

Assembly Bill No. 137—Assemblyman Watts

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to elections; revising certain provisions related to establishing polling places within the boundaries of Indian reservations and Indian colonies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish at least one polling place for the day of a primary election, general election, primary city election or general city election, as applicable, within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe upon the request of the Indian tribe. (NRS 293.2733, 293C.2675) Existing law also requires, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish at least one temporary branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony upon the request of an Indian tribe. (NRS 293.3572, 293C.3572) **Sections 10, 21, 42 and 48** of this bill provide that if a county or city clerk establishes a polling place for the day of an election or for early voting upon the request of an Indian tribe, the county or city clerk shall continue to establish such a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for future elections or early voting, unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

**Sections 1-9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 10.** NRS 293.2733 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.2733 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the county clerk for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election or general election.

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

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

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

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

(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling



place. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria the county clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling place.

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

*4. If the county clerk establishes one or more polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to subsection 3 for the day of a primary election or general election, the county clerk must continue to establish one or more polling places within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future primary election or general election unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.*

**Secs. 11-20.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 21.** NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

*5. If the county clerk establishes one or more temporary branch polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to subsection 4 for early voting, the county clerk must continue to establish one or more temporary branch polling places within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe for early voting in future elections unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.*

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

~~6.] 7.~~ The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

~~7.] 8.~~ The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct early voting at that location.

**Secs. 22-41.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 42.** NRS 293C.2675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.2675 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit



a request to the city clerk for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city election or general city election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***4. If the city clerk establishes one or more polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to subsection 3 for the day of a primary city election or***



*general city election, the city clerk must continue to establish one or more polling places within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future primary city election or general city election unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.*

**Secs. 43-47.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 48.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

5. *If the city clerk establishes one or more temporary branch polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to subsection 4 for early voting, the city clerk must continue to establish one or more temporary branch polling places within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe for early voting in future elections unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.*

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

~~6.]~~ 7. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

~~7.]~~ 8. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct early voting at that location.

**Secs. 49-57.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 58.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.





