Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-726)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 21) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing an elector to register to vote on the day of certain elections at certain polling places; setting forth requirements for such registration; authorizing county and city clerks to extend the period for early voting; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law sets forth deadlines for registering to vote by mail, computer or appearing in person at the office of a county or city clerk. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) The last day to register to vote for a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election: (1) by mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the election; (2) by appearing in person at the office of the county or city clerk, as applicable, is the third Tuesday preceding the election; and (3) by computer is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting for the election. Sections 1 and 21 of this bill authorize an elector to register to vote in person for a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election on the day of the election at certain polling places required to be designated by the county or city clerk as a site for registering to vote on election day. To register to vote, an elector must appear at such a site, complete an application to register to vote and provide proof of identity and residence. Upon completion of the application and verification of identity and residence, the elector is deemed registered to vote and may vote in that election only at the polling place at which he or she registered to vote. Sections 2-10, 12-20, 22-26 and 28-32 of this bill make conforming changes.
Existing law provides that the period for early voting begins the third Saturday preceding an election and extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal holidays excepted. (NRS 293.3568, 293C.3568) Sections 11 and 27 of this bill authorize a county or city clerk to extend the period for early voting until the Sunday before election day.

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

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

1. Each county clerk shall:
   (a) Designate one or more polling places in the county as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote in person on the day of a primary election or general election. Each polling place designated pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the board of county commissioners.
   (b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the county that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).
   (c) Post a list of the location of each polling place designated pursuant to paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The county clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.

2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote in person on the day of a primary election or general election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the county clerk of the county where the elector resides as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election.

3. To register to vote on the day of the primary election or general election, an elector must:
   (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
   (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
   (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.

4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:
   (a) A driver’s license;
3. Any identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
4. A military identification card which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector; or
5. Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector.

5. The following documents may be used to establish the residence of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
   a. Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
   b. A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television;
   c. A bank or credit union statement;
   d. A paycheck;
   e. An income tax return;
   f. A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
   g. A motor vehicle registration;
   h. A property tax statement; or
   i. Any other document issued by a governmental agency.

6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon a determination that the application to register to vote is complete and the verification of the elector’s identity and residency.

7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section may vote in the primary election or general election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote.

8. The county clerk shall issue to a person who is deemed to be a registered voter pursuant to subsection 6 a voter registration card as described in NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after the election.

Sec. 2. NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.095 “Roster” means the record in printed or electronic form furnished to election board officers which contains a list of eligible voters and is to be used for obtaining the signature of each person applying for a ballot and, except for a roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act, contains a list of eligible voters.

Sec. 3. NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.12757 A person may sign a petition required under the election laws of this State on or after the date the person is deemed
to be registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or 293.517 or subsection 7 of NRS 293.5235 or section 1 or 21 of this act.

Sec. 4. NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has the right:
1. To receive and cast a ballot that:
   (a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of candidates; and
   (b) Accurately records the voter’s preference in the selection of candidates.
2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place.
3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.
4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line to vote or register to vote before 7 p.m. at a polling place at which he or she is entitled to vote before 7 p.m. or register to vote and the voter has not already cast a vote in that election.
5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another ballot in its place.
6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.
7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and delivered in a timely manner as pr[ovided by law.
8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting during early voting or on election day.
9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly, disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or a citizen who is overseas.
10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and recounting all votes accurately.
11. To have complaints about elections and election contests resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.

Sec. 5. NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081 and 293.3083 and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer or a person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:
   (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board officer at the polling place:
      (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
(2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517; and

(b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county or city clerk:

(1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or

(2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.

If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the election board officer or clerk may request additional information.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:

(a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with an application to preregister or register to vote:

(1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or

(2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register to vote a driver’s license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;

(c) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

(d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

(e) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.

3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person pursuant to [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517 is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.
Sec. 6. NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

2. Whenever except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whenever at any election all the votes of the polling place, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers shall close the polls, and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a polling place designated pursuant to section 1 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on the day of the election.

3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.

4. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this title.

Sec. 7. NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.275 No election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless it has before it:

1. The roster for the polling place; and

2. If the polling place is designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on the day of the election, the roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to that section.

Sec. 8. NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.541, if a person’s name appears in the roster, if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525 or if the person registered to vote on the day of the primary election or general election pursuant to section 1 of this act, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the appropriate roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person’s application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place are:
The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote or was deemed to be registered to vote;

(b) A driver’s license;

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

(d) A military identification card; or

(e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the voter’s signature and physical description or picture.

3. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election.

Sec. 9. NRS 293.296 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.296 1. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice, except:

(a) The voter’s employer or an agent of the voter’s employer; or

(b) An officer or agent of the voter’s labor organization.

2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with respect to the casting of that ballot.

3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to the election board or any member thereof or when the registered voter requests such assistance in any manner.

4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, the county clerk and election board officer shall, upon the request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at [his or her] a polling place [at which he or she is entitled to vote].

Sec. 10. NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any [registered] :

(a) Registered voters waiting to vote [ ]; or

(b) If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section 1 of this act as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of an election, persons waiting to register to vote,

the doors of the polling place must be closed after all such [voters] persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting and, if applicable, the registration of voters must continue until those [voters] persons have voted.

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

Sec. 11. NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal
appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary or general
election and except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
extends through the Friday before election day. [Sundays and
federal holidays excepted.] A county clerk may:
(a) Extend the period for early voting by personal appearance
through the Sunday before election day.
(b) Include any federal holiday or other Sunday that falls
within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
2. The county clerk may [ ]:
—(a) Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the
period for early voting by personal appearance.
—(b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting
remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the
period for early voting.
3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
open:
(a) On Monday through Friday:
(1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6
p.m.
(2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until
6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the county clerk so requires.
(b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting,
for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
(c) If the county clerk extends the period for early voting by
personal appearance pursuant to subsection 1, on the Sunday
before election day for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
(d) If the county clerk includes [ ] any other Sunday that falls
within the period for early voting, [pursuant to subsection 2] on
that Sunday during such hours as the county clerk may establish.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.4689 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.4689 1. If a county clerk maintains a website on the
Internet for information related to elections, the website must
contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the
county clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without
limitation:
(a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on
election day in such a format that a registered voter may search the
list to determine the location of the polling place at which the
registered voter is required to cast a ballot; [and]
(b) The location of every polling place designated pursuant to section 1 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on election day; and

(c) The abstract of votes required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.388.

2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.

3. If the information required to be maintained by a county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, another county clerk or a city clerk, the county clerk may provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to that information.

Sec. 13. NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:

1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection [4] 5 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293.2955, 293.296, 293.313, 293.316 and 293.3165.

2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.

3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:

(a) Related to elections; and

(b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed form.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.4855 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.4855 1. Every citizen of the United States who is 17 years of age or older but less than 18 years of age and has continuously resided in this State for 30 days or longer may, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, preregister to vote by any of the means available for a person to register to vote pursuant to this title. A person eligible to preregister to vote is deemed to be preregistered to vote upon the submission of a completed application to preregister to vote.
2. A person may not preregister to vote at a polling place designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on the day of an election.

3. If a person preregisters to vote, he or she shall be deemed to be a registered voter on his or her 18th birthday unless:
   (a) The person’s preregistration has been cancelled as described in subsection 7; or
   (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, on the person’s 18th birthday, he or she does not satisfy the voter eligibility requirements set forth in NRS 293.485.

4. The county clerk shall issue to a person who is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection 3 a voter registration card as described in subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable immediately after the person is deemed to be registered to vote.

5. On the date that a person who preregisters to vote is deemed to be registered to vote, his or her application to preregister to vote is deemed to be his or her application to register to vote.

6. If a person preregistered to vote:
   (a) By mail or computer, he or she shall be deemed to have registered to vote by mail or computer, as applicable.
   (b) In person, he or she shall be deemed to have registered to vote in person.

7. The preregistration information of a person may be updated by any of the means for updating the voter registration information of a person pursuant to this chapter.

8. The preregistration to vote of a person may be cancelled by any of the means and for any of the reasons for cancelling voter registration pursuant to this chapter.

9. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all preregistration information relating to a person is confidential and is not a public record. Once a person’s application to preregister to vote is deemed to be an application to register to vote, any voter registration information related to the person must be disclosed pursuant to any law that requires voter registration information to be disclosed.

10. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations providing for preregistration to vote. The regulations:
   (a) Must include, without limitation, provisions to ensure that once a person is deemed to be a registered voter pursuant to subsection 3 the person is immediately issued a voter registration card and added to the statewide voter registration list and the registrar of voters’ register; and
   (b) Must not require a county clerk to provide to a person who preregisters to vote sample ballots or any other voter information
provided to registered voters unless the person will be eligible to
vote at the election for which the sample ballots or other information
is provided.

Sec. 15. NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth
in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote
and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:
(a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and
293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a
voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister
or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all
questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or
register to vote, and providing proof of residence and identity;
(b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the
county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant
to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
(c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.524 or chapter 293D
of NRS;
(d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar
pursuant to NRS 293.5237; or
(e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote
by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant
to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.

The county clerk shall require a person to submit official
identification as proof of residence and identity, such as a driver’s
license or other official document, before preregistering or
registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to
vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to provide proof of
residence and identity, the applicant must provide proof of residence
and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after
casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3081 or 293.3083.
For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card issued
pursuant to subsection 6 does not provide proof of the residence or
identity of a person.

2. In addition to the methods for registering to vote described
in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote at a polling place
designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act as a site for the
elector to register to vote on the day of an election.

3. The application to preregister or register to vote must be
signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person
preregistering or the elector registering.

[3.] 4. Each person or elector who is or has been married must
be preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first
name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her
spouse.
[4.] 5. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered and changes his or her name must complete a new application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector may obtain a new application:
   (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
   (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
   (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or register to vote;
   (d) At any voter registration agency; or
   (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
   If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of identity and subsequent change of name.

[5.] 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [7.] 8, an elector who registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.

[6.] 7. After the county clerk determines that the application to register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration card to the voter which contains:
   (a) The name, address, political affiliation and precinct number of the voter;
   (b) The date of issuance; and
   (c) The signature of the county clerk.

[7.] 8. If a person or an elector submits an application to preregister or register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to the application if the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is not eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293D.210 or the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.210, as applicable. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall immediately notify the person or elector, as applicable, and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days after the district attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:
(a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and

(b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application.

If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the application, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant pursuant to subsection [6 of] 7, if applicable.

Sec. 16. NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502 and chapter 293D of NRS, a person may preregister or register to vote by mailing an application to preregister or register to vote to the county clerk of the county in which the person resides or may preregister or register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to preregister or register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall make the applications available at various public places in the county. An application to preregister to vote may be used to correct information in a previous application. An application to register to vote may be used to correct information in the registrar of voters’ register.

2. An application to preregister or register to vote which is mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For the purposes of this section, an application which is personally delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned by mail.

3. The applicant must complete the application, including, without limitation, checking the boxes described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 10 and signing the application.

4. The county clerk shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the application is complete.

5. If the county clerk determines that the application is complete, he or she shall, within 10 days after receiving the application, mail to the applicant:

(a) A notice that the applicant is preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. If the applicant is registered to vote, the county clerk must also mail to the applicant a voter registration card as required by [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517; or

(b) A notice that the person’s application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters’ register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.
6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, if the county clerk determines that the application is not complete, the county clerk shall, as soon as possible, mail a notice to the applicant that additional information is required to complete the application. If the applicant provides the information requested by the county clerk within 15 days after the county clerk mails the notice, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after receiving the information, mail to the applicant:

(a) A notice that the applicant is:

(1) Preregistered to vote; or

(2) Registered to vote and a voter registration card as required by [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517; or

(b) A notice that the person’s application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters’ register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.

If the applicant does not provide the additional information within the prescribed period, the application is void.

7. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered or to have corrected the information in the application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters’ register on the date the application is postmarked or received by the county clerk, whichever is earlier.

8. If the applicant fails to check the box described in paragraph (b) of subsection 10, the application shall not be considered invalid and the county clerk shall provide a means for the applicant to correct the omission at the time the applicant appears to vote in person at the assigned polling place.

9. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form for applications to preregister or register to vote by:

(a) Mail, which must be used to preregister or register to vote by mail in this State.

(b) Computer, which must be used to preregister or register to vote in a county if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote.

10. The application to preregister or register to vote by mail must include:

(a) A notice in at least 10-point type which states:

NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to the County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your completed application to another person to return to the County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver the application to the County Clerk, you will not be preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. Please retain
the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to preregister or register to vote.

(b) The question, “Are you a citizen of the United States?” and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant is a citizen of the United States.

(c) If the application is to:

(1) Preregister to vote, the question, “Are you at least 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age?” and boxes to indicate whether or not the applicant is at least 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age.

(2) Register to vote, the question, “Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?” and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant will be at least 18 years of age or older on election day.

(d) A statement instructing the applicant not to complete the application if the applicant checked “no” in response to the question set forth in:

(1) If the application is to preregister to vote, paragraph (b) or subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c).

(2) If the application is to register to vote, paragraph (b) or subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c).

(e) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is submitted by mail and the applicant is preregistering or registering to vote for the first time, the applicant must submit the information set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.2725 to avoid the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 upon voting for the first time.

11. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, the county clerk shall not preregister or register a person to vote pursuant to this section unless that person has provided all of the information required by the application.

12. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices required pursuant to subsections 5 and 6. If the postcard is returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person’s current residence is other than that indicated on the application to preregister or register to vote in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530.

13. A person who, by mail, preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the application to preregister or register to vote by any other person. The application must include the mailing address and signature of the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the
information required by this subsection will not result in the application being deemed incomplete.

14. An application to preregister or register to vote must be made available to all persons, regardless of political party affiliation.

15. An application must not be altered or otherwise defaced after the applicant has completed and signed it. An application must be mailed or delivered in person to the office of the county clerk within 10 days after it is completed.

16. A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of subsection 13, 14 or 15 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

17. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 17. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

(a) For a primary or general election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote:

(1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.

(2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035, is the third Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.

(3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting.

(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.

2. Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary or general election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

3. For a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. during the last 2 days a person may register to vote in person pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 if approved by the board of county commissioners.

4. For a general election:
(a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. The office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the board of county commissioners.

(b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which a person may register to vote in person pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1, according to the following schedule:

(1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and
(2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

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

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

(1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
(2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 18. NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of registration and the election, the county clerk shall prepare for each:

(a) Each polling place a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote at the polling place.

(b) Each polling place designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act, as applicable, a roster designated for electors who
register to vote on the day of the election pursuant to those sections.

2. The [roster] rosters must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county or city clerk to an election board officer of the proper polling place before the opening of the polls.

Sec. 19. NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.730 1. A person shall not:
(a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of the election.
(b) Except an election board officer, receive from any voter a ballot prepared by the voter.
(c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of the polls.
(d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than [the] one at which the person is entitled to vote.
(e) Show his or her ballot to any person, after voting, so as to reveal any of the names voted for.
(f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for whom he or she intends to vote.
(g) Except an election board officer, deliver a ballot to a voter.
(h) Except an election board officer in the course of the election board officer’s official duties, inside a polling place, ask another person his or her name, address or political affiliation.

2. A voter shall not:
(a) Receive a ballot from any person other than an election board officer.
(b) Deliver to an election board or to any member thereof any ballot other than the one received.
(c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may afterward be identified as the one voted by the person.

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

Sec. 20. NRS 293.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.790 1. If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to vote at the same election, at any polling place other than [the] one in which the person is [registered] entitled to vote, such person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 21. Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, each city clerk shall:
(a) Designate one or more polling places in the city as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote in person on the day of a primary city election or general city election. Each polling place
designated pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the governing body of the city.

(b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the city that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).

(c) Post a list of the location of each polling place designated pursuant to paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body of the city. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The city clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.

2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote in person on the day of a primary city election or general city election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the city clerk of the city where the elector resides as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election.

3. To register to vote on the day of the primary city election or general city election, an elector must:

(a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;

(b) Complete the application to register to vote; and

(c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.

4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:

(a) A driver’s license;

(b) Any identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(c) A military identification card which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector; or

(d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector.

5. The following documents may be used to establish the residence of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:

(a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;

(b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television;
(c) A bank or credit union statement;
(d) A paycheck;
(e) An income tax return;
(f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
(g) A motor vehicle registration;
(h) A property tax statement; or
(i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.

6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon a determination that the application to register to vote is complete and the verification of the elector’s identity and residency.

7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section may vote in the primary city election or general city election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote.

8. The county clerk shall issue to a person who is deemed to be a registered voter pursuant to subsection 6 a voter registration card as described in NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after the election.

9. The provisions of this section do not apply to a city election conducted pursuant to NRS 293C.112 where all ballots must be cast by mail.

Sec. 22. NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail if:
   (a) The election is a special election; or
   (b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the ballot includes only:
      (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered voters of only one ward; or
      (2) One office or ballot question.

2. The provisions of section 1 of this act, NRS 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, and section 21 of this act, 293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.

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

Sec. 23. NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

2. [Whenever] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whenever at any election all the votes of the polling place, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board
officers shall close the polls and the counting of votes must begin
and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is
completed. *The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a*
polling place designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site
for an elector of the city to register to vote on the day of the
election.

3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers
shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be
aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be
received.

4. No person other than election board officers engaged in
receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside
the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority
of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the
provisions of this chapter.

**Sec. 24.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272,
if a person’s name appears in the roster, if the person provides
an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525 or if the person
registered to vote on the day of the city election pursuant to section
21 of this act, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her
name in the appropriate roster or on a signature card when he or she
applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election
board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the
person’s application to register to vote or one of the forms of
identification listed in subsection 2.

2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a
voter at the polling place are:
(a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
to vote or was deemed to be registered to vote;
(b) A driver’s license;
(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
Vehicles;
(d) A military identification card; or
(e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
agency that contains the voter’s signature and physical description
or picture.

3. *The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the*
*Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in*
*the current election.*

**Sec. 25.** NRS 293C.282 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293C.282 1. Any registered voter who, because of a physical
disability or an inability to read or write English, is unable to mark a
ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to
assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice,
except:
(a) The voter’s employer or an agent of the voter’s employer; or
(b) An officer or agent of the voter’s labor organization.

2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a 
voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with 
respect to the casting of that ballot.

3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied 
or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to 
the election board or any member thereof or when the registered 
voter requests such assistance in any manner.

4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this 
section, the city clerk and election board officer shall, upon the 
request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make 
reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at [his or her] 
a polling place [at which he or she is entitled to vote].

Sec. 26. NRS 293C.297 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293C.297  1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any 
[registered] :
    (a) Registered voters waiting to vote [ ]; or
    (b) If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section 
21 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote 
on the day of an election, persons waiting to register to vote, 
the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those 
persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting 
and, if applicable, the registration of voters must continue until 
those persons have voted.

2. The officer appointed by the chief law enforcement officer 
of the city shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after 
the doors have been closed to observe or for any other lawful 
purpose if there is room within the polling place and their 
admittance will not interfere with the voting [ or the registration 
of voters].

Sec. 27. NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as 
follows:
293C.3568  1. The period for early voting by personal 
appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary city 
election or general city election [ ] and, except as otherwise 
provided in this subsection, extends through the Friday before 
election day, Sundays and federal holidays [excepted] excluded. A 
city clerk may:
    (a) Extend the period for early voting by personal appearance 
through the Sunday before election day.
    (b) Include any federal holiday or other Sunday that falls 
within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
2. The city clerk may:
   — (a) Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
   — (b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.
3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:
   (a) On Monday through Friday:
      (1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
      (2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the city clerk so requires.
   (b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
   (c) If the city clerk extends the period for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to subsection 1, on the Sunday before election day for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
   (d) If the city clerk includes any other Sunday that falls within the period for early voting, on that Sunday during such hours as the city clerk may establish.

Sec. 28. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300:
(a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote:
   (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.
   (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election.
   (3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters and:
      (I) The governing body of the city has provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting.
      (II) The governing body of the city has not provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election.
(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.

2. Except as otherwise provided in section 21 of this act, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary city election or general city election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

3. For a primary city election or special city election, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.

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

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

6. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520 may be open during the periods described in this section
for such hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.

Sec. 29. NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided by special charter, registration of electors in incorporated cities must be accomplished in the manner provided in this chapter.

2. The county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the county the roster of all [electors] registered voters eligible to vote at a regular or special city election.

3. The county clerk shall prepare for each polling place designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote, a roster designated for electors who register to vote on the day of the city election pursuant to that section.

4. The [rosters] roster required pursuant to subsection 2 must be prepared [one] for each ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. The entries in the roster must be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.

5. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or copies of the applications to register to vote in the county clerk’s office.

Sec. 30. NRS 293C.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.715 1. If a city clerk maintains a website on the Internet for information relating to elections, the website must contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the city clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without limitation:

(a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on election day in such a form that a registered voter may search the list to determine the location of the polling place at which the registered voter is required to cast a ballot; [and]

(b) The location of every polling place designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on election day; and

(c) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.387.

2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to [paragraph (b) of] subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.

3. If the information required to be maintained by a city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, a county clerk or another city clerk, the city clerk may provide
a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to that information.

Sec. 31. NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:

1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided pursuant to subsection [4] 5 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.281, 293C.282, 293C.310, 293C.317 and 293C.318.

2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.

3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:

   (a) Related to elections; and
   (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed form.

Sec. 32. NRS 349.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

349.017 1. If the bond question is submitted at a general election, no notice of registration of electors is required other than that required by the laws for a general election.

2. If the bond question is submitted at a special election, the clerk of each county shall cause to be published, at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks by two weekly insertions a week apart, the first publication to be not more than 50 days nor less than 42 days next preceding the election, in a newspaper published within the county, if any is so published, and having a general circulation therein, a notice signed by him or her to the effect that registration for the special election will be closed on a date and time designated therein, as provided in this section.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the office of the county clerk in each county of this State must be open for such a special election, from 9 a.m. to 12 m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, for the registration of any qualified elector.

4. The office of the county clerk must be open during the last days of registration as provided in subsection [2] 3 of NRS 293.560.

5. The office of the county clerk must be open for registration of voters for such a special election up to but excluding the 30th day next preceding that election and during regular office hours.
Sec. 33. 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.