

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

LCB File No. R124-11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

**The Office of the Secretary of State
Elections Division**

The Secretary of State, 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701; (775) 684-5705 is proposing the adoption and amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapters 293, 293D, 294A, 295, 304, and 306 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A public workshop has been set for **9:00 A.M., on Monday, December 12, 2011** at the Legislative Building, 401 Carson Street, Room 3137, Carson City, Nevada, with teleconferencing to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4400, Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulations:

R111-11: political party abbreviations; close of registration; voter registration agencies; declarations for military-overseas ballots; campaign finance; political action committees; initiative petitions; nomination timelines for Congressional special elections; and signature removal on certain petitions

R124-11: reporting of turnout numbers; disposition of absent ballots; waiting to vote interpreted; verification of petition signatures; notice of opening and closing of polls; procedures regarding voting; poll observers; inactive registered voters; written challenges; registration forms; nonprofit registration

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office, 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701; (775) 684-5705. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed regulations may appear at the scheduled workshop or present their comments in writing prior to the date of the Public Workshop by submitting such comments to the Secretary of State, Elections Division, 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701. This Notice of Public Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

- The Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701
- The State Library, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701
- Secretary of State – Reno Office, 500 Damonte Ranch Parkway, Suite 657A, Reno, Nevada 89521

- Secretary of State – Las Vegas Office, Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
- Nevada State Legislature Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701
- Secretary of State Website: www.nvsos.gov

Date: November 23, 2011

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION
Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of
The Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division

The Secretary of State, 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701; (775) 684-5705, will hold a public hearing at **9:00 a.m., on the 23rd day of December, 2011**, at Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 2135, Carson City, Nevada, with teleconferencing to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4400, Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption, amendment and repeal of regulations that pertain to chapters 293, 293D, 294A, 295, 304, and 306 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The purpose of the proposed regulations is to codify standards and procedures for various election functions.

2. These proposed regulations pertain to the following subjects:

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3. These proposed regulations have no adverse, beneficial, immediate or long-term economic effects on business.

4. Enforcement of these proposed regulations poses no significant cost to the Secretary of State's office.

5. There are no regulations of other federal, state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulations overlap or duplicate.

6. The proposed regulations are not required pursuant to federal law.

7. The proposed regulations do not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.

8. The proposed regulations do not establish a new fee or increase any existing fee.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Secretary of State's office may appear at the scheduled Public Hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form to the Secretary of State's office at the following: Elections Division, 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Written submissions must be received by the Secretary of State on or before the **close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, December 21, 2011**. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Secretary of State may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be adopted, amended and repealed will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be adopted, amended, and repealed will be available at the Secretary of State's office at 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada, and the Secretary of State's Las Vegas office at 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within thirty (30) days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption or incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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Date: November 22, 2011