

Assembly Bill No. 422–Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring the Secretary of State to create a centralized database that collects and stores voter preregistration and registration information from all of the counties; requiring each county clerk to use the database created by the Secretary of State to collect and store preregistration and registration information; making various other changes related to the creation and use of the database created by the Secretary of State; revising provisions governing risk-limiting audits of elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain an official statewide voter registration list in consultation with each county and city clerk which serves as the official list of registered voters in this State. (NRS 293.675)

Section 32 of this bill requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores information relating to voter preregistration and registration from all counties. **Section 32** further requires: (1) the county clerks to use the database to collect and maintain all information related to voter preregistration and registration; and (2) the Secretary of State to use the voter registration information contained in the database to create the official statewide voter list. **Sections 1-31, 33-37 and 39** of this bill make conforming changes to existing provisions relating to elections, voter preregistration and voter registration to account for the required use of the centralized database.

Section 39.5 of this bill requires the Secretary of State to, beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending on January 1, 2024, submit a semi-annual report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee detailing the progress made by the Secretary of State in implementing the provisions of this bill related to the centralized, top-down database.

Existing law: (1) requires the Secretary of State to develop a pilot program for conducting a risk-limiting audit of the results of the 2020 general election; and (2) authorizes the Secretary of State to require each county clerk to participate in the pilot program and conduct a risk-limiting audit of the results of the 2020 general election. (Section 86 of chapter 546, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 3426) Effective January 1, 2022, existing law requires each county clerk to conduct a risk-limiting audit of the results of an election prior to the certification of the results of the election. (NRS 293.394) **Section 37.3** of this bill delays the effective date of this requirement until January 1, 2024. **Section 37.7** of this bill: (1) requires the Secretary of State to develop a pilot program for conducting a risk-limiting audit of the results of the 2022 general election; and (2) authorizes the Secretary of State to require each county clerk to participate in the pilot program and conduct a risk-limiting audit of the results of the 2022 general election.



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

Section 1. NRS 293.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.017 “Active registration” means a current registration of a voter in the ~~official register,~~ *statewide voter registration list*, entitling such voter to vote in the manner provided by this title.

Sec. 2. NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the county clerks. After the notification, each of the county clerks shall determine the number of registered voters who have signed the documents submitted in the county clerk’s county and, in the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully contained within the county clerk’s county. This determination must be completed within 9 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109 or 306.110, within 20 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 306.035, and within 3 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.172 or 293.200. For the purpose of verification pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall not include in his or her tally of total signatures any signature included in the incorrect petition district.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, if more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted to a county clerk, the county clerk shall examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the county clerk is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include an examination of:



(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures, whichever is greater.

(b) If the petition is for the recall of a public officer who holds a statewide office, at least 25 percent of the signatures.

↳ If documents were submitted to the county clerk for more than one petition district wholly contained within that county, a separate random sample must be performed for each petition district.

3. If a petition district comprises more than one county and the petition is for an initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or a statewide measure, and if more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted for that petition district, the appropriate county clerks shall examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the county clerks within the petition district is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include an examination of at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures presented in the petition district, whichever is greater. The Secretary of State shall determine the number of signatures that must be verified by each county clerk within the petition district.

4. If a petition is for the recall of a public officer who does not hold a statewide office, each county clerk:

(a) Shall not examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification;

(b) Shall examine for verification every signature on the documents submitted to the county clerk; and

(c) When determining the total number of valid signatures on the documents, shall remove each name of a registered voter who submitted a request to have his or her name removed from the petition pursuant to NRS 306.015.

5. In determining from the records of registration the number of registered voters who signed the documents, the county clerk may use the signatures contained in the file of applications to register to vote. If the county clerk uses that file, the county clerk shall ensure that every application in the file is examined, including any application in his or her possession which may not yet be entered into the county clerk's records. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the county clerk shall rely only on the appearance of the signature and the address and date included with each signature in making his or her determination.



6. If:

(a) ~~[(pursuant to NRS 293.506, a county clerk establishes a system to allow persons to register to vote by computer;~~

~~—(b)]~~ A person registers to vote using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671;

~~[(c)]~~ (b) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and signs his or her application to register to vote using a digital signature or an electronic signature; or

~~[(d)]~~ (c) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742,
↳ the county clerk may rely on such other indicia as prescribed by the Secretary of State in making his or her determination.

7. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, when the county clerk is determining the number of registered voters who signed the documents from each petition district contained fully or partially within the county clerk's county, he or she must use the statewide voter registration list available pursuant to NRS 293.675.

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, upon completing the examination, the county clerk shall immediately attach to the documents a certificate properly dated, showing the result of the examination, including the tally of signatures by petition district, if required, and transmit the documents with the certificate to the Secretary of State. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises more than one county, the appropriate county clerks shall comply with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate must be filed in the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits the certificate to the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, if applicable.

9. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk which is required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the subject of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures on the petition.

10. For any petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200, 306.035 or 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one



county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.

11. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish further procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

(b) The procedures to be followed and the requirements of ~~f: (1) A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters and to keep records of registration. (2) The~~ *the* system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.

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

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

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

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

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

5. The condensations and explanations for constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon consultation with the Attorney General. The arguments and rebuttals for or against constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared in the manner set forth in NRS 293.252. The fiscal notes for constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or



referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon consultation with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. The condensations, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes must be in easily understood language and of reasonable length, and whenever feasible must be completed by August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held. The explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to the constitutional amendment or statewide measure and a summary of how the constitutional amendment or statewide measure adds to, changes or repeals such existing laws. For a constitutional amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates, increases or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of the digest must include a statement that the constitutional amendment or statewide measure creates, generates, increases or decreases, as applicable, public revenue.

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

7. A county clerk:

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

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

Sec. 4. NRS 293.3165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3165 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the county clerk may request that the registered voter receive an absent ballot for all elections at which the registered voter is eligible to vote. The written notice is effective for all elections that are conducted after the registered voter provides the written notice to the county clerk, except that the written notice is not effective for the next ensuing election unless the written notice is provided to the county clerk before the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot for the election pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293.313.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section or for an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive, upon receipt of the written notice provided by the registered voter pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk shall:

(a) Issue an absent ballot to the registered voter for each primary election, general election and special election, other than a special



city election, that is conducted after the written notice is effective pursuant to subsection 1.

(b) Inform the applicable city clerk of receipt of the written notice provided by the registered voter. Upon being informed of the written notice by the county clerk, the city clerk shall issue an absent ballot for each primary city election, general city election and special city election that is conducted after the written notice is effective pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The county clerk must not mail an absent ballot requested by a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1 if, after the request is submitted:

(a) The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530;

(b) The county clerk cancels the registration of the person pursuant to NRS ~~293.527,~~ 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540; ~~or~~

(c) *The registered voter has moved to another county and the county clerk of that county has updated the voter's registration on the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.527; or*

(d) An absent ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable, unless the registered voter has submitted a new request pursuant to subsection 1.

4. The procedure authorized pursuant to this section is subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 5. 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 preregister to vote by any of the methods 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. 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.

3. The county clerk shall issue to a person who is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection 2 a voter registration card as soon as practicable after the person is deemed to be registered to



vote, but the issuance of a voter registration card to the person is not a prerequisite to vote in an election.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 2, the person is issued a voter registration card as soon as practicable and is immediately 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. 6. NRS 293.503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.503 1. The county clerk of each county where a registrar of voters has not been appointed pursuant to NRS 244.164:

(a) Is ex officio county registrar and registrar for all precincts within the county.

(b) Shall have the custody of all books, documents and papers pertaining to preregistration or registration provided for in this chapter.



2. All books, documents and papers pertaining to preregistration or registration are official records of the office of the county clerk.

3. The county clerk shall maintain records of any program or activity that is conducted within the county to ensure the accuracy and currency of the ~~registrars' register~~ *statewide voter registration list* for not less than 2 years after creation. The records must include the names and addresses of any person to whom a notice is mailed pursuant to NRS 293.5235, 293.530, or 293.535 and whether the person responded to the notice.

4. Any program or activity that is conducted within the county for the purpose of removing the name of each person who is ineligible to vote in the county from the ~~registrars' register~~ *statewide voter registration list* must be complete not later than 90 days before the next primary or general election.

5. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 6, all records maintained by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 3 must be available for public inspection.

6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, any information relating to where a person preregisters or registers to vote must remain confidential and is not available for public inspection. Such information may only be used by an election officer for purposes related to preregistration and registration.

Sec. 7. NRS 293.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.506 ~~1. A county clerk may, with approval of the board of county commissioners, establish a system for using a computer to register voters and to keep records of registration.~~

~~2. A system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:~~

~~(a) Comply with any procedures and requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.250; and~~

~~(b) Allow a person to preregister to vote and the county clerk to keep records of preregistration by computer.~~

~~3.] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, [regardless of whether a county clerk establishes a system pursuant to subsection 1.] the county clerk shall accept applications to preregister and register to vote submitted by computer to the Secretary of State through the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.~~

Sec. 8. NRS 293.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.510 1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, in counties where computers are not used to register voters, the] Each county clerk shall [:~~



~~—(a) Segregate original applications to register to vote according to the precinct in which the registered voters reside and arrange the applications in each precinct or district in alphabetical order. The applications for each precinct or district must be kept separately.] use the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675 to prepare a roster for each precinct or district. [These applications must be used to prepare the rosters.~~

~~—(b) Arrange the duplicate applications of registration in alphabetical order for the entire county and keep them in binders or a suitable file which constitutes the registrar of voters' register.~~

~~—2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, in any county where a computer is used to register voters, the county clerk shall:~~

~~—(a) Arrange the original applications to register to vote for the entire county in a manner in which an original application may be quickly located. These original applications constitute the registrar of voters' register.~~

~~—(b) Segregate the applications to register to vote in a computer file according to the precinct or district in which the registered voters reside, and for each precinct or district have printed a computer listing which contains the applications to register to vote in alphabetical order. These listings of applications to register to vote must be used to prepare the rosters.~~

~~—3. From the applications to register to vote received by each county clerk, the county clerk shall:~~

~~—(a) Segregate the applications electronically transmitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293.5747 in a computer file according to the precinct or district in which the registered voters reside; and~~

~~—(b) Arrange the applications in each precinct or district in alphabetical order.~~

~~—4.] 2. Each county clerk shall keep the applications to preregister to vote separate from the applications to register to vote until such applications are deemed to be applications to register to vote pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.4855.~~

Sec. 9. NRS 293.513 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.513 If at any time ~~[the registrar of voters' register]~~ **voter registration** is closed for one election, but open for some other election, any elector must be permitted to register **to vote** for the other election . ~~[, but the county clerk shall retain the elector's application to register to vote in a separate file until the registrar of voters' register is again open for filing of applications at which time all applications in the temporary file must be placed in their proper position in the registrar of voters' register.]~~



Sec. 10. 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 293.5727 or 293.5742 or chapter 293D of NRS;

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

(e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system ~~⚡~~

~~—(1) Established~~ *established* by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or

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

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

↪ 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 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card 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 pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757, inclusive, 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.



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.

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 using the system ~~;~~

~~—(1) Established] established~~ by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 . ~~;~~ ~~or~~

~~—(2) Established by the county clerk, 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.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8 and NRS 293.5742 to 293.5757, inclusive, 293.5767 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 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.

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.

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 293.4855 or



the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, 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.

9. If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the application pursuant to subsection 8, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant, unless the applicant is preregistered to vote and does not currently meet the requirements to be issued a voter registration card pursuant to NRS 293.4855.

Sec. 11. NRS 293.518 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.518 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5737 and 293.5742, at the time a person preregisters or an elector registers to vote, the person or elector must indicate:

(a) A political party affiliation; or

(b) That he or she is not affiliated with a political party.

↳ A person or an elector who indicates that he or she is “independent” shall be deemed not affiliated with a political party.

2. If a person or an elector indicates that he or she is not affiliated with a political party, or is independent, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall list the person’s or elector’s political party as nonpartisan.

3. If a person or an elector indicates an affiliation with a major political party or a minor political party that has filed a certificate of existence with the Secretary of State, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall list the person’s or elector’s political party as indicated by the person or elector.

4. If a person or an elector indicates an affiliation with a minor political party that has not filed a certificate of existence with the Secretary of State, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall:

(a) List the person’s or elector’s political party as the party indicated in the application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable.

(b) When compiling data related to preregistration and voter registration for the county, report the person’s or elector’s political party as “other party.”



5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if a person or an elector does not make any of the indications described in subsection 1, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall:

(a) List the person's or elector's political party as nonpartisan; and

(b) Mail to the person or elector a notice setting forth that the person has been preregistered or the elector has been registered to vote, as applicable, as a nonpartisan because he or she did not make any of the indications described in subsection 1.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a person who is preregistered or registered to vote:

(a) Submits a new paper application to preregister or register to vote ; ~~in the same county in which the person is preregistered or registered to vote;~~ and

(b) Does not make any of the indications described in subsection 1 on the new paper application,

↳ the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall not change the person's existing political party affiliation that was established by his or her prior application pursuant to this section and is listed in the ~~current records of the county clerk.~~ *statewide voter registration list.*

7. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply to a voter who registers to vote using the National Mail Voter Registration Application promulgated by the United States Election Assistance Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501 et seq., as amended.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502 and chapter 293D of NRS, a person may preregister or register to vote by:

(a) Mailing an application to preregister or register to vote to the county clerk of the county in which the person resides.

(b) A computer using ~~f;~~ *the* system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 . ~~f; or~~

~~(2) A system established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote.]~~

(c) Any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.

2. 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.



3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:

(a) An application to preregister to vote may be used to correct information in a previous application.

(b) An application to register to vote may be used to correct information in the ~~[registrar of voters' register]~~ *statewide voter registration list*.

4. 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.

5. The applicant must complete the application, including, without limitation, checking the boxes described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 12 and signing the application.

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

7. 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; or

(b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote or the ~~[registrar of voters' register]~~ *statewide voter registration list* has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 of NRS 293.518 and NRS 293.5767, 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; or

(b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote or the ~~[registrar of voters' register]~~ *statewide voter registration list*



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.

9. 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~~ *statewide voter registration list* on the date the application is postmarked or received by the county clerk, whichever is earlier.

10. If the applicant fails to check the box described in paragraph (b) of subsection 12, 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.

11. 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 by computer using ~~f:~~

~~— (1) The~~ *the* system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 . ~~f: or~~

~~— (2) A system established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote.]~~

12. 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.

13. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 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.

14. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices required pursuant to subsections 7 and 8. 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.

15. 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.

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



17. 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.

18. A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of subsection 15, 16 or 17 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

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

Sec. 13. NRS 293.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.525 1. Any elector who is presently registered and has changed residence after the last preceding general election and who fails to return or never receives a postcard mailed pursuant to NRS 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535 who moved:

(a) From one precinct to another or from one congressional district to another within the same county must be allowed to vote in the precinct where the elector previously resided after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting to his or her new address.

(b) Within the same precinct must be allowed to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting to his or her new address.

2. If an elector alleges that the ~~[records in the registrar of voters' register]~~ *statewide voter registration list* or the roster incorrectly indicate that the elector has changed residence, the elector must be permitted to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting that he or she continues to reside at the same address.

3. If an elector refuses to provide an oral or written affirmation attesting to his or her address as required by this section, the elector may only vote at the special polling place in the county in the manner set forth in NRS 293.304.

4. The county clerk shall use any information regarding the current address of an elector obtained pursuant to this section to correct information in the ~~[registrar of voters' register]~~ *statewide voter registration list* and the roster.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.527 When a person moves to another county and preregisters to vote therein, or an elector moves to another county and registers to vote therein, the county clerk of the county where the person or elector has moved shall ~~[send a cancellation notice to the clerk of the county in which the person or elector previously resided. The county clerk receiving such a notice shall cancel the~~



~~preregistration or registration of the person or elector and place it in a cancelled file.] update the person's preregistration or elector's registration, as applicable, in the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675.~~

Sec. 15. NRS 293.533 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.533 Any elector may bring and any number of electors may join in an action or proceeding in a district court to compel the county clerk to enter the name of such elector or electors in the ~~[registrar of voters' register]~~ *statewide voter registration list* and the roster.

Sec. 16. NRS 293.537 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.537 1. The county clerk of each county shall maintain:

(a) A file of the applications to preregister to vote of persons who have cancelled their preregistration; and

(b) A file of the applications to register to vote of electors who have cancelled their registration, ~~[]~~

↳ *in the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675.* The files must be kept in alphabetical order. The county clerk shall mark the applications "Cancelled," and indicate thereon the reason for cancellation.

2. If the county clerk finds that the preregistration of a person was cancelled erroneously, the county clerk shall reinstate the person's application to preregister to vote.

3. If the county clerk finds that the registration of an elector was cancelled erroneously, the county clerk shall reregister the elector or on election day allow the elector whose registration was erroneously cancelled to vote pursuant to NRS 293.304, 293.525, 293C.295 or 293C.525.

4. The county clerk ~~[may:~~

~~—(a) Microfilm the applications to preregister or register to vote of a person or an elector who cancels his or her preregistration or registration, as applicable, and destroy the originals at any time.~~

~~—(b) Record]~~ *shall record* cancelled applications to preregister or register to vote ~~[by computer]~~ *in the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675* and destroy the originals at any time.

~~[(c) Destroy any application to preregister or register to vote of a person or an elector who cancels his or her preregistration or registration, as applicable, after the expiration of 3 years after the date of cancellation.]~~

Sec. 17. NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration of a person or the registration of a voter if:



(a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that information in the application to preregister or register to vote concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is fraudulent;

(b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to subsection 3; and

(c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory proof of identity and residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk shall notify the person or voter by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to subsection 1. The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation. Unless the person or voter, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory proof of identity and residence to the county clerk, the county clerk shall cancel the person's preregistration or the voter's registration, as applicable.

3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to provide the notice required by subsection 2 to a registered voter, the county clerk shall execute an affidavit of cancellation and ~~file the affidavit of cancellation with the registrar of voters' register and:~~

~~—(a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer, the county clerk shall~~ attach a copy of the affidavit of cancellation in the roster.

~~[(b) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, the county clerk shall have the affidavit of cancellation printed on the computer entry for the registration and add a copy of it to the roster.]~~

4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if the voter furnishes:

(a) Official identification which contains a photograph of the voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other official document; and

(b) Satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with the address listed on the roster.

5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and an absent ballot or a ballot voted by a voter who resides in a mailing



precinct is received from the voter, the ballot must be kept separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter presents satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and residence before such ballots are counted on election day.

6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the:

- (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or
- (b) Residence or identity of a person.

Sec. 18. NRS 293.547 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.547 1. After the 30th day but not later than the 25th day before any election, a written challenge may be filed with the county clerk.

2. A registered voter may file a written challenge if:

- (a) He or she is registered to vote in the same precinct as the person whose right to vote is challenged; and
- (b) The challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

3. The challenge must be signed and verified by the registered voter and name the person whose right to vote is challenged and the ground of the challenge.

4. A challenge filed pursuant to this section must not contain the name of more than one person whose right to vote is challenged. The county clerk shall not accept for filing any challenge which contains more than one such name.

5. The county clerk shall:

(a) ~~File the challenge in the registrar of voters' register and: (1) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer, he or she shall attach~~ **Attach** a copy of the challenge to the challenged registration in the roster.

~~[(2) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, he or she shall have the challenge printed on the computer entry for the challenged registration and add a copy of it to the roster.]~~

(b) Within 5 days after a challenge is filed, mail a notice in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530 to the person whose right to vote has been challenged pursuant to this section informing the person of the challenge. If the person fails to respond or appear to vote within the required time, the county clerk shall cancel the person's registration. A copy of the challenge and information describing how to reregister properly must accompany the notice.

(c) Immediately notify the district attorney. A copy of the challenge must accompany the notice.



6. Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to this section, the district attorney shall investigate the challenge within 14 days and, if appropriate, cause proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction without delay. The court shall give such proceedings priority over other civil matters that are not expressly given priority by law. Upon court order, the county clerk shall cancel the registration of the person whose right to vote has been challenged pursuant to this section.

Sec. 19. NRS 293.548 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.548 1. A person who files a written challenge pursuant to NRS 293.547 or an affidavit pursuant to NRS 293.535 may withdraw the challenge or affidavit not later than the 25th day before the date of the election, by submitting a written request to the county clerk. Upon receipt of the request, the county clerk shall:

(a) Remove the challenge or affidavit from ~~[the registrar of voters' register,]~~ any roster and any other record in which the challenge or affidavit has been filed or entered;

(b) If a notice of the challenge or affidavit has been mailed to the person who is the subject of the challenge or affidavit, mail a notice and a copy of the request to withdraw to that person; and

(c) If a notice of the challenge has been mailed to the district attorney, mail a notice and a copy of the request to withdraw to the district attorney.

2. If the county clerk receives a request to withdraw pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk shall withdraw the person's challenge or affidavit.

Sec. 20. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 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 fourth 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 primary or general election, unless the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~



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

(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 method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 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. Except for a recall or 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 each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, 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 day that the last method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed.

4. 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.

5. 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. 21. NRS 293.5727 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5727 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide a paper application to preregister or register to vote to each person who:

(a) Applies for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department; and



(b) Does not apply to register to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742.

2. The county clerk shall use the paper applications to preregister or register to vote which are signed and completed pursuant to subsection 1 to preregister or register ~~[applicants]~~ ***an applicant*** to vote or to correct ~~[information in a person's previous application to preregister or the registrar of voters' register.]~~ ***the preregistration or registration of the applicant, as applicable.*** A paper application that is not signed must not be used to preregister or register or correct the preregistration or registration of the applicant.

3. For the purposes of this section, each employee specifically authorized to do so by the Director of the Department may oversee the completion of a paper application. The authorized employee shall check the paper application for completeness and verify the information required by the paper application. Each paper application must include a duplicate copy or receipt to be retained by the applicant upon completion of the form. The Department shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, forward each paper application on a weekly basis to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the applicant resides. The paper applications must be forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.

4. The Department is not required to provide a paper application to register to vote pursuant to subsection 1 to a person who declines to apply to register to vote pursuant to this section and submits to the Department a written form that meets the requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 20506(a)(6). Information related to the declination to apply to register to vote must not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

5. The county clerk shall accept any paper application to:

(a) Preregister to vote at any time.

(b) Register to vote which is obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this section and completed by the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable, if the county clerk receives the paper application not later than 5 days after that date.

6. Upon receipt of a paper application, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall determine whether the paper application is complete. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the paper application is complete, he or she shall notify the applicant and the applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered as of the date of the submission of the paper application.



If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the paper application is not complete, he or she shall notify the applicant of the additional information required. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered as of the date of the initial submission of the paper application if the additional information is provided within 15 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed. If the applicant has not provided the additional information within 15 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed, the incomplete paper application is void. Any notification required by this subsection must be given by mail at the mailing address on the paper application not more than 7 working days after the determination is made concerning whether the paper application is complete.

7. The county clerk shall use any form submitted to the Department to correct information on a driver's license or identification card to correct information on a previous application to preregister or ~~[in the registrar of voters' register,]~~ *register* unless the person indicates on the form that the correction is not to be used for the purposes of preregistration or voter registration. The Department shall forward each such form to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the person resides in the same manner provided by subsection 3 for paper applications to preregister or register to vote.

8. Upon receipt of a form to correct information, the county clerk shall compare the information to that contained in the ~~[application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register, as applicable.]~~ *database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675.* The county clerk shall correct the information to reflect any changes indicated on the form. After making any changes, the county clerk shall notify the person by mail that the records have been corrected.

9. The Secretary of State shall, with the approval of the Director, adopt regulations to:

(a) Establish any procedure necessary to provide a person who applies to preregister to vote or an elector who applies to register to vote pursuant to this section the opportunity to do so;

(b) Prescribe the contents of any forms or paper applications which the Department is required to distribute pursuant to this section; and

(c) Provide for the transfer of the completed paper applications of preregistration or registration from the Department to the appropriate county clerk.



Sec. 22. NRS 293.5732 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5732 1. The Secretary of State ~~{,}~~ *and* the Department of Motor Vehicles ~~{and each county clerk}~~ shall cooperatively establish a system by which voter registration information that is collected pursuant to NRS 293.5742 by the Department from a person who submits an application for the issuance or renewal of or change of address for any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department must be transmitted electronically to *the database created by* the Secretary of State ~~{and the county clerks}~~ *pursuant to NRS 293.675* for the purpose of registering the person to vote or updating the voter registration information of the person for the purpose of correcting the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530.

2. The system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Ensure the secure electronic storage of information collected pursuant to NRS 293.5742, the secure transmission of such information to *the database created by* the Secretary of State ~~{and county clerks}~~ *pursuant to NRS 293.675* and the secure electronic storage of such information ~~{by the Secretary of State and county clerks;}~~ *in the database;*

(b) Provide for the destruction of records by the Department as required by subsection 2 of NRS 293.5747; and

(c) Enable the county clerks to receive, view and collate the information into individual electronic documents pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.5742.

Sec. 23. NRS 293.5737 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5737 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall follow the procedures described in this section and NRS 293.5742 and 293.5747 if a person applies to the Department for the issuance or renewal of or change of address for any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department.

2. Before concluding the person's transaction with the Department, the Department shall notify each person described in subsection 1:

(a) Of the qualifications to vote in this State, as provided by NRS 293.485;

(b) That, unless the person affirmatively declines in writing to apply to register to vote or have his or her voter registration information updated, as applicable:

(1) The person is deemed to have consented to the transmission of information to the *database created by the* Secretary of State ~~{and the county clerks}~~ *pursuant to NRS 293.675* for the purpose of registering the person to vote or updating the voter



registration information of the person for the purpose of correcting the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530; and

(2) The Department will transmit to the ~~county clerk of the county in which the person resides~~ *database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675* all information required to register the person to vote pursuant to this chapter or to update the voter registration information of the person for the purpose of correcting the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530;

(c) That:

(1) Indicating a political party affiliation or indicating that the person is not affiliated with a political party is voluntary;

(2) The person may indicate a political party affiliation on a paper or electronic form provided by the Department; and

(3) The person will not be able to vote at a primary election or primary city election for candidates for partisan offices of a major political party unless the person updates his or her voter registration information to indicate a major political party affiliation; and

(d) Of the provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 293.5757.

3. The failure or refusal of the person to acknowledge that he or she has received the notice required by subsection 2:

(a) Is not a declination by the person to apply to register to vote or have his or her voter registration information updated; and

(b) Shall not be deemed to affect any duty of the Department, the Secretary of State or any county clerk:

(1) Relating to the application of the person to register to vote; or

(2) To update the voter registration information of the person.

4. The Department:

(a) Shall prescribe by regulation the form of the notice required by subsection 2 and the procedure for providing it; and

(b) Shall not require the person to acknowledge that he or she has received the notice required by subsection 2.

Sec. 24. NRS 293.5742 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5742 1. Unless the person affirmatively declines in writing to apply to register to vote or have his or her voter registration information updated, as applicable, if a person applies to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance or renewal of or change of address for a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department, the Department shall collect from the person:

(a) A paper or electronic affirmation signed under penalty of perjury that the person is eligible to vote;



(b) An electronic facsimile of the signature of the person, if the Department is capable of recording, storing and transmitting to the ~~county clerk~~ *database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675* an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person;

(c) Any personal information which the person has not already provided to the Department and which is required for the person to register to vote or to update the voter registration information of the person, including:

(1) The first or given name and the surname of the person;

(2) The address at which the voter actually resides as set forth in NRS 293.486 and, if different, the address at which the person may receive mail, including, without limitation, a post office box or general delivery;

(3) The date of birth of the person;

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, one of the following:

(I) The number indicated on the person's current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department, if the person has such a driver's license or identification card; or

(II) The last four digits of the person's social security number, if the person does not have a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department and has a social security number; and

(5) The political party affiliation, if any, indicated by the person; and

(d) The paper or electronic form, if any, completed by the person and indicating his or her political party affiliation.

2. If the person does not have the identification described in subparagraph (4) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the person must sign an affidavit stating that he or she does not have a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department or a social security number. Upon receipt of the affidavit, the county clerk shall issue an identification number to the person which must be the same number as the unique identifier assigned to the person for the purpose of the statewide voter registration list.

Sec. 25. NRS 293.5747 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5747 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall electronically transmit to the *database created by* Secretary of State ~~and the appropriate county clerk~~ *pursuant to NRS 293.675* the information and any



electronic documents collected from a person pursuant to NRS 293.5742:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), not later than 5 working days after collecting the information; and

(b) During the 2 weeks immediately preceding the fifth Sunday preceding an election, not later than 1 working day after collecting the information.

2. The Department shall destroy any record containing information collected pursuant to NRS 293.5742 that is not otherwise collected by the Department in the normal course of business immediately after transmitting the information to the *database created by the Secretary of State* ~~and county clerk~~ pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The Department shall forward the following paper documents on a weekly basis to the ~~appropriate county clerk,~~ *database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675* or daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the fifth Sunday preceding an election:

(a) Each signed affirmation collected pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.5742;

(b) Any completed form indicating a political party affiliation collected pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.5742; and

(c) Any affidavit signed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.5742.

Sec. 26. NRS 293.5752 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5752 1. Unless the person affirmatively declines in writing to apply to register to vote or have his or her voter registration information updated, as applicable, if a person applies to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance or renewal of or change of address for any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department:

(a) The person shall be deemed an applicant to register to vote.

(b) Any action taken by the person pursuant to NRS 293.5742 shall be deemed an act of applying to register to vote.

(c) Upon receipt of the information collected from the person and transmitted to ~~a county clerk~~ *the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675* by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the *appropriate* county clerk shall collate the information into an individual electronic document ~~in~~ *in the database*, which shall be deemed an application to register to vote.

(d) Unless the applicant is already registered to vote, the date on which the person applies to register to vote pursuant to NRS



293.5742 shall be deemed the date on which the applicant registered to vote.

2. If the county clerk determines that the application is complete and that the applicant is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, *the county clerk shall ensure that* the name of the applicant ~~[must appear]~~ *appears* on the statewide voter registration list and the appropriate roster, and the person must be provided all sample ballots and any other voter information provided to registered voters. If the county clerk determines that the application is not complete, he or she shall notify the applicant that additional information is required in accordance with the provisions of NRS 293.5727.

3. For each applicant who applies to register to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742:

(a) The electronic facsimile of the signature of the applicant shall be deemed to be the facsimile of the signature on the person's application to register to vote to be used for the comparison purposes of NRS 293.277 if ~~f:~~

~~—(1) An] an~~ electronic facsimile of the signature has been collected and transmitted ~~[to the county clerk of the county in which the applicant resides]~~ pursuant to NRS 293.5742 and 293.5747, respectively; ~~and~~

~~—(2) The county clerk is capable of receiving, storing and using the facsimile of the signature for that purpose;]~~ or

(b) If the conditions described in paragraph (a) are not met, the signature of the applicant on the affirmation signed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.5742 shall be deemed to be the signature on the person's application to register to vote for the purpose of making a facsimile thereof to be used for the comparison purposes of NRS 293.277.

4. If an applicant is already registered to vote, the county clerk shall use the voter registration information of the applicant transmitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles to correct the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530, if necessary.

Sec. 27. NRS 293.5762 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5762 1. At the time the Department of Motor Vehicles notifies a person of the qualifications to vote in this State pursuant to NRS 293.5737, the Department shall provide the person with a paper form on which the person may:

(a) Affirmatively decline to be registered to vote or have his or her voter registration updated; and

(b) Elect to indicate a political party affiliation.



2. The form provided by the Department pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) Must include a notice informing the person of the information required pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.5737, and that the person may:

(1) Return the completed form at the end of his or her transaction with the Department by depositing the form in the secured container provided by the Department pursuant to subsection 3; or

(2) Use the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 to update his or her voter registration information, including, without limitation, the person's name, address and party affiliation.

(b) May include any other information that the Department determines is necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

3. The Department shall provide a secured container within the Department designated for the return of any form provided to a person pursuant to this section.

4. For the purposes of NRS 293.5742 and 293.5747:

(a) If a person deposits the completed form in the secured container at the end of his or her transaction with the Department and has not affirmatively declined in the form to be registered to vote or have his or her voter registration updated:

(1) The Department shall be deemed to have collected the information contained in the form from the person during his or her transaction with the Department; and

(2) The person shall be deemed to have consented to the transmission of that information and the other information and documents collected during his or her transaction with the Department to the *database created by the* Secretary of State ~~and the appropriate county clerks~~ *pursuant to NRS 293.675* for the purpose of registering the person to vote or updating the person's existing voter registration information in order to correct the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530, if necessary.

(b) If a person does not deposit the form in the secured container at the end of his or her transaction with the Department:

(1) The person shall be deemed to have consented to the transmission of the information and documents collected during his or her transaction with the Department to the *database created by the* Secretary of State ~~and the appropriate county clerks~~ *pursuant to NRS 293.675* for the purpose of registering the person to vote or updating the person's existing voter registration information in order



to correct the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530, if necessary.

(2) The appropriate county clerk shall list the person's political party as nonpartisan, unless the person is already a registered voter listed as affiliated with a political party in the person's existing voter registration information.

5. The Department may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 28. NRS 293.5767 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5767 1. Each county clerk shall review the voter registration information transmitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to NRS 293.5747 and 293.5762 to determine whether the person is eligible to register to vote in this State.

2. If the county clerk determines that a person is not eligible to register to vote pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) It shall be deemed that the transmittal is not a completed voter registration application;

(b) It shall be deemed that the person did not apply to register to vote; ~~and~~

(c) The county clerk must reject the application *and remove the information transmitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles from the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675;* and ~~may~~

(d) *May* not register that person to vote.

Sec. 29. NRS 293.5832 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5832 1. After the close of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, a registered voter may update his or her voter registration information, including, without limitation, his or her name, address and party affiliation.

2. The county or city clerk shall authorize *at least one* ~~for more~~ of the following methods for a registered voter to update his or her voter registration information pursuant to this section:

(a) A paper application; *or*

(b) ~~A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters; or~~

~~—(c) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.~~

↪ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of ~~more than one method,~~ *both methods*, the county or city clerk may limit the use of ~~a particular~~ *one* method to circumstances when ~~another~~ *the other* method is not reasonably available.

3. If a registered voter updates his or her voter registration information pursuant to this section and applies to vote in the



election, the county or city clerk may require the voter to cast a provisional ballot in the election if any circumstances exist that give the county or city clerk reasonable cause to believe that the use of a provisional ballot is necessary to provide sufficient time to verify and determine whether the voter is eligible to cast the ballot in the election based on his or her updated voter registration information.

4. If a registered voter casts a provisional ballot in the election pursuant to this section, the provisional ballot is subject to final verification in accordance with the procedures that apply to other provisional ballots cast in the election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

Sec. 30. NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

2. To register to vote in person during the period for early voting, an elector must:

(a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

(b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize *at least* one ~~for more~~ of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:

(1) A paper application; *or*

(2) ~~A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters; or~~

~~(3)~~ The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

↳ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of ~~more than one method,~~ *both methods*, the county or city clerk may limit the use of ~~a particular~~ *one* method to circumstances when ~~another~~ *the other* method is not reasonably available.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may



be used to establish the residency of the 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) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;
- (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.

4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:

(a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:

- (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.

(b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:

- (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.

Sec. 31. NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

2. To register to vote on the day of the election, an elector must:

- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph.



The county or city clerk shall authorize *at least* one ~~for more~~ of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:

(1) A paper application; *or*

(2) ~~[A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters; or~~

~~—(3)]~~ The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

↳ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of ~~[more than one method,]~~ *both methods*, the county or city clerk may limit the use of ~~[a particular]~~ *one* method to circumstances when ~~[another]~~ *the other* method is not reasonably available.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the 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) A military identification card;

(b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;

(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.

4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:

(a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:

(1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and

(2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.



(b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:

- (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.

Sec. 32. NRS 293.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain ~~and~~ *a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores information related to the preregistration of persons and the registration of electors from all the counties in this State. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the database is capable of storing preregistration information separately until a person is qualified to register to vote. Each county clerk shall use the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection to collect and maintain all records of preregistration and registration to vote.*

2. The Secretary of State shall use the voter registration information collected in the database created pursuant to subsection 1 to create the official statewide voter registration list, which may be maintained on the Internet, in consultation with each county and city clerk.

~~2.~~ 3. The statewide voter registration list must:

- (a) Be a uniform, centralized and interactive computerized list;
- (b) Serve as the single method for storing and managing the official list of registered voters in this State;
- (c) Serve as the official list of registered voters for the conduct of all elections in this State;
- (d) Contain the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in this State;
- (e) Include a unique identifier assigned by the Secretary of State to each legally registered voter in this State;
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~7.~~ 8, be coordinated with the appropriate databases of other agencies in this State;
- (g) Be electronically accessible to each state and local election official in this State at all times;
- (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~8.~~ 9, allow for data to be shared with other states under certain circumstances; and
- (i) Be regularly maintained to ensure the integrity of the registration process and the election process.

~~3.~~ 4. Each county and city clerk shall:



(a) ~~Except for information related to the preregistration of persons to vote, electronically~~ *Electronically* enter into the ~~statewide voter registration list~~ *database created pursuant to subsection 1* all information related to voter *preregistration and* registration obtained by the county or city clerk at the time the information is provided to the county or city clerk; and

(b) Provide the Secretary of State with information concerning the voter registration of the county or city and other reasonable information requested by the Secretary of State in the form required by the Secretary of State to establish or maintain the statewide voter registration list.

~~4.1~~ **5.** In establishing and maintaining the statewide voter registration list, the Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles to match information in the database of the statewide voter registration list with information in the appropriate database of the Department of Motor Vehicles to verify the accuracy of the information in an application to register to vote.

~~5.1~~ **6.** The Department of Motor Vehicles shall enter into an agreement with the Social Security Administration pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 21083, to verify the accuracy of information in an application to register to vote.

~~6.1~~ **7.** The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its database:

(a) Is capable of processing any information related to an application to register to vote, an application to update voter registration information or a request to verify the accuracy of voter registration information as quickly as is feasible; and

(b) Does not limit the number of applications to register to vote, applications to update voter registration information or requests to verify the accuracy of voter registration information that may be processed by the database in any given day.

~~7.1~~ **8.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 481.063 or any provision of law providing for the confidentiality of information, the Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with an agency of this State pursuant to which the agency provides to the Secretary of State any information in the possession of the agency that the Secretary of State deems necessary to maintain the statewide voter registration list.

~~8.1~~ **9.** The Secretary of State may:

(a) Request from the chief officer of elections of another state any information which the Secretary of State deems necessary to maintain the statewide voter registration list; and



(b) Provide to the chief officer of elections of another state any information which is requested and which the Secretary of State deems necessary for the chief officer of elections of that state to maintain a voter registration list, if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the information provided pursuant to this paragraph will be used only for the maintenance of that voter registration list.

Sec. 33. NRS 293C.318 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.318 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the city clerk may request that the registered voter receive an absent ballot for all elections at which the registered voter is eligible to vote. The written notice is effective for all elections that are conducted after the registered voter provides the written notice to the city clerk, except that the written notice is not effective for the next ensuing election unless the written notice is provided to the city clerk before the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot for the election pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293C.310.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section or for an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive, upon receipt of the written notice provided by the registered voter pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall:

(a) Issue an absent ballot to the registered voter for each primary city election, general city election and special city election that is conducted after the written notice is effective pursuant to subsection 1.

(b) Inform the county clerk of receipt of the written notice provided by the registered voter. Upon being informed of the written notice by the city clerk, the county clerk shall issue an absent ballot for each primary election, general election and special election, other than a special city election, that is conducted after the written notice is effective pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The city clerk must not mail an absent ballot requested by a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1 if, after the request is submitted:

(a) The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530;

(b) The county clerk cancels the registration of the person pursuant to NRS ~~[293.527,]~~ 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540; ~~[or]~~

(c) *The registered voter has moved to another county and the county clerk of that county has updated the voter's registration on the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.527; or*



(d) An absent ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable, unless the registered voter has submitted a new request pursuant to subsection 1.

4. The procedure authorized pursuant to this section is subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 34. NRS 293C.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.525 1. Any elector who is registered to vote and has changed residence after the last preceding general city election and who fails to return or never receives a postcard mailed pursuant to NRS 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535 who moved:

(a) From one precinct to another within the same city must be allowed to vote in the precinct where the elector previously resided after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting to his or her new address.

(b) Within the same precinct must be allowed to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting to his or her new address.

2. If an elector alleges that the records in ~~the registrar of voters' register or~~ the roster incorrectly indicate that the elector has changed residence, the elector must be allowed to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting that he or she continues to reside at the same address.

3. If an elector refuses to provide an oral or written affirmation attesting to his or her address as required by this section, the elector may only vote at the special polling place in the city in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.295.

Sec. 35. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

(a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall or special city 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 fourth Tuesday preceding the 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, is the Thursday preceding the primary city election or general city election, unless the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.~~

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

(b) If a recall or special city 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 city election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special city election.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 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. Except for a recall or special city 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 each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed; and

(2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.

↳ 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.

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

4. 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. 36. NRS 293C.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.540 Not later than 3 days before the day on which any regular or special city election is held, the county clerk shall *use the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS*



293.675 to prepare and deliver to the city clerk the official register for the city.

Sec. 37. NRS 266.022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.022 1. The county clerk shall invalidate the signature of any qualified elector if the signature is not signed in ink and dated or if the signature is executed before the notice to incorporate and the petition for incorporation are filed with the county clerk pursuant to NRS 266.018. The county clerk shall not invalidate a signature because it does not correspond exactly to the signature ~~for the registrar of voters' register~~ **in the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675** if the county clerk is able to determine the identity of the signer from the signature on the petition.

2. A petition for incorporation must contain a number of signatures equal to at least one-third of the qualified electors within the boundaries of the city proposed to be incorporated.

3. The petition containing the required number of signatures must be filed with the county clerk within 90 days after the notice to incorporate is filed pursuant to NRS 266.018.

Sec. 37.3. Section 88 of chapter 546, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 3426 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 88. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 34, 43, 84.4 and 84.6 of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations, passing any ordinances and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.

3. Sections 1 to 8, inclusive, 10 to 33, inclusive, 35 to 42, inclusive, 43.5 to 83, inclusive, 85, 86 and 87 of this act become effective on July 1, 2019.

4. Section 84 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

5. Section 9 of this act becomes effective on January 1, ~~2022~~ **2024**.

Sec. 37.7. 1. The Secretary of State shall develop a pilot program for conducting a risk-limiting audit of the results of the 2022 general election.

2. The Secretary of State may require each county clerk to participate in the pilot program developed pursuant to subsection 1



and conduct a risk-limiting audit of the results of the 2022 general election.

3. As used in this section, “risk-limiting audit” means an audit protocol that:

(a) Makes use of statistical principles and methods; and

(b) Is designed to limit the risk of certifying an incorrect election outcome.

Sec. 38. 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.

Sec. 39. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 218D.435, a committee, other than the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, may vote on this act before the expiration of the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after March 22, 2021.

Sec. 39.5. Beginning with a report that is due on January 1, 2022, and ending with the submission of a final report that is due on January 1, 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee every 6 months that details the progress made by the Secretary of State in implementing the provisions of sections 1 to 37, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 40. NRS 293.0925 and 293.511 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 41. 1. This section and sections 37.3, 37.7 and 39.5 become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 37, inclusive, 38, 39 and 40 of this act become effective:

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

(b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

