

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

*Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320*

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections at its meeting on August 16, 2024. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

##### *Election Administration*

1. Request the drafting of a bill to:
  - a. Allow a cured signature to become the voter's signature on file unless the voter affirmatively declines such action; and
  - b. Require the Secretary of State (SOS), rather than county clerks, to mail the notices required by [NRS 293.57693](#) to persons deemed registered voters after they complete an automatic voter registration transaction and their information is reviewed by the county clerk. **(BDR 24–360)**

##### *Candidate Filing Fees*

2. Request the drafting of a bill to establish a filing fee of \$1,000 for candidates at a presidential preference primary election. **(BDR 24–361)**

##### *Election Workers*

3. Request the drafting of a bill to:
  - a. Allow a person convicted of a felony involving theft or fraud to become a field registrar, which is currently prohibited by [NRS 293.5045](#); and
  - b. Allow poll workers to work as volunteer poll workers without pay. **(BDR 24–362)**
4. Request the drafting of a bill to authorize any county to create an office of registrar of voters. **(BDR 20–363)**

### *Language Access in Elections*

5. Request the drafting of a bill to implement the provisions of vetoed [Assembly Bill 246](#) (2023), including:
  - a. Requiring the SOS to provide voting materials in the language of a limited English proficient (LEP) minority group if such group has at least 20,000 qualified electors statewide and requiring individual counties to also provide such materials if there are at least 5,000 qualified electors of an LEP minority group in the county;
  - b. Requiring the SOS and authorizing county clerks to establish a toll-free telephone number for election translation services;
  - c. Creating the Language Access Advisory Committee within the Office of the SOS, which must identify language accessibility programs and services for elections that could be implemented in Nevada;
  - d. Authorizing a person registering to vote to request a sample ballot in a language other than English; and
  - e. Requiring county clerks to make good faith efforts to hire bilingual poll workers. **(BDR 24–364)**

### *The Interim Structure of the Legislature*

6. Request the drafting of a bill to implement the provisions of vetoed [AB 243](#) (2023), which revises the interim committee structure of the Legislature as follows:
  - a. Clarify that in the vacancy of a Chair for a Joint Interim Standing Committee (JISC), the Vice Chair shall become acting Chair until the Chair is appointed;
  - b. Require an alternate JISC member attending in a member's place to be of the same political party;
  - c. Authorize JISCs to meet as early as September 1 after the adjournment of each regular session and require members to be appointed by August 31 following such adjournment;
  - d. Make the Sunset Subcommittee independent of the Legislative Commission; rename it the Sunset Committee of the Legislature; allocate five BDRs to the Committee; and align all other aspects of membership, organization, and operations with those of the JISCs;
  - e. Align the membership, organization, and operations of the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System and the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs with those of the JISCs;

- f. Eliminate the Subcommittee on Public Lands; transfer its powers and duties to the JISC on Natural Resources, which is renamed the JISC on Natural Resources and Public Lands; and require the JISC to hold at least three meetings outside of Clark County, Washoe County, and Carson City;
- g. Change the JISC requirements for approving recommended legislation from a vote in favor by the majority of Senators and majority of Assembly Members on the Committee to a vote in favor by at least five members of the Committee;
- h. Transfer duties to evaluate and review issues relating to governmental purchasing from the JISC on Legislative Operations and Elections to the JISC on Government Affairs;
- i. Require the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing to submit its biennial report to the JISC on Government Affairs rather than the JISC on Legislative Operations and Elections;
- j. Repeal the requirement for the JISC on Health and Human Services to review regulations related to health care;
- k. Revise the submission date for applications to serve on the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force from January 15 of an even-numbered year to December 1 of an odd-numbered year;
- l. Transfer certain duties that are fiscal in nature from the JISC on the Judiciary to the Interim Finance Committee;
- m. Require the Governor's Office of Finance and the Office of the Attorney General to submit certain reports to the JISC on the Judiciary;
- n. Change the submission date of the report submitted to the JISC on Education relating to instruction on genocides from October 1 to July 1 of each even-numbered year;
- o. Eliminate the requirement for hospitals to submit certain staffing committee reports to the JISC on Health and Human Services; and
- p. Clarify that Legislators and legislative staff are not prohibited from undertaking or attending legislative committee investigative meetings, events, or trips under the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act. **(BDR 17-365)**