
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 293—ASSEMBLYMEN ARAUJO, YEAGER,
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SUMMARY—Providing for presidential preference primary
elections. (BDR 24-875)

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; providing in certain circumstances
for presidential preference primary elections; setting forth
requirements and procedures for any presidential
preference primary election; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 **Sections 20-30** of this bill establish requirements and procedures for
2 conducting presidential preference primary elections.
3 **Section 20** requires that a presidential preference primary election be held if:
4 (1) the state central committee of a major political party notifies the Secretary of
5 State of its intention to participate in a presidential preference primary election; and
6 (2) two or more qualified candidates of the party file declarations of candidacy
7 pursuant to **section 21**. **Section 20** also requires the state central committee to
8 establish the date of its presidential preference primary election which must be at
9 least 90 days after the date on which the state central committee notifies the
10 Secretary of State of the date of the election.
11 **Section 22** of this bill provides that to vote in a presidential preference primary
12 election for a major political party, a registered voter must: (1) have indicated an
13 affiliation with the major political party on his or her voter registration application;
14 or (2) submit an updated voter registration application indicating an affiliation with
15 the major political party at certain polling places.
16 **Sections 24 and 25** of this bill set forth the period for early voting for the
17 presidential preference primary election and the times during which polling places
18 for early voting must be open for a presidential preference primary election.



19 **Section 23** of this bill requires: (1) each county clerk to establish at least one
20 polling place for early voting; and (2) certain polling places for early voting to be a
21 site for an elector to register to vote or for a registered voter to change his or her
22 political party affiliation.

23 **Section 25** of this bill requires each county clerk to establish polling places
24 for a presidential preference primary election. **Section 25** also requires certain
25 polling places to be a site: (1) where any registered voter in the county who has
26 indicated an affiliation with the major political party may vote; (2) for an elector to
27 register to vote; and (3) for a registered voter to change his or her political party
28 affiliation.

29 **Section 26** of this bill sets forth the requirements for an elector to register to
30 vote or for a registered voter to change political party affiliation during early voting
31 for or the day of the presidential preference primary election.

32 **Section 27** of this bill requires each county clerk to provide a method for a
33 registered voter of the major political party to cast an absent ballot in a presidential
34 preference primary election.

35 **Sections 29 and 32** of this bill provide that the cost of a presidential preference
36 primary election must be paid from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency
37 Account.

38 Under existing law, the state convention of a major political party selects
39 delegates and alternates to the national convention of the party and selects
40 nominees and alternates to the position of presidential elector. (NRS 293.163,
41 298.035) Under **sections 7 and 31** of this bill, if a major political party participates
42 in a presidential preference primary election, those selections will instead be made
43 by the candidate who receives the most votes at such a primary if consistent with
44 the rules of the party.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *“Presidential preference primary election” means an election*
4 *held in a presidential election year pursuant to sections 20 to 30,*
5 *inclusive, of this act to determine the preferences of the registered*
6 *voters of a major political party regarding the party’s nominee for*
7 *President of the United States.*

8 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
10 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.013 to 293.121,
11 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
12 them in those sections.

13 **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as follows:
14 293.12757 A person may sign a petition required under the
15 election laws of this State on or after the date the person is deemed
16 to be registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.517 or subsection 7 of
17 NRS 293.5235 **†† or section 26 of this act.**



1 **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total
3 number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100
4 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare
5 the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so
6 notify the county clerks. After the notification, each of the county
7 clerks shall determine the number of registered voters who have
8 signed the documents submitted in the county clerk's county and, in
9 the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a
10 constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the
11 number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully
12 contained within the county clerk's county. This determination must
13 be completed within 9 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
14 holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding
15 a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified
16 pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110,
17 and within 3 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after
18 the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition
19 containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to
20 NRS 293.172 or 293.200. For the purpose of verification pursuant to
21 this section, the county clerk shall not include in his or her tally of
22 total signatures any signature included in the incorrect petition
23 district.

24 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if more than
25 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted to a
26 county clerk, the county clerk shall examine the signatures by
27 sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of
28 signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every
29 signature which has been submitted to the county clerk is given an
30 equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must
31 include an examination of at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures,
32 whichever is greater. If documents were submitted to the county
33 clerk for more than one petition district wholly contained within that
34 county, a separate random sample must be performed for each
35 petition district.

36 3. If a petition district comprises more than one county and the
37 petition is for an initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional
38 amendment or a statewide measure, and if more than 500 names
39 have been signed on the documents submitted for that petition
40 district, the appropriate county clerks shall examine the signatures
41 by sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of
42 signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every
43 signature which has been submitted to the county clerks within the
44 petition district is given an equal opportunity to be included in the
45 sample. The sample must include an examination of at least 500 or



1 5 percent of the signatures presented in the petition district,
2 whichever is greater. The Secretary of State shall determine the
3 number of signatures that must be verified by each county clerk
4 within the petition district.

5 4. In determining from the records of registration the number
6 of registered voters who signed the documents, the county clerk may
7 use the signatures contained in the file of applications to register to
8 vote. If the county clerk uses that file, the county clerk shall ensure
9 that every application in the file is examined, including any
10 application in his or her possession which may not yet be entered
11 into the county clerk's records. Except as otherwise provided in
12 subsection 5, the county clerk shall rely only on the appearance of
13 the signature and the address and date included with each signature
14 in making his or her determination.

15 5. If:

16 (a) Pursuant to NRS 293.506, a county clerk establishes a
17 system to allow persons to register to vote by computer; ~~for~~

18 (b) *A person registers to vote pursuant to section 26 of this act;*
19 *or*

20 (c) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and
21 signs his or her application to register to vote using a digital
22 signature or an electronic signature,

23 the county clerk may rely on such other indicia as prescribed by
24 the Secretary of State in making his or her determination.

25 6. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum
26 proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, when
27 the county clerk is determining the number of registered voters who
28 signed the documents from each petition district contained fully or
29 partially within the county clerk's county, he or she must use the
30 statewide voter registration list available pursuant to NRS 293.675.

31 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, upon
32 completing the examination, the county clerk shall immediately
33 attach to the documents a certificate properly dated, showing the
34 result of the examination, including the tally of signatures by
35 petition district, if required, and transmit the documents with the
36 certificate to the Secretary of State. In the case of a petition for
37 initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or
38 statewide measure, if a petition district comprises more than one
39 county, the appropriate county clerks shall comply with the
40 regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section
41 to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate must be filed in
42 the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits the certificate to
43 the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify the Secretary of
44 State of the number of requests to remove a name received by the
45 county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015.



1 8. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk which is
2 required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.172, 293.200,
3 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to witness
4 the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the subject
5 of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the verification
6 of the signatures on the petition.

7 9. For any petition containing signatures which are required to
8 be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200, 306.035 or
9 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one
10 county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the Secretary of State
11 the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.

12 10. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish further
13 procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.

14 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 293.135 1. The county central committee of each major
16 political party in each county shall have a precinct meeting of the
17 registered voters of the party residing in each voting precinct
18 entitled to delegates in the county convention called and held on the
19 dates set for the precinct meeting by the respective state central
20 committees in each year in which a general election is held. *In any*
21 *year in which a presidential preference primary election is held for*
22 *the party, the precinct meeting must not be held until after the*
23 *results of that election are certified by the Secretary of State*
24 *pursuant to section 28 of this act.*

25 2. The meeting must be held in one of the following places in
26 the following order of preference:

27 (a) Any public building within the precinct if the meeting is for
28 a single precinct, or any public building which is in reasonable
29 proximity to the precincts and will accommodate a meeting of two
30 or more precincts; or

31 (b) Any private building within the precinct or one of the
32 precincts.

33 3. The county central committee shall give notice of the
34 meeting by:

35 (a) Posting in a conspicuous place outside the building where
36 the meeting is to be held; and

37 (b) Publishing in one or more newspapers of general circulation
38 in the precinct, published in the county, if any are so published,
39 ↪ on the date set for giving notice of the meeting by the respective
40 state central committees.

41 4. The notice must be printed in conspicuous display
42 advertising format of not less than 10 column inches, and must
43 include the following language, or words of similar import:



1 Notice to All Voters Registered
2 IN THE (STATE NAME OF MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY)
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4 Nevada state law requires each major political party, in
5 every year during which a general election is held, to have a
6 precinct meeting held for each precinct. All persons
7 registered in the party and residing in the precinct are entitled
8 to attend the precinct meeting. Delegates to your party's
9 county convention will be elected at the meeting by those in
10 attendance. Set forth below are the time and place at which
11 your precinct meeting will be held, together with the number
12 of delegates to be elected from each precinct. If you wish to
13 participate in the organization of your party for the coming 2
14 years, attend your precinct meeting.
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16 5. The notice must specify:

17 (a) The date, time and place of the meeting; and

18 (b) The number of delegates to the county convention to be
19 chosen at the meeting.

20 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.137 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.137 1. Promptly at the time and place appointed therefor,
22 the mass meeting must be convened and organized for each precinct.
23 If access to the premises appointed for any such meeting is not
24 available, the meeting may be convened at an accessible place
25 immediately adjacent thereto. The meeting must be conducted
26 openly and publicly and in such a manner that it is freely accessible
27 to any registered voter of the party calling the meeting who resides
28 in the precinct and is desirous of attending the meeting, until
29 the meeting is adjourned. At the meeting, the delegates to which the
30 members of the party residing in the precinct are entitled in the
31 party's county convention must be elected pursuant to the rules of
32 the state central committee of that party. In presidential election
33 years **H in which a presidential preference primary election is not**
34 **held for the party**, the election of delegates may be a part of
35 expressing preferences for candidates for the party's nomination for
36 President of the United States if the rules of the party permit such
37 conduct. The result of the election **of delegates** must be certified to
38 the county convention of the party by the chair and the secretary of
39 the meeting upon the forms specified in subsection 3.

40 2. At the precinct meetings, the delegates and alternates to the
41 party's convention must be elected. If a meeting is not held for a
42 particular precinct at the location specified, that precinct must be
43 without representation at the county convention unless the meeting
44 was scheduled, with proper notice, and no registered voter of the
45 party appeared. In that case, the meeting shall be deemed to have



1 been held and the position of delegate is vacant. If a position of
2 delegate is vacant, it must be filled by the designated alternate, if
3 any. If there is no designated alternate, the vacancy must be filled
4 pursuant to the rules of the party, if the rules of the party so provide,
5 or, if the rules of the party do not so provide, the county central
6 committee shall appoint a delegate from among the qualified
7 members of the party residing in the precinct in which the vacancy
8 occurred, and the secretary of the county central committee shall
9 certify the appointed delegate to the county convention.

10 3. The county central committee shall prepare and number
11 serially a number of certificate forms equal to the total number of
12 delegates to be elected throughout the county, and deliver the
13 appropriate number to each precinct meeting. Each certificate must
14 be in duplicate. The original must be given to the elected delegate,
15 and the duplicate transmitted to the county central committee.

16 4. All duplicates must be delivered to the chair of the
17 preliminary credentials committee of the county convention. Every
18 delegate who presents a certificate matching one of the duplicates
19 must be seated without dispute.

20 5. Each state central committee shall adopt written rules
21 governing, but not limited to, the following procedures:

22 (a) The selection, rights and duties of committees of a
23 convention;

24 (b) Challenges to credentials of delegates; and

25 (c) Majority and minority reports of committees.

26 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.163 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 293.163 1. In presidential election years, on the call of a
28 national party convention, but one set of party conventions and but
29 one state convention shall be held on such respective dates and at
30 such places as the state central committee of the party shall
31 designate. If no earlier dates are fixed, the state convention shall be
32 held 30 days before the date set for the national convention and the
33 county conventions shall be held 60 days before the date set for the
34 national convention.

35 2. Delegates to such conventions shall be selected in the same
36 manner as prescribed in NRS 293.130 to 293.160, inclusive, and
37 each convention shall have and exercise all of the power granted it
38 under NRS 293.130 to 293.160, inclusive. ~~It~~ *Except as otherwise*
39 *provided in subsection 3, in* addition to such powers granted it, the
40 state convention shall select the necessary delegates and alternates
41 to the national convention of the party and, if consistent with the
42 rules and regulations of the party, shall select the national
43 committeeman and committeewoman of the party from the State of
44 Nevada.



1 **3. If the party participates in a presidential preference**
2 **primary election held pursuant to sections 20 to 30, inclusive, of**
3 **this act and if consistent with the rules of the party:**

4 **(a) The selection of delegates and alternates to the national**
5 **convention of the party must reflect the results of the presidential**
6 **preference primary election; and**

7 **(b) The necessary delegates and alternates to the national**
8 **convention of the party, and the national committeeman and**
9 **committeewoman of the party from the State of Nevada, must be**
10 **selected by:**

11 **(1) The candidate who receives the most votes at the**
12 **presidential preference primary election of the party; or**

13 **(2) The candidates at the presidential preference primary**
14 **election of the party, in proportions that reflect the results of the**
15 **presidential preference primary election.**

16 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293.180 1. Ten or more registered voters may file a
18 certificate of candidacy designating any registered voter as a
19 candidate for:

20 (a) Their major political party's nomination for any partisan
21 elective office **H other than President of the United States**, or as a
22 candidate for nomination for any nonpartisan office other than a
23 judicial office, not earlier than the first Monday in February of the
24 year in which the election is to be held nor later than 5 p.m. on the
25 first Friday in March; or

26 (b) Nomination for a judicial office, not earlier than the first
27 Monday in December of the year immediately preceding the year in
28 which the election is to be held nor later than 5 p.m. on the first
29 Friday in January of the year in which the election is to be held.

30 2. When the certificate has been filed, the officer in whose
31 office it is filed shall notify the person named in the certificate. If
32 the person named in the certificate files an acceptance of candidacy
33 and pays the required fee, as provided by law, he or she is a
34 candidate in the primary election in like manner as if he or she had
35 filed a declaration of candidacy.

36 3. If a certificate of candidacy relates to a partisan office, all of
37 the signers must be of the same major political party as the
38 candidate designated.

39 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has
41 the right:

42 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

43 (a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of
44 candidates; and



- 1 (b) Accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of
2 candidates.
- 3 2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered
4 and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a
5 conspicuous place at the polling place.
- 6 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.
- 7 4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line *to vote*
8 *before 7 p.m.* at ~~his or her~~ a polling place *at which he or she is*
9 *entitled* to vote ~~before 7 p.m.~~ and the voter has not already cast a
10 vote in that election.
- 11 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another
12 ballot in its place.
- 13 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.
- 14 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and
15 delivered in a timely manner.
- 16 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting
17 during early voting or on election day.
- 18 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections
19 system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly,
20 disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or
21 a citizen who is overseas.
- 22 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and
23 recounting all votes accurately.
- 24 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests
25 resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.
- 26 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:
27 293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and
28 NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title,
29 the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
- 30 2. Whenever at any election all the votes of ~~the~~ a polling
31 place ~~as shown on the roster,~~ *other than a polling place where*
32 *a person may register to vote pursuant to section 26 of this act on*
33 *the day of a presidential preference primary election* have been
34 cast, *as shown by the roster*, the election board officers shall close
35 the ~~polls,~~ *polling place*, and the counting of votes must begin and
36 continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.
- 37 3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers
38 shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware
39 of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be
40 received.
- 41 4. No person other than election board officers engaged in
42 receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside
43 the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority
44 of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the
45 provisions of this title.



1 **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any

3 ~~registered~~ :

4 (a) *Registered* voters waiting to vote ~~to~~ ; or

5 (b) *If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section*
6 *25 of this act as a site for an elector of the county to register to*
7 *vote on the day of a presidential preference primary election,*
8 *persons waiting to register to vote,*

9 ↳ the doors of the polling place must be closed after all such
10 ~~voters~~ *persons* have been admitted to the polling place. Voting
11 must continue until those ~~voters~~ *persons* have voted.

12 2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the
13 polling place after the doors have been closed for the purpose of
14 observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the
15 polling place and such admittance will not interfere unduly with the
16 voting.

17 **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording
19 device which directly records the votes electronically are used
20 during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
21 election : ~~other than a presidential preference primary election;~~

22 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

23 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The
24 statement must include:

25 (1) The title of the election;

26 (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording
27 device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

28 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording
29 device for that day; and

30 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for
31 that day.

32 (b) Secure:

33 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by
34 NRS 293.3594; and

35 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed
36 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.3594.

37 2. At the close of the last voting day, the county clerk shall
38 deliver to the ballot board for early voting:

39 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;

40 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;

41 (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from
42 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early
43 voting; and

44 (d) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.



1 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the
2 close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

3 (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of
4 ballots; and

5 (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to
6 transport those items to the central counting place and seal the
7 container with a numbered seal. The official statement of ballots
8 must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

9 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293.517 1. Any elector residing within the county may
11 register to vote:

12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and
13 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a
14 voter registration agency, completing the application to register to
15 vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to
16 his or her identity and right to vote, and providing proof of residence
17 and identity;

18 (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the
19 county clerk an application to register to vote pursuant to the
20 provisions of NRS 293.5235;

21 (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.524 or chapter 293D
22 of NRS ~~§~~ *or section 26 of this act*;

23 (d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar
24 pursuant to NRS 293.5237; or

25 (e) By submitting an application to register to vote by computer,
26 if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS
27 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.

28 ➤ The county clerk shall require a person to submit official
29 identification as proof of residence and identity, such as a driver's
30 license or other official document, before registering the person. If
31 the applicant registers to vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to
32 provide proof of residence and identity, the applicant must provide
33 proof of residence and identity before casting a ballot in person or
34 by mail or after casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS
35 293.3081 or 293.3083. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter
36 registration card issued pursuant to subsection 6 does not provide
37 proof of the residence or identity of a person.

38 2. The application to register to vote must be signed and
39 verified under penalty of perjury by the elector registering.

40 3. Each elector who is or has been married must be registered
41 under his or her own given or first name, and not under the given or
42 first name or initials of his or her spouse.

43 4. An elector who is registered and changes his or her name
44 must complete a new application to register to vote. The elector may
45 obtain a new application:



- 1 (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
2 (b) By submitting an application to register to vote pursuant to
3 the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
4 (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk
5 requesting the county clerk to mail an application to register to vote;
6 (d) At any voter registration agency; or
7 (e) By submitting an application to register to vote by computer,
8 if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS
9 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- 10 ➤ If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the
11 elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS
12 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of
13 identity and subsequent change of name.
- 14 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, an elector who
15 registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be
16 deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to
17 register to vote.
- 18 6. After the county clerk determines that the application to
19 register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise
20 provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant
21 to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration
22 card to the voter which contains:
- 23 (a) The name, address, political affiliation and precinct number
24 of the voter;
25 (b) The date of issuance; and
26 (c) The signature of the county clerk.
- 27 7. If an elector submits an application to register to vote or an
28 affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507
29 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations,
30 the county clerk may object to the application to register to vote if
31 the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions,
32 erasures or interlineations, the application to register to vote of the
33 elector is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS
34 293D.210, the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS
35 293.485. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he
36 or she shall immediately notify the elector and the district attorney
37 of the county. Not later than 5 business days after the district
38 attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise
39 the county clerk as to whether:
- 40 (a) The application to register to vote of the elector is complete
41 and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the elector is
42 eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and
43 (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application
44 to register to vote.



1 ↳ If the District Attorney advises the county clerk to process the
2 application to register to vote, the county clerk shall immediately
3 issue a voter registration card to the applicant pursuant to
4 subsection 6.

5 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
7 293D.230 and 293D.300, *and sections 20 to 30, inclusive, of this*
8 *act*, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding any
9 primary or general election and on the third Saturday preceding any
10 recall or special election, except that if a recall or special election is
11 held on the same day as a primary or general election, registration
12 must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.

13 2. For a primary or special election, the office of the county
14 clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which
15 registration is open. In a county whose population is less than
16 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. during
17 the last 2 days before registration closes if approved by the board of
18 county commissioners.

19 3. For a general election:

20 (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office
21 of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days
22 on which registration is open. The office of the county clerk may
23 close at 5 p.m. if approved by the board of county commissioners.

24 (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office
25 of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which
26 registration is open, according to the following schedule:

27 (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and

28 (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
29 holidays.

30 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
31 350 of NRS:

32 (a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed
33 by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general
34 circulation in the county indicating:

35 (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and

36 (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility
37 pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.

38 ↳ If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication
39 may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the
40 nearest county in this State.

41 (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4
42 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any
43 election.

44 5. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated
45 pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may



1 remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered
2 year.

3 6. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any
4 primary or general election and ending on the third Tuesday
5 preceding any primary or general election, an elector may register to
6 vote only:

7 (a) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if
8 open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or

9 (b) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system
10 pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.

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

15 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293.730 1. A person shall not:

17 (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere
18 with the conduct of the election.

19 (b) Except an election board officer, receive from any voter a
20 ballot prepared by the voter.

21 (c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of
22 the polls.

23 (d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or
24 district other than ~~the~~ one at which the person is entitled to vote.

25 (e) Show his or her ballot to any person, after voting, so as to
26 reveal any of the names voted for.

27 (f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for whom he or she
28 intends to vote.

29 (g) Except an election board officer, deliver a ballot to a voter.

30 (h) Except an election board officer in the course of the election
31 board officer's official duties, inside a polling place, ask another
32 person his or her name, address or political affiliation.

33 2. A voter shall not:

34 (a) Receive a ballot from any person other than an election
35 board officer.

36 (b) Deliver to an election board or to any member thereof any
37 ballot other than the one received.

38 (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may
39 afterward be identified as the one voted by the person.

40 3. Any person who violates any provision of this section is
41 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
42 NRS 193.130.

43 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.790 If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to
45 vote at the same election, at any polling place other than ~~the~~ one in



1 which the person is ~~registered~~ *authorized* to vote, such person is
2 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical
6 recording device which directly records the votes electronically are
7 used during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
8 election : ~~other than a presidential preference primary election;~~

9 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

10 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The
11 statement must include:

12 (1) The title of the election;

13 (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording
14 device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

15 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording
16 device for that day; and

17 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for
18 that day.

19 (b) Secure:

20 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by
21 NRS 293C.3594; and

22 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed
23 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293C.3594.

24 2. At the close of the last voting day, the city clerk shall deliver
25 to the ballot board for early voting:

26 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;

27 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;

28 (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from
29 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early
30 voting; and

31 (d) Any other items as determined by the city clerk.

32 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the
33 close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

34 (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of
35 ballots; and

36 (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to
37 transport those items to the central counting place and seal the
38 container with a number seal. The official statement of ballots must
39 accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

40 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293D.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293D.100 The voting procedures set forth in this chapter apply
42 to every primary election, *presidential preference primary election*,
43 general election or special election in which a candidate for federal
44 office appears on the ballot.



1 **Sec. 19.** Chapter 298 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 20 to 30, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 20. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in section 21 of*
5 *this act, a presidential preference primary election must be held*
6 *for a major political party if, not later than 5 p.m. on October 1 of*
7 *the year preceding a presidential election, the state central*
8 *committee of the party notifies the Secretary of State in writing*
9 *that the party will participate in a presidential preference primary*
10 *election.*

11 **2.** *The state central committee shall establish the date of the*
12 *presidential preference primary election for the major political*
13 *party which must be at least 90 days after the date on which the*
14 *state central committee notifies the Secretary of State of the date*
15 *of the presidential preference primary election.*

16 **3.** *The Secretary of State shall:*

17 **(a)** *Provide public notice of the date established by the state*
18 *central committee for the presidential preference primary election*
19 *of the major political party; and*

20 **(b)** *Prescribe and provide public notice of the period for filing*
21 *declarations of candidacy pursuant to section 21 of this act.*

22 **Sec. 21. 1.** *A person who wishes to be a candidate for the*
23 *nomination for President of the United States for a major political*
24 *party must file with the Secretary of State a declaration of*
25 *candidacy on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State during*
26 *the period prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to section*
27 *20 of this act.*

28 **2.** *If, after the date of the close of filing declarations of*
29 *candidacy, there are less than two qualified candidates of the party*
30 *who have filed declarations of candidacy, a presidential*
31 *preference primary election may not be held for that major*
32 *political party.*

33 **Sec. 22. 1.** *To vote in a presidential preference primary*
34 *election for a major political party, a registered voter must:*

35 **(a)** *Have indicated an affiliation with the major political party*
36 *on his or her application to register to vote; or*

37 **(b)** *Submit an updated application to register to vote that*
38 *indicates an affiliation with the major political party at a polling*
39 *place where a person may register to vote or change political party*
40 *affiliation pursuant to section 26 of this act.*

41 **2.** *Except as otherwise provided in section 26 of this act, voter*
42 *registration for a presidential preference primary election closes*
43 *on the 21st day before the presidential preference primary*
44 *election.*



1 3. *A person shall not vote in more than one presidential*
2 *preference primary election.*

3 **Sec. 23.** 1. *Each county clerk shall establish at least one*
4 *polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the*
5 *county for a presidential preference primary election where any*
6 *registered voter in the county who has indicated an affiliation with*
7 *the major political party may vote.*

8 2. *In counties whose population is 100,000 or more, every*
9 *polling place for early voting established pursuant to subsection 1*
10 *is a site for:*

11 (a) *An elector in the county who is not registered to vote by the*
12 *close of registration to register to vote; and*

13 (b) *A registered voter in the county to change his or her*
14 *political party affiliation so that the person may vote in the*
15 *presidential preference primary election for the major political*
16 *party.*

17 3. *In counties whose population is less than 100,000, the*
18 *county clerk must designate at least one polling place for early*
19 *voting established pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for:*

20 (a) *An elector in the county who is not registered to vote by the*
21 *close of registration to register to vote; and*

22 (b) *A registered voter in the county to change his or her*
23 *political party affiliation so that the person may vote in the*
24 *presidential preference primary election for the major political*
25 *party.*

26 4. *For each polling place established pursuant to this section,*
27 *the county clerk shall publish in a newspaper of general*
28 *circulation in the county the location, the dates and times when*
29 *early voting will be conducted and an indication of whether a*
30 *person may register to vote or change his or her political*
31 *affiliation at the polling place.*

32 **Sec. 24.** 1. *The period for early voting by personal*
33 *appearance for a presidential preference primary election begins*
34 *on the 17th day before the presidential preference primary election*
35 *and extends through the second day before the presidential*
36 *preference primary election, Sundays and federal holidays*
37 *excepted.*

38 2. *The county clerk may:*

39 (a) *Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the*
40 *period for early voting by personal appearance.*

41 (b) *Require a polling place for early voting to remain open*
42 *until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early*
43 *voting.*

44 3. *A polling place for early voting must remain open:*

45 (a) *On Monday through Friday:*



1 (1) *During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until*
2 *6 p.m.*

3 (2) *During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m.*
4 *until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the county clerk so requires.*

5 (b) *On any Saturday that falls within the period for early*
6 *voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.*

7 (c) *If the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the*
8 *period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such*
9 *hours as the county clerk may establish.*

10 **Sec. 25.** 1. *Each county clerk shall establish polling places*
11 *for the day of a presidential preference primary election. Every*
12 *polling place must open and close at the times set forth in*
13 *NRS 293.273.*

14 2. *In counties whose population is 100,000 or more, every*
15 *polling place established pursuant to subsection 1 is a site:*

16 (a) *Where any registered voter in the county who has indicated*
17 *an affiliation with the major political party may vote;*

18 (b) *For an elector who is not registered to vote by the close of*
19 *registration to register to vote; and*

20 (c) *For a registered voter to change his or her political party*
21 *affiliation so that the person may vote in the presidential*
22 *preference primary election for the major political party.*

23 3. *In counties whose population is less than 100,000, the*
24 *county clerk must designate at least one polling place established*
25 *pursuant to subsection 1 as a site:*

26 (a) *Where any registered voter in the county who has indicated*
27 *an affiliation with the major political party may vote;*

28 (b) *For an elector who is not registered to vote by the close of*
29 *registration to register to vote; and*

30 (c) *For a registered voter to change his or her political party*
31 *affiliation so that the person may vote or change his or her*
32 *political affiliation in the presidential preference primary election.*

33 4. *For each polling place established pursuant to this section,*
34 *the county clerk shall publish in a newspaper of general*
35 *circulation in the county the location and an indication of whether*
36 *at the polling place any registered voter in the county who has*
37 *indicated an affiliation with the major political party may vote or a*
38 *person may register to vote.*

39 **Sec. 26.** 1. *To register to vote or change political party*
40 *affiliation during early voting or on the day of the presidential*
41 *preference primary election, an elector or registered voter, as*
42 *applicable, must:*

43 (a) *Appear before the close of the polling place;*

44 (b) *Complete an application to register to vote; and*



1 (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as
2 described in subsections 2 and 3.

3 2. The following forms of identification may be used to
4 identify an elector applying to register to vote or a registered voter
5 changing political party affiliation pursuant to this section:

6 (a) A driver's license;

7 (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
8 Vehicles;

9 (c) A military identification card; or

10 (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
11 agency which contains the signature and a physical description or
12 picture of the elector or registered voter.

13 3. The following documents may be used to establish the
14 residency of an elector or a registered voter if the current
15 residential address of the elector or registered voter, as indicated
16 on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the
17 document:

18 (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 2;

19 (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for
20 electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone
21 or cable television service;

22 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

23 (d) A paycheck;

24 (e) An income tax return;

25 (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a
26 residence;

27 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

28 (h) A property tax statement;

29 (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or

30 (j) Any other official document which the county clerk, field
31 registrar or other person designated by the county clerk to accept
32 applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines,
33 in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true
34 residential address of the elector or registered voter.

35 4. An elector who registers to vote or a registered voter who
36 changes political party affiliation pursuant to this section shall be
37 deemed to be registered or have his or her political party
38 affiliation changed, as applicable, upon the completion of an
39 application to register to vote and the verification of his or her
40 identity and residency.

41 5. An elector who registers to vote or a registered voter who
42 changes his or her political party affiliation, as applicable,
43 pursuant to this section may vote in the presidential preference
44 primary election for a major political party only:



1 (a) *At the polling place at which the elector registers to vote or*
2 *the registered voter changes his or her political party affiliation;*
3 *and*

4 (b) *If the elector or registered voter indicates on the*
5 *application to register to vote an affiliation with the major political*
6 *party.*

7 **Sec. 27.** *Each county clerk shall provide by rule or*
8 *regulation a method for a registered voter of the major political*
9 *party to cast an absent ballot in a presidential preference primary*
10 *election.*

11 **Sec. 28.** 1. *Immediately after a presidential preference*
12 *primary election, the Secretary of State shall compile the returns*
13 *for each candidate of the major political party whose name*
14 *appeared on the ballot.*

15 2. *The Secretary of State shall make out and file in his or her*
16 *office an abstract of the returns and shall certify the number of*
17 *votes received by each candidate to:*

18 (a) *The state central committee of the major political party;*
19 *and*

20 (b) *The national committee of the party if necessary to comply*
21 *with the rules and regulations of the party.*

22 **Sec. 29.** *If a presidential preference primary election is held*
23 *pursuant to sections 20 to 30, inclusive, of this act, the cost of the*
24 *election is a charge against the State and must be paid from the*
25 *Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account created by NRS*
26 *353.264 upon recommendation by the Secretary of State and*
27 *approval by the State Board of Examiners.*

28 **Sec. 30.** 1. *The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to*
29 *carry out the provisions of sections 20 to 30, inclusive, of this act.*

30 2. *To the extent possible, the provisions of chapters 293 and*
31 *293B of NRS governing the conduct of a primary election also*
32 *govern the conduct of a presidential preference primary election*
33 *and must be given effect to the extent that the provisions of those*
34 *chapters do not conflict with the provisions of sections 20 to 30,*
35 *inclusive, of this act or the regulations adopted by the Secretary of*
36 *State to carry out those provisions.*

37 3. *If there is a conflict between the provisions of chapters 293*
38 *or 293B of NRS and the provisions of sections 20 to 30, inclusive,*
39 *of this act or the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State to*
40 *carry out those provisions, the provisions of sections 20 to 30,*
41 *inclusive, of this act and the regulations adopted by the Secretary*
42 *of State to carry out those provisions control.*

43 **Sec. 31.** NRS 298.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 298.035 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in*
45 *subsection 2, each major political party shall, at the state*



1 convention of the major political party held in that year, select from
2 the qualified electors who are legally registered members of the
3 major political party:

4 (a) A nominee to the position of presidential elector; and

5 (b) An alternate to the nominee for presidential elector,

6 ➔ for each position of presidential elector required by law.

7 2. *If a major political party participates in a presidential*
8 *preference primary election held pursuant to sections 20 to 30,*
9 *inclusive, of this act, and if consistent with the rules of the major*
10 *political party, the selection of nominees and alternates pursuant*
11 *to subsection 1 must be done by the candidate of the major*
12 *political party who receives the most votes at the presidential*
13 *preference primary election.*

14 3. Each minor political party shall choose from the qualified
15 electors who are legally registered members of the minor political
16 party:

17 (a) A nominee to the position of presidential elector; and

18 (b) An alternate to the nominee for presidential elector,

19 ➔ for each position of presidential elector required by law. The
20 person who is authorized to file the list of candidates for partisan
21 office of the minor political party with the Secretary of State
22 pursuant to NRS 293.1725 shall, not later than the last Tuesday in
23 August, submit to the Secretary of State the list of nominees for
24 presidential elector and alternates.

25 ~~3-~~ 4. Each independent candidate nominated for the office of
26 President pursuant to NRS 298.109 shall, at the time of filing the
27 petition as required pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 298.109, or
28 within 10 days thereafter, choose from the qualified electors:

29 (a) A nominee to the position of presidential elector; and

30 (b) An alternate to the nominee for presidential elector,

31 ➔ for each position of presidential elector required by law.

32 **Sec. 32.** NRS 353.264 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 353.264 1. The Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account
34 is hereby created in the State General Fund.

35 2. The State Board of Examiners shall administer the Reserve
36 for Statutory Contingency Account. The money in the Account must
37 be expended only for:

38 (a) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
39 pursuant to NRS 41.03435, 41.0347, 62I.025, 176.485, 179.310,
40 212.040, 212.050, 212.070, 281.174, 282.290, 282.315, 288.203,
41 293.253, 293.405, 353.120, 353.262, 412.154 and 475.235 ~~+~~ *and*
42 *section 29 of this act;*

43 (b) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
44 pursuant to:



1 (1) Chapter 472 of NRS arising from operations of the
2 Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and
3 Natural Resources directly involving the protection of life and
4 property; and

5 (2) NRS 7.155, 34.750, 176A.640, 179.225 and 213.153,
6 ↪ except that claims may be approved for the respective purposes
7 listed in this paragraph only when the money otherwise appropriated
8 for those purposes has been exhausted;

9 (c) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
10 pursuant to NRS 41.0349 and 41.037, but only to the extent that the
11 money in the Fund for Insurance Premiums is insufficient to pay the
12 claims; and

13 (d) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
14 pursuant to NRS 535.030 arising from remedial actions taken by the
15 State Engineer when the condition of a dam becomes dangerous to
16 the safety of life or property.

17 3. The State Board of Examiners may authorize its Clerk or a
18 person designated by the Clerk, under such circumstances as it
19 deems appropriate, to approve, on behalf of the Board, the payment
20 of claims from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account. For
21 the purpose of exercising any authority granted to the Clerk of the
22 State Board of Examiners or to the person designated by the Clerk
23 pursuant to this subsection, any statutory reference to the State
24 Board of Examiners relating to such a claim shall be deemed to refer
25 to the Clerk of the Board or the person designated by the Clerk.

26 **Sec. 33.** The Secretary of State shall adopt such regulations
27 and prescribe such forms as are required by or necessary to carry out
28 the provisions of this act so that the regulations and forms are
29 effective and available for distribution and use as soon as
30 practicable before the next presidential election.

31 **Sec. 34.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

