

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 121—ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-774)

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

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

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring the Secretary of State to allow an elector with a disability to register to vote and a registered voter with a disability to request and cast an absent ballot using the system of approved electronic transmission established for certain uniformed military and overseas voters; setting forth certain requirements for such an elector or registered voter to use the system of approved electronic transmission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish a system of approved
2 electronic transmission through which certain uniformed military and overseas
3 voters may register to vote, apply for a military-overseas ballot and cast a military-
4 overseas ballot. (NRS 293D.200) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Secretary of
5 State to allow the system of approved electronic transmission to be used by: (1) an
6 elector with a disability to register to vote; and (2) a registered voter with a
7 disability to apply for and cast an absent ballot. **Section 1** also requires the system
8 of approved electronic transmission to allow such an elector or registered voter to
9 provide his or her digital or electronic signature on any document or other material
10 that is necessary for the elector to register to vote or the registered voter to apply
11 for and cast an absent ballot. **Section 1** further requires the Secretary of State to
12 prescribe procedures to be used by local elections officials in accepting, handling
13 and counting absent ballots received from a registered voter with a disability using
14 the system of approved electronic transmission.
15 **Sections 2-12** of this bill make conforming changes related to allowing the use
16 of the system of approved electronic transmission by an elector with a disability to
17 register to vote and a registered voter with a disability to request and cast an absent
18 ballot.



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. The Secretary of State shall allow:**

4 **(a) An elector with a disability to use the system of approved**
5 **electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to**
6 **register to vote in every election where the system of approved**
7 **electronic transmission is available to a covered voter to register to**
8 **vote, including, without limitation, an affected election. The**
9 **deadline for an elector with a disability to use the system of**
10 **approved electronic transmission to register to vote is the same as**
11 **the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.230 for a covered voter to use**
12 **the system to register to vote.**

13 **(b) A registered voter with a disability to use the system of**
14 **approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS**
15 **293D.200 to apply for and cast an absent ballot in every election**
16 **where the system of approved electronic transmission is available**
17 **to a covered voter to request and cast a military-overseas ballot,**
18 **including, without limitation, an affected election. The deadlines**
19 **for a registered voter with a disability to use the system of**
20 **approved electronic transmission to request and cast an absent**
21 **ballot is the same as the deadlines set forth in NRS 293D.310 and**
22 **293D.400 for a covered voter to use the system to request and cast**
23 **military-overseas ballot.**

24 **2. The Secretary of State shall ensure that an elector with a**
25 **disability or a registered voter with a disability may provide his or**
26 **her digital signature or electronic signature on any document or**
27 **other material that is necessary for the elector or registered voter**
28 **to register to vote, apply for an absent ballot or cast an absent**
29 **ballot, as applicable.**

30 **3. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content**
31 **of a declaration for use by an elector with a disability or a**
32 **registered voter with a disability to swear or affirm specific**
33 **representations pertaining to identity, eligibility to vote, status as**
34 **such an elector or registered voter and timely and proper**
35 **completion of an absent ballot.**

36 **4. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the duties of the**
37 **county clerk upon receipt of an absent ballot sent by a registered**
38 **voter with a disability using the system of approved electronic**
39 **transmission, including, without limitation, the procedures to be**
40 **used in accepting, handling and counting the absent ballot.**

41 **5. The Secretary of State shall make available to an elector**
42 **with a disability or a registered voter with a disability information**



1 *regarding instructions on using the system for approved electronic*
2 *transmission to register to vote and apply for and cast an absent*
3 *ballot.*

4 *6. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulation necessary*
5 *to carry out the provisions of this section.*

6 *7. As used in this section:*

7 *(a) "Affected election" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
8 *NRS 293.8811.*

9 *(b) "Covered voter" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
10 *NRS 293D.030.*

11 *(c) "Digital signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
12 *NRS 720.060.*

13 *(d) "Electronic signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
14 *NRS 719.100.*

15 *(e) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
16 *NRS 293D.050.*

17 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of
19 NRS, the Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the
20 election laws of this State, prescribe:

21 (a) The form of all ballots, absent ballots, diagrams, sample
22 ballots, certificates, notices, declarations, applications to preregister
23 and register to vote, lists, applications, registers, rosters, statements
24 and abstracts required by the election laws of this State.

25 (b) The procedures to be followed and the requirements of:

26 (1) A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using
27 a computer to register voters and to keep records of registration.

28 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
29 to NRS 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.

30 *(3) The use of the system of approved electronic*
31 *transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 by electors*
32 *and voters with disabilities pursuant to section 1 of this act.*

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, the
34 Secretary of State shall prescribe with respect to the matter to be
35 printed on every kind of ballot:

36 (a) The placement and listing of all offices, candidates and
37 measures upon which voting is statewide, which must be uniform
38 throughout the State.

39 (b) The listing of all other candidates required to file with the
40 Secretary of State, and the order of listing all offices, candidates and
41 measures upon which voting is not statewide, from which each
42 county or city clerk shall prepare appropriate ballot forms for use in
43 any election in his or her county.



1 3. The Secretary of State shall place the condensation of each
2 proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure near the
3 spaces or devices for indicating the voter's choice.

4 4. The fiscal note for, explanation of, arguments for and
5 against, and rebuttals to such arguments of each proposed
6 constitutional amendment or statewide measure must be included on
7 all sample ballots.

8 5. The condensations and explanations for constitutional
9 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or
10 referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon
11 consultation with the Attorney General. The arguments and rebuttals
12 for or against constitutional amendments and statewide measures
13 proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared in the
14 manner set forth in NRS 293.252. The fiscal notes for constitutional
15 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or
16 referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon
17 consultation with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative
18 Counsel Bureau. The condensations, explanations, arguments,
19 rebuttals and fiscal notes must be in easily understood language and
20 of reasonable length, and whenever feasible must be completed by
21 August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held. The
22 explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a
23 concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to
24 the constitutional amendment or statewide measure and a summary
25 of how the constitutional amendment or statewide measure adds to,
26 changes or repeals such existing laws. For a constitutional
27 amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates, increases
28 or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of
29 the digest must include a statement that the constitutional
30 amendment or statewide measure creates, generates, increases or
31 decreases, as applicable, public revenue.

32 6. The names of candidates for township and legislative or
33 special district offices must be printed only on the ballots furnished
34 to voters of that township or district.

35 7. A county clerk:

36 (a) May divide paper ballots into two sheets in a manner which
37 provides a clear understanding and grouping of all measures and
38 candidates.

39 (b) Shall prescribe the color or colors of the ballots and voting
40 receipts used in any election which the clerk is required to conduct.

41 **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293.313 1. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 2 and*
43 NRS 293.272, 293.316, 293.3165 and 293.502, a registered voter
44 may request an absent ballot if, before 5 p.m. on the 14th calendar
45 day preceding the election, the registered voter:



1 (a) Provides sufficient written notice to the county clerk; and
2 (b) Has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the
3 county clerk.

4 2. *A registered voter with a disability may use the system for*
5 *approved electronic transmission established by the Secretary of*
6 *State pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293D.200 to request an*
7 *absent ballot in accordance with section 1 of this act.*

8 3. A registered voter may request an absent ballot for all
9 elections held during the year he or she requests an absent ballot.

10 ~~3.~~ 4. A county clerk shall consider a request from a voter
11 who has given sufficient written notice on a form provided by the
12 Federal Government as a request for an absent ballot for the primary
13 and general elections immediately following the date on which the
14 county clerk received the request.

15 ~~4.~~ 5. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request an
16 absent ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce
17 another person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name
18 of another person. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of
19 a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
20 NRS 193.130.

21 **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.317 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293.317 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
23 subsection 2 of NRS 293.323 and NRS 293D.200, *and section 1 of*
24 *this act*, absent ballots, including special absent ballots, must be:

25 (a) Delivered by hand to the county clerk before the time set for
26 closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293.273; or

27 (b) Mailed to the county clerk and:

28 (1) Postmarked on or before the day of election; and

29 (2) Received by the county clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the
30 seventh day following the election.

31 2. If an absent ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m.
32 on the third day following the election and the date of the postmark
33 cannot be determined, the absent ballot shall be deemed to have
34 been postmarked on or before the day of the election.

35 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293.325 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,
37 *and section 1 of this act*, when an absent ballot is returned by or on
38 behalf of an absent voter to the county clerk through the mail, by
39 facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in
40 person, and a record of its return is made in the absent ballot record
41 for the election, the county clerk or an employee in the office of the
42 county clerk shall check the signature used for the absent ballot in
43 accordance with the following procedure:



1 (a) The county clerk or employee shall check the signature used
2 for the absent ballot against all signatures of the voter available in
3 the records of the county clerk.

4 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the county clerk
5 believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the
6 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the
7 voter, the county clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to
8 confirm whether the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to
9 the voter.

10 2. For purposes of subsection 1:

11 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the
12 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the
13 voter if the signature used for the absent ballot differs in multiple,
14 significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter
15 available in the records of the county clerk.

16 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the
17 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the
18 voter if:

19 (1) The signature used for the absent ballot is a variation of
20 the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for
21 the first or middle name or the use of a common nickname and it
22 does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and obvious
23 respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of
24 the county clerk; or

25 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature
26 used for the absent ballot and the signatures of the voter available in
27 the records of the county clerk.

28 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the county
29 clerk determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast the absent
30 ballot and:

31 (a) No absent ballot central counting board has been appointed,
32 the county clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with
33 any other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver,
34 or cause to be delivered, that container to the appropriate election
35 board.

36 (b) An absent ballot central counting board has been appointed,
37 the county clerk shall deposit the absent ballot in the proper ballot
38 box or place the absent ballot, unopened, in a container that must be
39 securely locked or under the control of the county clerk at all times.
40 At the end of each day before election day, the county clerk may
41 remove the absent ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the
42 absent ballots in a container and seal the container with a numbered
43 seal. Not earlier than 15 days before the election, the county clerk
44 shall deliver the absent ballots to the absent ballot central counting
45 board to be processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the



1 procedures established by the Secretary of State to ensure the
2 confidentiality of the prepared ballots until after the polls have
3 closed pursuant to NRS 293.273 or 293.305.

4 4. If the county clerk determines when checking the signature
5 used for the absent ballot that the absent voter failed to affix his or
6 her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for
7 the absent ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to
8 whether the signature used for the absent ballot matches the
9 signature of the voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast
10 the absent ballot, the county clerk shall contact the voter and advise
11 the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or a confirmation
12 that the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the voter, as
13 applicable. For the absent ballot to be counted, the voter must
14 provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than
15 5 p.m. on the seventh day following the election or, if applicable,
16 the ninth day following an affected election that is subject to the
17 provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.

18 5. The county clerk shall prescribe procedures for an absent
19 voter who failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in
20 the manner required by law for the absent ballot, or for whom there
21 is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for
22 the absent ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:

23 (a) Contact the voter;

24 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that
25 the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the voter, as
26 applicable; and

27 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as applicable,
28 ensure the absent ballot is delivered to the appropriate election
29 board or the absent ballot central counting board, as applicable.

30 6. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 5 for
31 contacting an absent voter must require the county clerk to contact
32 the voter, as soon as possible after receipt of the absent ballot, by:

33 (a) Mail;

34 (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in
35 the records of the county clerk; and

36 (c) Electronic mail, if the voter has provided the county clerk
37 with sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.

38 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293.330 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
40 subsection 2 of NRS 293.323, NRS 293.329 and chapter 293D of
41 NRS, *and section 1 of this act*, in order to vote an absent ballot, the
42 absent voter must, in accordance with the instructions:

43 (a) Mark and fold the absent ballot;

44 (b) Deposit the absent ballot in the return envelope and seal the
45 return envelope;



1 (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space
2 provided for the signature; and

3 (d) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized
4 by law.

5 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a voter who
6 has requested an absent ballot by mail applies to vote the absent
7 ballot in person at:

8 (a) The office of the county clerk, the voter must mark and fold
9 the absent ballot, deposit it in the return envelope and seal the return
10 envelope and affix his or her signature in the same manner as
11 provided in subsection 1, and deliver the return envelope to the
12 clerk.

13 (b) A polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place
14 for early voting, the voter must surrender the absent ballot and
15 provide satisfactory identification before being issued a ballot to
16 vote at the polling place. A person who receives a surrendered
17 absent ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."

18 3. If a voter who has requested an absent ballot by mail applies
19 to vote in person at the office of the county clerk or a polling place,
20 including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and
21 the voter does not have the absent ballot to deliver or surrender, the
22 voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:

23 (a) Provides satisfactory identification;

24 (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and

25 (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form
26 prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not
27 voted during the election.

28 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, at the request
29 of a voter whose absent ballot has been prepared by or on behalf of
30 the voter for an election, a person authorized by the voter may return
31 the absent ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery
32 to the county clerk.

33 5. Except for an election board officer in the course of the
34 election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:

35 (a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a
36 voter's absent ballot;

37 (b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's absent ballot; or

38 (c) If the person receives the voter's absent ballot and
39 authorization to return the absent ballot on behalf of the voter by
40 mail or personal delivery, fail to return the absent ballot, unless
41 otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:

42 (1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if
43 the person receives the absent ballot from the voter four or more
44 days before the day of the election; or



1 (2) Before the deadline established by the United States
2 Postal Service for the absent ballot to be postmarked on the day of
3 the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as
4 applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the absent
5 ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the
6 election.

7 6. A person who violates any provision of subsection 5 is
8 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
9 NRS 193.130.

10 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.333 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,
12 *and section 1 of this act*, on the day of an election, the election
13 boards receiving the absent ballots from the county clerk shall, in
14 the presence of a majority of the election board officers, remove the
15 absent ballots from the ballot box and the containers in which the
16 absent ballots were transported pursuant to NRS 293.325 and
17 deposit the absent ballots in the regular ballot box in the following
18 manner:

19 (a) The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or
20 approved electronic transmission, must be checked as if the voter
21 were voting in person;

22 (b) The signature used for the absent ballot must be checked in
23 accordance with the procedure set forth in NRS 293.325;

24 (c) If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast the
25 absent ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on
26 the absent ballot and return envelope or approved electronic
27 transmission compared, the number strip or stub detached from the
28 absent ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the absent ballot
29 deposited in the regular ballot box; and

30 (d) The election board officers shall indicate in the roster
31 "Voted" by the name of the voter.

32 2. The board must complete the count of all absent ballots on
33 or before the seventh day following the election or, if applicable, the
34 ninth day following an affected election that is subject to the
35 provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.

36 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.335 When all absent ballots delivered to the election
38 boards have been voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in
39 NRS 293D.200, *and section 1 of this act*, the empty envelopes and
40 the envelopes and approved electronic transmissions containing
41 rejected ballots must be returned to the county clerk. On all
42 envelopes and approved electronic transmissions containing rejected
43 ballots the cause of rejection must be noted and the envelope or
44 approved electronic transmission signed by a majority of the
45 election board officers.



1 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.340 1. In counties in which an absent ballot central
3 counting board is appointed the county clerk shall provide a ballot
4 box in the county clerk's office for each different ballot listing in the
5 county.

6 2. On each such box there must appear a statement indicating
7 the precincts and district for which such box has been designated.

8 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, *and section*
9 *1 of this act*, each absent ballot voted must be deposited in a ballot
10 box according to the precinct or district of the absent voter voting
11 such ballot.

12 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:

14 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant
15 to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3
16 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach
17 members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions
18 of NRS 293.2955, 293.296, 293.313, 293.316 and 293.3165 ~~+~~ *and*
19 *section 1 of this act*.

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

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

30 (a) Related to elections; and

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

33 **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth
35 in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote
36 and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:

37 (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and
38 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a
39 voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister
40 or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all
41 questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or
42 register to vote, and providing proof of residence and identity;

43 (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the
44 county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant
45 to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;



1 (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5727 or 293.5742 or
2 chapter 293D of NRS ~~§~~ *or section 1 of this act;*

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

5 (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote
6 by computer using the system:

7 (1) Established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS
8 293.671; or

9 (2) Established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has
10 established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer
11 to register voters; or

12 (f) By any other method authorized by the provisions of this
13 title.

14 ➤ The county clerk shall require a person to submit official
15 identification as proof of residence and identity, such as a driver's
16 license or other official document, before preregistering or
17 registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to
18 vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to provide proof of
19 residence and identity, the applicant must provide proof of residence
20 and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after
21 casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,
22 inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration
23 card does not provide proof of the residence or identity of a person.

24 2. In addition to the methods for registering to vote described
25 in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote pursuant to NRS
26 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

27 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757,
28 inclusive, the application to preregister or register to vote must be
29 signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person
30 preregistering or the elector registering.

31 4. Each person or elector who is or has been married must be
32 preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first name,
33 and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her spouse.

34 5. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered and
35 changes his or her name must complete a new application to
36 preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector
37 may obtain a new application:

38 (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;

39 (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote
40 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;

41 (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk
42 requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or
43 register to vote;

44 (d) At any voter registration agency; or



1 (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote
2 by computer using the system:

3 (1) Established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS
4 293.671; or

5 (2) Established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has
6 established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer
7 to register voters.

8 ➤ If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the
9 elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS
10 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of
11 identity and subsequent change of name.

12 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8 and NRS
13 293.5742 to 293.5757, inclusive, 293.5767 and 293.5772 to
14 293.5887, inclusive, an elector who registers to vote pursuant to
15 paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be registered upon
16 the completion of an application to register to vote.

17 7. After the county clerk determines that the application to
18 register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise
19 provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant
20 to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration
21 card to the voter.

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

36 (a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise
37 provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister
38 pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant
39 to NRS 293.485; and

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

41 9. If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the
42 application pursuant to subsection 8, the county clerk shall
43 immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant, unless
44 the applicant is preregistered to vote and does not currently meet the



1 requirements to be issued a voter registration card pursuant to
2 NRS 293.4855.

3 **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
5 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300 ~~[-]~~ **and**
6 **section 1 of this act:**

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

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

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

15 (3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system
16 pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is
17 the Thursday preceding the primary or general election, unless the
18 system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS
19 293.5842 or 293.5847.

20 (4) By computer using the system established by the
21 Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the Thursday
22 preceding the primary or general election, unless the system is used
23 to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or
24 293.5847.

25 (b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a
26 primary or general election, the last day to register to vote for the
27 recall or special election by any method of registration is the third
28 Saturday preceding the recall or special election.

29 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
30 inclusive, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a
31 primary or general election set forth in subsection 1, no person may
32 register to vote for the election.

33 3. Except for a recall or special election held pursuant to
34 chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:

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

38 (1) The day and time that each method of registration for the
39 election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed; and

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

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



1 (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4
2 consecutive weeks next preceding the day that the last method of
3 registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be
4 closed.

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

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

13 **Sec. 13.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
14 approval.

15 2. Sections 1 to 12, inclusive, of this act become effective:

16 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
17 regulations and performing any other preliminary administrative
18 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

19 (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

