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May 28, 2017

The Honorable Jason Frierson
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
The Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 272 of the 79th Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Frierson:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 272 ("AB 272"), which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing each county and city clerk to establish polling places where any registered voter of the county or city, respectively, may vote in person on the day of certain elections; requiring, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish polling places within the boundaries of Indian reservations and colonies; authorizing voting materials to be provided in certain languages; authorizing county and city clerks to extend the period for early voting; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Among other things, AB 272 authorizes county, and when applicable, city clerks to establish one or more polling places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so. In other words, AB 272 authorizes the creation of election-day "voting centers" in which any eligible voter may cast a ballot, regardless of where in the respective county they reside.

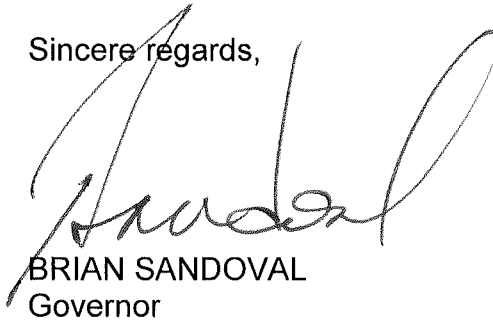
In 2013, I vetoed Assembly Bill 441, which also created "voting centers." I incorporate by reference the concerns expressed in that veto message, and note that there is no evidence that those concerns have been mitigated or addressed.

Nevada has "no-excuse" absentee voting, which allows any registered voter to request an absentee ballot without stating a reason for his or her desire to vote absentee. Nevada also has

two weeks of early voting. Altogether, we have one of the most open and accessible election systems in the country. Moreover, given Nevada's high rate of eligible-voter participation, there is no reason to believe that voters who want to vote do not have the opportunity to do so. Simply put, the current system works well, and there is no compelling need to change it.

For these reasons, I veto Assembly Bill 272.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandoval", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Mark Hutchison, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
 The Honorable Aaron Ford, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
 The Honorable Barbara Cegavske, Nevada Secretary of State (without enclosure)
 Claire J. Clift, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
 Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
 Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)

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June 3, 2013

The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 441 of the 77th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 441, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to voting; authorizing a county or city clerk to establish polling places where any registered voter of the county or city, respectively, may vote in person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 441 authorizes county and, when applicable, city clerks to establish one or more polling places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so. The bill sets forth the procedure for county and city clerks to establish those polling places.


Under existing law, precinct-based polling sites are established based on the boundaries of election precincts or districts in which voters reside. Supporters of Assembly Bill 441 argue that voter participation will increase because polling sites that are not precinct-based are more convenient and provide voters with more flexibility because they would no longer be required to vote in their precinct on Election Day.

However, Nevada voters are afforded a great deal of flexibility and opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote through options such as early voting, absentee voting by mail and Election Day voting. Early voting is available to every voter, and Nevada is amongst the minority of early voting states that require permanent polling places identified for early voting to be open on at least one Saturday during the early

voting period. Additionally, Nevada's procedures for absentee voting are more liberal than many states that offer absentee voting. Specifically, Nevada offers "no-excuse" absentee voting, allowing any registered voter to request an absentee ballot without stating a reason for his or her desire to vote absentee. Other states permit voters to vote absentee only under a limited set of circumstances. In addition, Nevada allows any registered voter who is unable to go to the polls because of an illness, disability or sudden hospitalization or absence after the time has elapsed for requesting an absentee ballot to submit a request for an absentee ballot at any time before 5 p.m. on the day of an election.

Finally, Assembly Bill 441 does not contain sufficient parameters to establish the location of new polling places that would ensure the integrity and non-partisan nature of the voting process. Because of these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Brian Krollicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
 The Honorable Moises Denis, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
 The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
 David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
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