

SENATE BILL NO. 492—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.
(BDR 24-450)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 11.4, 11.6, 15.51, 15.6, 15.8)
(REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; requiring, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish polling places within the boundaries of Indian reservations and Indian colonies; authorizing voting materials to be provided in certain languages; authorizing a voter to sign a signature card rather than a roster; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Sections 1 and 15.51** of this bill require, under certain circumstances, county
2 and city clerks, respectively, to establish at least one polling place for the day of a
3 primary election, general election, primary city election or general city election, as
4 applicable, within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony at a
5 location or locations approved by the Indian tribe.
6 Existing law generally requires a voter to sign his or her name in a roster when
7 the voter applies to vote in person. (NRS 293.277, 293.285, 293C.270, 293C.275)
8 **Sections 9, 9.5, 10, 11.8, 11.9, 15, 15.53, 15.54, 15.55, 15.85 and 15.9** of this bill
9 allow a person to sign a signature card rather than a roster.
10 Existing law requires voting materials to be provided in English and any other
11 languages necessary to be in compliance with federal law. (NRS 293.2699) **Section**
12 **8.5** of this bill authorizes the county or city clerk to provide voting materials in
13 additional languages if the clerk determines that there is significant and substantial
14 need for such.
15 Existing law authorizes a county or city clerk to establish permanent polling
16 places for early voting by personal appearance. (NRS 293.3564, 293C.3564)
17 **Sections 11.4 and 15.6** of this bill require a county or city clerk to establish at least



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18 one permanent polling place for early voting. **Sections 11.6 and 15.8** of this bill
19 require, under certain circumstances, a county or city clerk to establish at least one
20 temporary polling place for early voting within the boundaries of an Indian
21 reservation or Indian colony.

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 *1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in*
4 *whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a*
5 *request to the county clerk for the establishment of a polling place*
6 *within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony*
7 *for the day of a primary election or general election.*

8 *2. A request for the establishment of a polling place within*
9 *the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the*
10 *day of a primary election or general election:*

11 *(a) Must be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe*
12 *on or before:*

13 *(1) If the request is for a primary election, the first Friday*
14 *in January of the year in which the primary election is to be held.*

15 *(2) If the request is for a general election, the first Friday*
16 *in July of the year in which the general election is to be held.*

17 *(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the*
18 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for*
19 *the polling place. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria*
20 *the county clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling*
21 *place.*

22 *3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the*
23 *county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set*
24 *forth in subsection 2, the county clerk must establish at least one*
25 *polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or*
26 *Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable, approved*
27 *by the Indian tribe for the day of a primary election or general*
28 *election. The county clerk is not required to establish a polling*
29 *place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian*
30 *colony for the day of a primary election or general election if the*
31 *county clerk established a temporary branch polling place for*
32 *early voting pursuant to NRS 293.3572 within the boundaries of*
33 *the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same election.*

34 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

35 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

36 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

37 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)



1 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 7.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

5 **Sec. 8.5.** NRS 293.2699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293.2699 1. Each voting system used by a county or city
7 shall provide voting materials in :

8 (a) English ~~and other languages~~ ; and

9 (b) *Every language in which voting materials are required to*
10 *be prepared* in ~~compliance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. §~~
11 ~~1973aa-1a.~~ *the county or city pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 10503.*

12 2. *In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, if*
13 *a county clerk or city clerk determines that there is a significant*
14 *and substantial need for voting materials of the county or city, as*
15 *applicable, to be provided in the language or languages of a*
16 *minority group, the county clerk or city clerk may prepare voting*
17 *materials in such language or languages. For the purposes of this*
18 *subsection, there is a significant and substantial need for voting*
19 *materials to be provided in the language or languages of a*
20 *minority group if, without limitation, the minority group has been*
21 *subject to historical discrimination and unequal educational*
22 *opportunities, and, as a result, members of the minority group are*
23 *of limited-English proficiency.*

24 3. As used in this section ~~the term "voting"~~ :

25 (a) *"Limited-English proficiency" means being unable to*
26 *speak or understand English adequately to participate in the*
27 *electoral process.*

28 (b) *"Minority group" includes, without limitation, United*
29 *States citizens of Chinese heritage.*

30 (c) *"Voting materials"* has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~42~~ 52
31 U.S.C. § 10503.

32 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283
34 and 293.541, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person
35 provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is
36 entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the roster *or on a*
37 *signature card* when he or she applies to vote. The signature must
38 be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a
39 facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or
40 one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

41 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of
42 identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at
43 the polling place are:

44 (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
45 to vote;



- 1 (b) A driver's license;
- 2 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
- 3 Vehicles;
- 4 (d) A military identification card; or
- 5 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
- 6 agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description
- 7 or picture.

8 **Sec. 9.5.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293.283 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered

10 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster *or on a*

11 *signature card* as required by NRS 293.277, the voter must be

12 identified by:

13 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer

14 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to

15 register to vote;

16 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,

17 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

18 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of

19 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card

20 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

21 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board

22 officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

23 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, a

25 registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the

26 election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall

27 immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the roster

28 ~~and~~ *or signature card*, verify the signature of the voter in the

29 manner set forth in NRS 293.277.

30 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified

31 by:

32 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer

33 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to

34 register to vote;

35 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,

36 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

37 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of

38 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card

39 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

40 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to

41 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must

42 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of

43 State.

44 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

45 **Sec. 11.2.** (Deleted by amendment.)



1 **Sec. 11.4.** NRS 293.3564 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293.3564 1. ~~{The}~~ *Each* county clerk ~~{may}~~ *shall* establish *at*
4 *least one* permanent polling ~~{places}~~ *place* for early voting by
5 personal appearance in the county . ~~{at the locations selected~~
6 ~~pursuant to NRS 293.3561.~~

7 ~~—2.— Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, any}~~

8 2. *Any* person entitled to vote early by personal appearance
9 may do so at any polling place for early voting.

10 ~~{3.— If it is impractical for the county clerk to provide at each~~
11 ~~polling place for early voting a ballot in every form required in the~~
12 ~~county, the county clerk may:~~

13 ~~—(a) Provide appropriate forms of ballots for all offices within a~~
14 ~~township, city, town or county commissioner election district, as~~
15 ~~determined by the county clerk; and~~

16 ~~—(b) Limit voting at that polling place to registered voters in that~~
17 ~~township, city, town or county commissioner election district.]~~

18 **Sec. 11.6.** NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows:

20 293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early
21 voting, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3*, the county
22 clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting
23 which may include, without limitation, the clerk's office pursuant to
24 NRS 293.3561.

25 2. *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in*
26 *whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a*
27 *request to the county clerk for the establishment of a temporary*
28 *branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the*
29 *Indian reservation or Indian colony.*

30 3. *A request for the establishment of a temporary branch*
31 *polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian*
32 *reservation or Indian colony:*

33 (a) *Must be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe*
34 *on or before:*

35 (1) *If the request is for a primary election, the first Friday*
36 *in January of the year in which the general election is to be held.*

37 (2) *If the request is for a general election, the first Friday*
38 *in July of the year in which the general election is to be held.*

39 (b) *May include one or more proposed locations within the*
40 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the*
41 *temporary branch polling place and proposed hours of operation*
42 *thereof. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria established*
43 *by the county clerk for the selection of temporary branch polling*
44 *places pursuant to NRS 293.3561.*



1 4. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the*
2 *county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set*
3 *forth in subsection 3, the county clerk must establish at least one*
4 *temporary branch polling place for early voting within the*
5 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony. The*
6 *location and hours of operation of such a temporary branch*
7 *polling place for early voting must be approved by the Indian tribe.*
8 *The county clerk is not required to establish a temporary branch*
9 *polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or*
10 *Indian colony if the county clerk determines that it is not*
11 *logistically feasible to establish a temporary branch polling place*
12 *within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.*

13 5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293.3568 do not
14 apply to a temporary **branch** polling place. Voting at a temporary
15 branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and
16 during any hours within the period for early voting by personal
17 appearance, as determined by the county clerk.

18 ~~3-~~ 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to
19 be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

20 ~~4-~~ 7. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner
21 or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected
22 by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling
23 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct
24 early voting at that location.

25 **Sec. 11.8.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows:

27 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283,
28 upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an
29 election board officer shall:

30 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.

31 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting ~~+~~ **or a**
32 **signature card.**

33 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in
34 NRS 293.277.

35 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in the current
36 election pursuant to this section.

37 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must
38 be identified by:

39 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
40 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
41 register to vote;

42 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
43 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or



1 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
2 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card
3 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

4 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
5 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
6 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
7 State.

8 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by
9 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted
10 in the current election pursuant to this section.

11 5. The roster for early voting *or a signature card, as*
12 *applicable*, must contain:

13 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered
14 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the
15 voter's signature;

16 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that
17 information is available; and

18 (c) The date of voting early in person.

19 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
20 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the
21 voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only
22 for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

23 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which
24 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer
25 shall:

26 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

27 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that
28 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the
29 voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and

30 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

31 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may
32 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

33 **Sec. 11.9.** NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows:

35 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording
36 device which directly records the votes electronically are used
37 during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
38 election other than a presidential preference primary election:

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

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

42 (1) The title of the election;

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



1 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording
2 device for that day; ~~and~~

3 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for
4 that day ~~and~~; and

5 *(5) The number of signatures on signature cards for the*
6 *day.*

7 (b) Secure:

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

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

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

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

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

16 (c) *The signature cards used for early voting;*

17 (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from
18 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early
19 voting; and

20 ~~(d)~~ (e) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.

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

23 (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of
24 ballots; and

25 (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to
26 transport those items to the central counting place and seal the
27 container with a numbered seal. The official statement of ballots
28 must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

29 **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)

30 **Sec. 12.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

31 **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 14.** (Deleted by amendment.)

33 **Sec. 15.** (Deleted by amendment.)

34 **Sec. 15.3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

35 **Sec. 15.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

36 **Sec. 15.51.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by
37 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

38 *1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in*
39 *whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a*
40 *request to the city clerk for the establishment of a polling place*
41 *within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony*
42 *for the day of a primary city election or general city election.*

43 *2. A request for the establishment of a polling place within*
44 *the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the*
45 *day of a primary city election or general city election:*



1 (a) *Must be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or*
2 *before:*

3 (1) *If the request is for a primary city election that is held:*

4 (I) *On the dates set forth for primary elections pursuant*
5 *to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in*
6 *January of the year in which the primary city election is to be*
7 *held.*

8 (II) *On the dates set forth for primary city elections*
9 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in*
10 *December of the year immediately preceding the year in which the*
11 *primary city election is to be held.*

12 (2) *If the request is for a general city election that is held:*

13 (I) *On the dates set forth for general elections pursuant*
14 *to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in July of*
15 *the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

16 (II) *On the dates set forth for general city elections*
17 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in*
18 *January of the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

19 (b) *May include one or more proposed locations within the*
20 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the*
21 *polling place. Any proposed location for a polling place must*
22 *satisfy the criteria the city clerk uses for the establishment of any*
23 *other polling place.*

24 3. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city*
25 *clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in*
26 *subsection 2, the city clerk must establish at least one polling place*
27 *within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony*
28 *at a location or locations, as applicable, approved by the Indian*
29 *tribe for the day of a primary city election or general city election.*
30 *The city clerk is not required to establish a polling place within the*
31 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day*
32 *of a primary city election or general city election if the city clerk*
33 *established a temporary branch polling place for early voting*
34 *pursuant to NRS 293C.3572 within the boundaries of the Indian*
35 *reservation or Indian colony for the same election.*

36 **Sec. 15.52.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as
37 follows:

38 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city
39 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail if:

40 (a) The election is a special election; or

41 (b) The election is a primary city election or general city
42 election in which the ballot includes only:

43 (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the
44 registered voters of only one ward; or

45 (2) One office or ballot question.



1 2. The provisions of NRS 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive,
2 *and section 15.51 of this act*, 293C.305 to 293C.340, inclusive, and
3 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election
4 conducted pursuant to this section.

5 3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this
6 section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been
7 designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.

8 **Sec. 15.53.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows:

10 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272,
11 if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an
12 affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote
13 and must sign his or her name in the roster *or on a signature card*
14 when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by
15 an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on
16 the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of
17 identification listed in subsection 2.

18 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a
19 voter at the polling place are:

20 (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
21 to vote;

22 (b) A driver's license;

23 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
24 Vehicles;

25 (d) A military identification card; or

26 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
27 agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description
28 or picture.

29 **Sec. 15.54.** NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows:

31 293C.272 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered
32 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster *or on a*
33 *signature card* as required by NRS 293C.270, the voter must be
34 identified by:

35 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
36 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
37 register to vote;

38 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
39 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

40 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
41 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
42 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

43 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board
44 officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.



1 **Sec. 15.55.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272,
4 a registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to
5 the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer
6 shall immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the
7 roster *or signature card* and verify the signature of the voter in the
8 manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.

9 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified
10 by:

11 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
12 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
13 register to vote;

14 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
15 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

16 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
17 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
18 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

19 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
20 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
21 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
22 State.

23 **Sec. 15.6.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as
24 follows:

25 293C.3564 1. The city clerk ~~may~~ *in a city providing for*
26 *early voting pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of*
27 *subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110 shall establish at least one*
28 permanent polling ~~places~~ *place* for early voting by personal
29 appearance in the city at the locations selected pursuant to
30 NRS 293C.3561.

31 2. Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance
32 may do so at any polling place for early voting.

33 **Sec. 15.8.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows:

35 293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for
36 early voting, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3*, the city
37 clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting
38 pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

39 2. *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in*
40 *whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a*
41 *request to the city clerk for the establishment of a temporary*
42 *branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian*
43 *reservation or Indian colony.*



1 3. *A request for the establishment of a temporary branch*
2 *polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or*
3 *Indian colony:*

4 (a) *Must be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or*
5 *before:*

6 (1) *If the request is for a primary city election that is held:*

7 (I) *On the dates set forth for primary elections pursuant*
8 *to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in*
9 *January of the year in which the primary city election is to be*
10 *held.*

11 (II) *On the dates set forth for primary city elections*
12 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in*
13 *December of the year immediately preceding the year in which the*
14 *primary city election is to be held.*

15 (2) *If the request is for a general city election that is held:*

16 (I) *On the dates set forth for general elections pursuant*
17 *to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in July of*
18 *the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

19 (II) *On the dates set forth for general city elections*
20 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in*
21 *January of the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

22 (b) *May include one or more proposed locations within the*
23 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the*
24 *temporary branch polling place and proposed hours thereof. Any*
25 *proposed location must satisfy the criteria established by the city*
26 *clerk pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.*

27 4. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city*
28 *clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in*
29 *subsection 3, the city clerk must establish at least one temporary*
30 *branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the*
31 *Indian reservation or Indian colony. The location and hours of*
32 *operation of such a temporary branch polling place for early*
33 *voting must be approved by the Indian tribe. The city clerk is not*
34 *required to establish a temporary branch polling place within the*
35 *boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony if the city*
36 *clerk determines that it is not logistically feasible to establish a*
37 *temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the*
38 *Indian reservation or Indian colony.*

39 5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293C.3568 do not
40 apply to a temporary **branch** polling place. Voting at a temporary
41 branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and
42 during any hours within the period for early voting by personal
43 appearance, as determined by the city clerk.

44 ~~3~~ 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to
45 be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.



1 ~~4~~ 7. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner
2 or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected
3 by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling
4 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct
5 early voting at that location.

6 **Sec. 15.85.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows:

8 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
9 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early
10 voting, an election board officer shall:

11 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.

12 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting ~~+~~ *or a*
13 *signature card.*

14 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in
15 NRS 293C.270.

16 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in the current
17 election pursuant to this section.

18 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified
19 by:

20 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
21 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
22 register to vote;

23 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,
24 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

25 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of
26 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card
27 issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

28 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to
29 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must
30 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of
31 State.

32 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the
33 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in
34 the current election pursuant to this section.

35 5. The roster for early voting *or signature card, as applicable,*
36 must contain:

37 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered
38 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the
39 voter's signature;

40 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that
41 information is available; and

42 (c) The date of voting early in person.

43 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
44 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the



1 voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only
2 for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

3 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which
4 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer
5 shall:

6 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

7 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that
8 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the
9 voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and

10 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

11 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may
12 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

13 **Sec. 15.9.** NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows:

15 293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical
16 recording device which directly records the votes electronically are
17 used during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
18 election other than a presidential preference primary election:

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

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

22 (1) The title of the election;

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

25 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording
26 device for that day; ~~and~~

27 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for
28 that day ~~H~~; and

29 *(5) The number of signatures on signature cards for that*
30 *day.*

31 (b) Secure:

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

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

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

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

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

40 (c) *The signature cards used for early voting;*

41 *(d)* 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)~~ *(e)* Any other items as determined by the city 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 number seal. The official statement of ballots must
8 accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

9 **Sec. 15.95.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to
10 any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
11 provisions of this act.

12 **Sec. 16.** This act becomes effective:

13 1. On July 1, 2017, for the purpose of adopting any regulations
14 and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary
15 to carry out the provisions of this act; and

16 2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.



