**August 29, 2022**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The chair and Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections have prepared this "Work Session Document" (WSD) to assist the Committee in determining which legislative measures it will request for the 2023 Session of the Nevada Legislature as well as other actions the Committee may endorse. The WSD contains a summary of recommendations presented during public hearings, through communication with individual Committee members, or through correspondence submitted to the Committee members or staff.

The members of the Committee do not necessarily support or oppose the recommendations in this WSD. Committee staff has compiled and organized the proposals so that Committee members can review them and decide whether they want to accept, reject, modify, or take no action on the recommendations. The WSD organizes the proposals by topic, and they are not preferentially ordered.

Pursuant to NRS [218D.160](#), the Committee is limited to ten legislative measures, which includes both bill draft requests and requests for the drafting of resolutions. The Committee may vote to: (1) send as many statements or letters of recommendation or support as it chooses; and (2) include statements in its final report.

Committee members are advised that LCB staff, at the direction of the chair, may coordinate with interested parties to obtain additional information for drafting purposes or for information to be included in the Committee's final report.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR VOTING SYSTEMS

1. **Request the drafting of a bill to** provide that if a county was allocated or awarded state money from the Legislature or the secretary of state (SOS) for the purchase of voting machines and the county wishes to discontinue using a voting machine purchased with such money to instead implement voting by printed ballot, the county must return the money originally allocated for the voting machine.
2. **Send a letter** to Nevada's county clerks reminding them that [NRS 293B.1045](#) prohibits the purchase or lease of a mechanical voting system for use in any election in the state unless the system is approved by the SOS.

*(Recommended by Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton and Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Chair, Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.)*

### B. VOTING BY MEMBERS OF TRIBAL NATIONS

3. **Request the drafting of a bill to:**
  - a. Require county clerks to establish and maintain working relationships with tribal nations within the county's jurisdiction; and
  - b. Allow a tribal nation to submit a request to the SOS for a tribal identification (ID) card to be recognized and accepted through Nevada's online voter registration system.
4. **Send a letter** to the SOS and the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) requesting their collaboration to provide photocopies of tribal ID cards to county election administrators to facilitate compliance with existing state law, which provides for the acceptance of a tribal ID card as a valid form of identification for in-person voter registration.

*(Recommendations were developed by the Committee's chair and Committee staff in response to testimony provided by the NIC at the [April 29, 2022, meeting](#).)*

### C. VOTING BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

5. **Request the drafting of a bill to:**
  - a. Require county election administrators, including county clerks and election board officers, to be trained on how to operate accessible voting systems compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in order to assist voters who have difficulty using such voting systems;
  - b. Require a minimum of two accessible voting systems at a voting site and provide for the establishment of more than two accessible voting systems at a voting site if deemed necessary by the county clerk to accommodate the expected number of voters with disabilities at the voting site; and

- c. Require ballots that are cast in person at polling sites to be cast by a voting machine.

*(Recommendations were developed by the Committee's chair and Committee staff in response to testimony provided by the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center at the [April 29, 2022, meeting](#).)*

#### D. INTERIM COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF THE LEGISLATURE

- 6. **Request the drafting of a bill to** revise provisions relating to the interim committee structure of the Legislature as follows:
  - a. Provide that in the vacancy of a chair, the vice chair shall become acting chair until the chair is appointed;
  - b. Clarify that alternates should be of the same party if a committee member cannot attend a meeting;
  - c. Transfer the duties to evaluate and review issues relating to governmental purchasing, including, without limitation, the review of recommendations from the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing, from the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs ([NRS 218E.330](#));
  - d. Require the biennial report on recommendations for legislation relating to governmental purchasing to be submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs and not the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations ([NRS 332.215](#));
  - e. Repeal the requirement that the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services review regulations related to health care ([NRS 233B.063](#)); and
  - f. Revise the date that a teacher who wishes to serve on the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force must submit an application to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education from January 15 of an even-numbered year to December 1 of an odd-numbered year ([NRS 391.494](#)).

*(Recommended by the Committee's chair.)*