AN ACT relating to elections; extending the period during which an elector can register to vote in person or by computer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, registration for any primary, primary city, general or general city election closes on the third Tuesday before the election. Unless otherwise specified, registration for a recall or special election closes on the third Saturday before the election. After the fifth Sunday before a primary, primary city, general or general city election, a person may register to vote only by appearing in person at the office of the county or city clerk, as applicable, or other designated site for registering to vote. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527)

This bill extends the period in which a person may register to vote for primary, primary city, general and general city elections until the last day of early voting for those elections, which is the Friday before the election. This bill also allows a person to register to vote by computer after the fifth Sunday before the election. Additionally, this bill extends the period in which a person may register to vote for all elections except otherwise specified recall and special elections until the fourth day before the election. These changes take effect on January 1, 2014.

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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.356 If a request is made in person to vote early by a registered voter \{in person\}, including, without limitation, a
registered voter who registered to vote after the beginning of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the election board shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of a polling place for early voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564 or 293.3572.

Sec. 4. NRS 293.557 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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1. The county clerk may cause to be published once in each of the newspapers circulated in different parts of the county or cause to be published once in a newspaper circulated in the county:

(a) An alphabetical listing of all registered voters, including the precinct of each voter:

(1) Within the circulation area of each newspaper if the listing is published in each newspaper circulated in different parts of the county; or

(2) Within the entire county if the listing is published in only one newspaper in the county; or

(b) A statement notifying the public that the county clerk will provide an alphabetical listing of the names of all registered voters in the entire county and the precinct of each voter free of charge to any person upon request.

2. If the county clerk publishes the list of registered voters, the county clerk must do so:

(a) Not less than 2 weeks before the close of registration for any primary election.

(b) After each primary election and not less than 2 weeks before the close of registration for the ensuing general election.

3. The county may not pay more than 10 cents per name for six-point or seven-point type or 15 cents per name for eight-point type or larger to each newspaper publishing the list.

4. The list of registered voters, if published, must not be printed in type smaller than six-point.

Sec. 5. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300, registration must close at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election and, except as otherwise provided by specific law, at 5 p.m. on the third Saturday preceding the day of the elections.

2. For a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the next to last day on which registration is open and 5 p.m. on the last day on which registration is open. In a county whose population is less than
than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m.  

3. For a general election:
(a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the next to last 2 days before registration closes if approved by the board of county commissioners.
(b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which registration is open, according to the following schedule:
(1) On weekdays a day other than the last day on which registration is open, and 5 p.m. on the last day on which registration is open; and
(3) On the last day on which registration is open, until 5 p.m.

4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
(a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating:
(1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
(2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.
(b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.

5. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered year.

6. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary or general election and ending on the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election, an elector may register to vote only by appearing:
(a) Appearing in person at the office of the county clerk; or, if open, appearing in person at a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or
(c) If the county clerk has established a system to allow electors to register to vote by computer pursuant to NRS 293.506, registering by computer.

7. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.

Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. NRS 293.567 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.567 After the close of registration for each primary election but not later than the Friday preceding the opening of the polls for the primary election and after the close of registration for each general election but not later than the Friday preceding the opening of the polls for the general election, the county clerk shall ascertain by precinct and district the number of registered voters in the county and their political affiliation, if any, and shall transmit that information to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 10. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11. NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.356 1. If a request is made in person to vote early by a registered voter, including, without limitation, a registered voter who registered to vote after the beginning of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the city clerk shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk’s office and returned to the clerk.

2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568, each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of the city clerk’s office for use by registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in accordance with this section.

Sec. 12. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300, registration must close at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election and, except as otherwise provided by specific law, at 5 p.m. on the third Saturday preceding any recall or special election. Except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.

2. For a primary city election or special city election, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the next to last 2 days of the day on which registration is open and 5 p.m. on the
last day on which registration is open. In a city whose population is
less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. on
the next to last day before registration closes if approved by the
governing body of the city.

3. For a general city election:
   (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of
the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. on the next to last
day on which registration is open and 5 p.m. on the last
day on which registration is open. The office of the city clerk may
close at 5 p.m. on the next to last day on which registration is open
if approved by the governing body of the city.
   (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of
the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which
registration is open, according to the following schedule:
       (1) On weekdays a day other than the last 4 days on which
registration is open, until 9 p.m.; and
       (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
holidays; and
       (3) On the last day on which registration is open, until
5 p.m.

4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
350 of NRS:
   (a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him
or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in
the city indicating:
       (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
       (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility
pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.
       If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the
publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in
the nearest city in this State.
   (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4
consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any
election.

5. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any
primary city election or general city election and ending on the
third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or
general city election, an elector may register to vote only by
appearing:
   (a) Appearing in person at the office of the city clerk;
   (b) If open, appearing in person at a municipal facility
designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520; or
   (c) If the county clerk of the county in which the city is located
has established a system to allow electors to register to vote by
computer pursuant to NRS 293.506, registering by computer.
6. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.

Sec. 13. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 14. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for purposes of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on January 1, 2014, for all other purposes.