

Amendment No. 276

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 321	(BDR 24-927)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local government to A.B. 321 (§§ 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 17, 51, 52, 56, 59, 60, 64, 65).
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.





ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 321—ASSEMBLYMEN  
FRIERSON AND BENITEZ-THOMPSON

MARCH 17, 2021

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-927)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 17, 51, 52, 56, 59, 60, 64, 65)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; establishing procedures for the use of mail ballots in every election; establishing various requirements relating to mail ballots; revising the requirements for signature verification of mail ballots; revising the deadline to submit a request for the establishment of a polling place within an Indian reservation or Indian colony for an election; revising the personal data that may be requested if a voter’s signature is challenged at the polls; requiring the Secretary of State to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to obtain certain information relating to the statewide voter registration list; authorizing a county clerk, city clerk or registrar of voters and deputies thereof charged with powers and duties relating to elections to request certain personal information be maintained in a confidential manner; repealing provisions related to absent ballots, mailing ballots and affected elections; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes a registered voter to request an absent ballot to vote at an election  
2 and sets forth various requirements and procedures to be used for voting and processing  
3 absent ballots. (NRS 293.3088-293.340, 293C.304-293C.340) Existing law also provides that  
4 a county or city clerk may designate certain election precincts as mailing precincts or absent  
5 ballot mailing precincts and all registered voters who live in such an election precinct are  
6 mailed a mailing ballot and may vote by mailing ballot. (NRS 293.343-293.355, 293C.342-  
7 293C.352) Existing law further provides that for elections that are affected by certain  
8 emergencies or disasters, the county and city clerks are required to mail each registered voter  
9 a mail ballot and sets forth requirements and procedures to be used for mail ballots. (NRS  
10 293.8801-293.8887) **Section 91** of this bill repeals the existing provisions for absent ballots,  
11 mailing ballots and mail ballots. **Sections ~~12-17~~ 2, 3-17 and 51-63** of this bill: (1) require the  
12 county and city clerks to send each active registered voter and each person who registers to  
13 vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than 14 days before an

14 election a mail ballot for all elections; and (2) reenact, with certain changes, various  
15 requirements relating to the preparation and distribution of mail ballots and procedures for  
16 voting, returning, verifying and counting mail ballots. **Sections 18-24, 30-33, 35-45, 47-49,**  
17 **66-69, 72, 73, 76-79 and 81-86** of this bill make conforming changes to revise references to  
18 absent ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots for affected elections.

19 **Sections 3 and 51** of this bill provide that a voter may elect not to receive a mail ballot by  
20 submitting a written notice to the county or city clerk which must be received by the  
21 county or city clerk, as applicable, not later than 60 days before the day of the election.

22 Sections 2.2 and 2.4 of this bill require the county clerk to establish a minimum  
23 number of polling places for primary elections and general elections in the county for  
24 early voting by personal appearance and polling places for voting on the day of the  
25 election based on the population of the county.

26 Existing law provides that an absent ballot or mail ballot that is mailed to the county or  
27 city clerk must be postmarked on or before the day of the election and received by 5 p.m. on  
28 the seventh day following the election. (NRS 293.317, 293.8861, 293C.319) **Sections 8 and**  
29 **56** of this bill revise this deadline to instead require a mail ballot that is mailed to the county  
30 or city clerk to be received by 5 p.m. on the fourth day following an election. **Sections 8 and**  
31 **56 also require the county and city clerk to establish ballot drop boxes at every polling**  
32 **location in the county or city, as applicable. Section 45 of this bill makes it a category E**  
33 **felony for a person other than a county clerk or city clerk to establish a ballot drop box.**

34 Existing law establishes a process for county and city clerks to verify signatures on absent  
35 ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots. (NRS 293.325, 293.355, 293.8874, 293C.325,  
36 293C.352) **Sections 11 and 59** of this bill authorize the county and city clerks to review the  
37 signature of a voter manually or by electronic means and establish requirements for an  
38 electronic device to verify the signature of a voter.

39 **Sections 16 and 64** of this bill require each county clerk and city clerk and all members  
40 of their staff whose duties include administering an election to complete a class on forensic  
41 signature verification that is approved by the Secretary of State at least once each year.  
42 **Sections 17 and 65** of this bill provide that if a county or city clerk uses an electronic device  
43 to verify signatures on mail ballots, the clerk must: (1) conduct a test of the accuracy of every  
44 electronic device before the election; (2) perform daily audits of the electronic device during  
45 the processing of ballots for the election; and (3) prepare an audit report. **Sections 34 and 80**  
46 of this bill require the audit reports to be deposited in the vaults of the county or city with  
47 other election materials.

48 Existing law allows a voter who has failed to affix his or her signature on an absent,  
49 mailing or mail ballot or for whom there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
50 signature used for the absent, mailing or mail ballot matches the signature of the voter to  
51 provide a signature or confirmation not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh day following an  
52 election or the ninth day following an affected election. (NRS 293.325, 293.355, 293.8874,  
53 293C.325, 293C.352) **Sections 11 and 59** revise this deadline to require a voter to provide a  
54 signature or confirmation by the sixth day following an election. **Sections 11 and 59 also**  
55 **establish methods by which the county or city clerk may verify the identity of a voter for**  
56 **whom there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used on his or**  
57 **her mailing ballot matches the voter's signature.**

58 Existing law requires certain persons who register to vote to show certain proof of  
59 identity and residency the first time voting in an election for federal office in this State. A  
60 person who registers to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles using the process  
61 commonly known as the Automatic Voter Registration System is not required to show proof  
62 of identity or residency the first time voting in an election for federal office in this State if the  
63 person presented to the Department of Motor Vehicles certain proof of identity and residency.  
64 (NRS 293.2725, 293.5742) **Section 25** of this bill makes a technical change to clarify that a  
65 person who registers to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles using the Automatic Voter  
66 Registration System is not required to show proof of identity or residency the first time voting  
67 in an election for federal office in this State if the person presented to the Department of  
68 Motor Vehicles certain proof of identity and residency.

69 Existing law authorizes an Indian tribe to submit a request for the establishment of a  
70 polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony, which must be  
71 submitted by the first Friday in January for a primary election and the first Friday in July for a  
72 general election. (NRS 293.2733, 293.3572, 293C.2675, 293C.3572) **Sections 26, 28, 70 and**

73 74 of this bill revise the deadline for the request for the establishment of a polling place within  
 74 the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for early voting and the day of a  
 75 primary election or general election to ~~April~~ March 1 for a primary election and  
 76 ~~September~~ August 1 for a general election. Sections 26 and 70 also authorize an Indian  
 77 tribe to submit a request for the establishment of a ballot drop box within the  
 78 boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony by the same deadlines.

79 Existing law provides that if the signature of a voter who appears to vote in person at the  
 80 polls does not match the voter’s signature on file, the voter must be identified by answering  
 81 questions covering the personal data reported on an application to register to vote or providing  
 82 other personal data. (NRS 293.285, 293.3585, 293C.275, 293C.3585) Sections 27, 29, ~~74~~ 71  
 83 and 75 of this bill provide that the questions covering the personal data of a voter ~~does not~~  
 84 may include the voter’s date of birth.

85 Existing law authorizes a person to register to vote through the Thursday preceding  
 86 the day of the election by submitting an application to register to vote by computer using  
 87 the system established by the Secretary of State before the person appears at a polling  
 88 place to vote in person using a provisional ballot. (NRS 293.560, 293.5837, 293C.527)  
 89 Sections 42.5, 43 and 80.5 of this bill extends this deadline to allow a person to register to  
 90 vote using this method through the day of the election.

91 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain the statewide voter  
 92 registration list. (NRS 293.675) Section 44 of this bill requires the Secretary of State to enter  
 93 into a cooperative agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to match information  
 94 in the statewide voter registration list with the records from the State Registrar of Vital  
 95 Statistics concerning the death of residents of the State to maintain the statewide voter  
 96 registration list.

97 Existing law authorizes certain persons to obtain a court order to require a county  
 98 assessor, county recorder, county clerk, city clerk or Secretary of State to maintain the  
 99 personal information of the person contained in their records in a confidential manner. (NRS  
 100 247.530, 247.540, 250.130, 250.140, 293.908) Sections 46, 87 and 88 of this bill authorize a  
 101 county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with the powers and duties relating to  
 102 elections and any deputy appointed by the county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the  
 103 elections division to request a court order to require a county assessor, county recorder, county  
 104 clerk, city clerk or the Secretary of State maintain the personal information of the person  
 105 contained in their records in a confidential manner.

106 Existing law authorizes certain persons to request that the Department of Motor Vehicles  
 107 display an alternate address on the person’s driver’s license, commercial driver’s license or  
 108 identification card. (NRS 481.091) Section 89 of this bill authorizes a county clerk, city clerk,  
 109 registrar of voters charged with powers and duties related to elections and any deputy in the  
 110 elections division of the county or city to also request that the Department display an alternate  
 111 address on the person’s driver’s license, commercial driver’s license or identification card.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
 2 provisions set forth as sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

3 Sec. 2. “Mail ballot” means a mail ballot distributed to an active registered  
 4 voter pursuant to the provisions of sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this act and  
 5 sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act.

6 Sec. 2.2. For a primary election or general election, the county clerk must  
 7 establish:

8 1. In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, at least 25 polling  
 9 places for early voting by personal appearance, which may be any combination of  
 10 temporary or permanent polling places for early voting.

1 2. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000,  
2 at least 15 polling places for early voting by personal appearance, which may be  
3 any combination of temporary or permanent polling places for early voting.

4 3. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, at least 1 permanent  
5 polling place for early voting by personal appearance.

6 Sec. 2.4. 1. For a primary election or general election, the county clerk  
7 must establish:

8 (a) In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, at least 100 polling  
9 places where a person can vote in person on the day of the election.

10 (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, at  
11 least 25 polling places where a person can vote in person on the day of the  
12 election.

13 (c) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, at least 1 permanent  
14 polling place where a person can vote in person on the day of the election.

15 2. For the purposes of subsection 1, a polling place where a person can vote  
16 on the day of the election may include a vote center.

17 Sec. 3. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county clerk  
18 shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter in the county and each  
19 person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information  
20 not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The  
21 county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot  
22 by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing,  
23 upon request, the absent ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or  
24 disabled.

25 2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot  
26 pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk a written notice in the  
27 form prescribed by the county clerk ~~+~~ which must be received by the county clerk  
28 not later than 60 days before the day of the election.

29 3. The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:

30 (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS  
31 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or

32 (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.

33 4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon  
34 which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.

35 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must  
36 be distributed to:

37 (a) Each active registered voter who:

38 (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election;  
39 and

40 (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c), resides outside  
41 the State, not later than 40 days before the election.

42 (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for  
43 distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a  
44 mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.

45 (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot  
46 transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed  
47 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later  
48 than the time required by those provisions.

49 6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will  
50 appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered  
51 voter not later than 15 days before the special election.

52 7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from  
53 being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.

1           **Sec. 4. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, section 3 of this*  
2 *act and chapter 293D of NRS, the county clerk shall send to each active*  
3 *registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election*  
4 *Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal*  
5 *Service is properly placed:*

6           (i) *A mail ballot;*

7           (ii) *A return envelope;*

8           (iii) *An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted to ensure its*  
9 *secrecy; and*

10           ~~(d) *An identification envelope, if applicable; and*~~

11           ~~(e) *Instructions.*~~

12           2. *In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the county clerk*  
13 *shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an address of the voter that is*  
14 *different from the address to which the mail ballot is mailed.*

15           3. *The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-class mail if*  
16 *the active registered voter is within the boundaries of the United States, its*  
17 *territories or possessions or on a military base.*

18           4. *Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the county*  
19 *clerk shall record:*

20           (i) *The date the mail ballot is issued;*

21           (ii) *The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his or her*  
22 *precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any, unless all the offices*  
23 *on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;*

24           (iii) *The number of the mail ballot; and*

25           (iv) *Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.*

26           **Sec. 5. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a person*  
27 *applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or preregistered to vote by mail or*  
28 *computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has*  
29 *not previously voted in any election for federal office in this State, the county*  
30 *clerk must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the*  
31 *information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 in the*  
32 *return envelope with the mail ballot.*

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

34           (i) *Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or*  
35 *computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with*  
36 *his or her application to preregister or register to vote:*

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

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

41           (ii) *Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his or her*  
42 *application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four*  
43 *digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has*  
44 *matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same*  
45 *number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;*

46           (iii) *Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757, inclusive, and at*  
47 *that time presents to the Department of Motor Vehicles:*

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

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

52                   (3) *A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her*  
53 *social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that*

1 information with an existing identification record bearing the same number,  
 2 name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;

3 (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or  
 4 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et  
 5 seq.;

6 (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the  
 7 provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52  
 8 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

9 (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the provisions of  
 10 any other federal law.

11 3. If a person fails to provide the identification required pursuant to  
 12 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her mail ballot:

13 (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and

14 (b) The county clerk must:

15 (1) Contact the person;

16 (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required before 5 p.m.  
 17 on the ~~third~~ sixth day following the election; and

18 (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection  
 19 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the  
 20 appropriate mail ballot central counting board.

21 **Sec. 6.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this act and  
 22 chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the voter must, in accordance  
 23 with the instructions:

24 (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

25 (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the return  
 26 envelope;

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

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

30 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, voting must be  
 31 only upon candidates whose names appear upon the mail ballot as prepared  
 32 pursuant to section 3 of this act, and no person may write in the name of an  
 33 additional candidate for any office.

34 3. If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote in person at a  
 35 polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, the  
 36 voter must, in addition to complying with all other requirements for voting in  
 37 person that are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or sign  
 38 an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not voted during the  
 39 election. A person who receives a surrendered mail ballot shall mark it  
 40 "Cancelled."

41 **Sec. 7.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not  
 42 mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of a voter or assist a voter to mark and sign  
 43 a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this act.

44 2. At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is at least 65  
 45 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may mark and sign a mail  
 46 ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the voter to mark and sign a mail ballot  
 47 pursuant to this section.

48 3. If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a voter pursuant to  
 49 this section, the person must ~~+~~

50 ~~(a) Indicate,~~ indicate next to his or her signature that the mail ballot has  
 51 been marked and signed on behalf of the voter. ~~+~~ + and

52 ~~(b) Submit a written statement with the mail ballot that includes the name,  
 53 address and signature of the person.]~~



1           4. *If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to this*  
2 *section, the person or the voter must* ~~*submit a written statement with the mail*~~  
3 ~~*ballot that includes the*~~ *include on the return envelope his or her name, address*  
4 *and signature*. ~~*of the person who provided the assistance.*~~

5           **Sec. 8.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter 293D*  
6 *of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for any election, the mail ballot*  
7 *must be:*

8           (a) *Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by hand to the*  
9 *county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the county pursuant to this*  
10 *section; or*

11           (b) *Mailed to the county clerk, and:*

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

13           (2) *Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth day*  
14 *following the election.*

15           2. *If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on the third day*  
16 *following the election and the date of the postmark cannot be determined, the*  
17 *mail ballot shall be deemed to have been postmarked on or before the day of the*  
18 *election.*

19           3. *Each county clerk must* *establish a ballot drop box at every polling place*  
20 *in the county, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting. A*  
21 *county clerk may establish* ~~*at least one*~~ *a ballot drop box at any other location in*  
22 *the county* ~~*for a ballot drop box*~~ *where mail ballots can be delivered by hand*  
23 *and collected during the period for early voting and on election day. No person*  
24 *other than a clerk may establish a drop box for mail ballots.*

25           4. *A ballot drop box must be:*

26           (a) *Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of sufficient strength*  
27 *and resistance to protect the security of the mail ballots; and*

28           (b) *Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots and being*  
29 *locked.*

30           5. *A ballot drop box must be:*

31           (a) *Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the office of the*  
32 *county clerk or a polling place in the county; and*

33           (b) *Made available for use during the hours when the office of the county*  
34 *clerk, or the polling place, is open for business or voting, as applicable.*

35           **Sec. 9.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at the request of a*  
36 *voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or on behalf of the voter, a person*  
37 *authorized by the voter may return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail*  
38 *or personal delivery to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the*  
39 *county, pursuant to section 8 of this act.*

40           2. *Except for an election board officer in the course of the election board*  
41 *officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:*

42           (a) *Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a voter's mail*  
43 *ballot;*

44           (b) *Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or*

45           (c) *If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and authorization to return*  
46 *the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery, fail to return*  
47 *the mail ballot, unless otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal*  
48 *delivery:*

49           (1) *Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if the person*  
50 *receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days before the day of the*  
51 *election; or*

52           (2) *Before the deadline established by the United States Postal Service*  
53 *for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of the election or before the polls*

1 close on the day of the election, as applicable to the type of delivery, if the person  
2 receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the  
3 election.

4 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is guilty of a  
5 category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

6 **Sec. 10.** 1. The county clerk shall establish procedures for the processing  
7 and counting of mail ballots.

8 2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

9 (a) May authorize mail ballots to be processed, verified and counted by  
10 computer or other electronic means; and

11 (b) Must not conflict with the provisions of sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this  
12 act.

13 **Sec. 11.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a mail  
14 ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the county clerk, and a record of its  
15 return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee  
16 in the office of the clerk shall check the signature used for the mail ballot by  
17 electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3.

18 2. To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic means:

19 (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the signature used for  
20 the mail ballot and compare the digital image with the signatures of the voter  
21 from his or her application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote  
22 available in the records of the county clerk.

23 (b) If the electronic device does not match the signature of the voter, the  
24 signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3.

25 3. To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the county clerk  
26 shall use the following procedure:

27 (a) The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the mail ballot  
28 against all signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.

29 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe there is a  
30 reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot  
31 matches the signature of the voter, the clerk shall contact the voter and ask the  
32 voter to confirm whether the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the  
33 voter.

34 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

35 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used  
36 for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if the signature used for the  
37 mail ballot differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the  
38 signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.

39 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature  
40 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if:

41 (1) The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of the signature  
42 of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for the first or middle name ~~or~~,  
43 the substitution of a different type of punctuation in the first, middle or last name,  
44 the use of a common nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has  
45 two last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and  
46 obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of the  
47 clerk; or

48 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature used for  
49 the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter available in the records of the  
50 clerk.

51 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk determines that  
52 the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in  
53 the proper ballot box or place the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must

1 *be securely locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall*  
2 *deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed*  
3 *and prepared for counting.*

4 *6. If the clerk determines when checking the signature used for the mail*  
5 *ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the*  
6 *manner required by law for the mail ballot or that there is a reasonable question*  
7 *of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature*  
8 *of the voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk*  
9 *shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a*  
10 *signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to*  
11 *the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide*  
12 *a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth*  
13 *day following the election.*

14 *7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to affix his or*  
15 *her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail*  
16 *ballot, or for whom there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
17 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:*

18 *(a) Contact the voter;*

19 *(b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that the*  
20 *signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable; and*

21 *(c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as applicable, ensure the*  
22 *mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting board.*

23 *8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used*  
24 *for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the voter must be identified*  
25 *by:*

26 *(a) Answering questions from the county clerk covering the personal data*  
27 *which is reported on the application to register to vote;*

28 *(b) Providing the county clerk, orally or in writing, with other personal data*  
29 *which verifies the identity of the voter; or*

30 *(c) Providing the county clerk with proof of identification as described in*  
31 *NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.*

32 *9. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 7 for contacting a*  
33 *voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as soon as possible after receipt*  
34 *of the mail ballot, by:*

35 *(a) Mail;*

36 *(b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in the records*  
37 *of the clerk; and*

38 *(c) Electronic means, which may include, without limitation, electronic mail,*  
39 *if the voter has provided the clerk with sufficient information to contact the voter*  
40 *by such means.*

41 **Sec. 12. 1. The county clerk shall appoint a mail ballot central counting**  
42 **board for the election.**

43 **2. The clerk shall appoint and notify voters to act as election board officers**  
44 **for the mail ballot central counting board in such numbers as the clerk**  
45 **determines to be required by the volume of mail ballots required to be sent to**  
46 **each active registered voter in the county for the election. The voters appointed as**  
47 **election board officers for the mail ballot central counting board must not all be**  
48 **of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or election or a relative**  
49 **of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be**  
50 **appointed as such an election board officer.**

51 **3. The clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with elections**  
52 **shall be deemed officers of the mail ballot central counting board.**

53 **4. The mail ballot central counting board is under the direction of the clerk.**

1        **Sec. 13.** *1. The mail ballot central counting board may begin counting*  
2 *the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election. The board must*  
3 *complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the seventh day following the*  
4 *election. The counting procedure must be public.*

5        *2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to present the*  
6 *appearance of a single ballot, ~~they must be laid aside. If a majority of the~~*  
7 *~~inspectors are of the opinion that the mail ballots folded together were voted by~~*  
8 *~~one person,~~ the mail ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon*  
9 *which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed*  
10 *by an election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box after the*  
11 *count is completed.*

12        **Sec. 14.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, each mail ballot*  
13 *central counting board shall process the mail ballots in the following manner:*

14        *1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope, must be checked*  
15 *as if the voter were voting in person;*

16        *2. ~~[If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast a mail ballot, the~~*  
17 *~~return envelope must be opened, the numbers on the mail ballot and return~~*  
18 *~~envelope compared, the number strip or stub detached from the mail ballot and, if~~*  
19 *~~the numbers are the same, the mail ballot must be counted,~~*

20 *~~— 3. — An election board officer shall indicate in the roster ~~“Voted”~~~~*  
21 *~~“Received” by the name of the voter; ~~and~~~~*

22        *3. If the board determines the voter is entitled to cast a mail ballot and all*  
23 *other processing steps have been completed, the return envelope must be opened*  
24 *and the mail ballot counted;*

25        *4. An election board officer shall indicate “Voted” by the name of the voter;*  
26 *and*

27        *5. When all mail ballots delivered to the board have been voted or rejected,*  
28 *except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, the empty envelopes and the*  
29 *envelopes containing rejected mail ballots must be returned to the clerk. On all*  
30 *envelopes containing rejected mail ballots, the cause of rejection must be noted*  
31 *and the envelope signed by an election board officer.*

32        **Sec. 15.** *1. The voting results of the mail ballot vote in each precinct must*  
33 *be certified and submitted to the county clerk, who shall have the results added to*  
34 *the votes of the precinct that were not cast by mail ballot. The returns of the mail*  
35 *ballot vote must be reported separately from the other votes that were not cast by*  
36 *mail ballot in the precinct unless reporting the returns separately would violate*  
37 *the secrecy of a voter’s ballot.*

38        *2. The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each mail ballot is*  
39 *kept secret.*

40        *3. No voting results of mail ballots may be released until all polling places*  
41 *are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of the election. Any person who*  
42 *disseminates to the public in any way information pertaining to the count of mail*  
43 *ballots before all polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day*  
44 *of the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

45        **Sec. 16.** *At least once each year, each county clerk and all members of his*  
46 *or her staff whose duties include administering an election must complete a*  
47 *training class on forensic signature verification that is approved by the Secretary*  
48 *of State.*

49        **Sec. 17.** *If a county clerk uses an electronic device in an election to verify*  
50 *signatures on mail ballots:*

51        *1. The county clerk must conduct a test of the accuracy of the electronic*  
52 *devices before the election. The test must be conducted in a manner that ensures*  
53 *the electronic device will use the same standards for determining the validity of a*

1 *signature as would be used by a natural person verifying the signature pursuant*  
2 *to section 11 of this act.*

3 2. *The county clerk must perform daily audits of each electronic device*  
4 *during the processing of mail ballots for the election. The daily audit must*  
5 *include a review of a sample of at least 1 percent of the signatures verified each*  
6 *day. The county clerk shall appoint election board officers who must not all be of*  
7 *the same political party to manually review the signatures. The county clerk must*  
8 *prepare a report of each daily audit.*

9 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words  
11 and terms defined in NRS ~~[293.013]~~ **293.016** to 293.121, inclusive, *and section 2*  
12 *of this act*, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

13 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.093 “Regular votes” means the votes cast by registered voters, except  
15 votes cast by:

16 1. ~~[An absent]~~ *A mail* ballot;

17 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive; or

18 3. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

19 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293.206 1. On or before the last day in March of every even-numbered year,  
21 the county clerk shall provide the Secretary of State and the Director of the  
22 Legislative Counsel Bureau with a copy or electronic file of a map showing the  
23 boundaries of all election precincts in the county.

24 2. If the Secretary of State determines that the boundaries of an election  
25 precinct do not comply with the provisions of NRS 293.205, the Secretary of State  
26 must provide the county clerk with a written statement of noncompliance setting  
27 forth the reasons the precinct is not in compliance. Within 15 days after receiving  
28 the notice of noncompliance, the county clerk shall make any adjustments to the  
29 boundaries of the precinct which are required to bring the precinct into compliance  
30 with the provisions of NRS 293.205 and shall submit a corrected copy or electronic  
31 file of the precinct map to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Legislative  
32 Counsel Bureau.

33 3. If the initial or corrected election precinct map is not filed as required  
34 pursuant to this section or the county clerk fails to make the necessary changes to  
35 the boundaries of an election precinct pursuant to subsection 2, the Secretary of  
36 State may establish appropriate precinct boundaries in compliance with the  
37 provisions of NRS 293.205 to ~~[293.213,]~~ **293.210**, inclusive. If the Secretary of  
38 State revises the map pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State shall submit  
39 a copy or electronic file of the revised map to the Director of the Legislative  
40 Counsel Bureau and the appropriate county clerk.

41 4. As used in this section, “electronic file” includes, without limitation, an  
42 electronic data file of a geographic information system.

43 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.217 1. The county clerk of each county shall appoint and notify  
45 registered voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places in  
46 the county as provided in NRS 293.220 to ~~[293.243,]~~ **293.227**, inclusive, and  
47 ~~[293.384,]~~ *section 12 of this act*. The registered voters appointed as election board  
48 officers for any polling place must not all be of the same political party. No  
49 candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate within the second  
50 degree of consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as an election board officer.  
51 Immediately after election board officers are appointed, if requested by the county  
52 clerk, the sheriff shall:

1 (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county and for the  
2 central election board or the ~~absent~~ mail ballot central counting board; or

3 (b) Deputize as a deputy sheriff for the election an election board officer of  
4 each polling place in the county and for the central election board or the ~~absent~~  
5 mail ballot central counting board. The deputized officer shall receive no additional  
6 compensation for services rendered as a deputy sheriff during the election for which  
7 the officer is deputized.

8 ➤ Deputy sheriffs so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during hours of  
9 voting and attend closing of the polls.

10 2. The county clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of election board  
11 officer as set forth in NRS 293.2175.

12 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, the  
14 Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the election laws of this State,  
15 prescribe:

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

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

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

23 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS  
24 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.

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

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

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

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

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

39 5. The condensations and explanations for constitutional amendments and  
40 statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared by the  
41 Secretary of State, upon consultation with the Attorney General. The arguments and  
42 rebuttals for or against constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed  
43 by initiative or referendum must be prepared in the manner set forth in NRS  
44 293.252. The fiscal notes for constitutional amendments and statewide measures  
45 proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State,  
46 upon consultation with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel  
47 Bureau. The condensations, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes  
48 must be in easily understood language and of reasonable length, and whenever  
49 feasible must be completed by August 1 of the year in which the general election is  
50 to be held. The explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a  
51 concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to the constitutional  
52 amendment or statewide measure and a summary of how the constitutional  
53 amendment or statewide measure adds to, changes or repeals such existing laws.

1 For a constitutional amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates,  
2 increases or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of the  
3 digest must include a statement that the constitutional amendment or statewide  
4 measure creates, generates, increases or decreases, as applicable, public revenue.

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

8 7. A county clerk:

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

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

13 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.2693 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.2693 If a county or city uses paper ballots, including, without limitation,  
15 for ~~absent~~ mail ballots, ~~and ballots voted in a mailing precinct,~~ the county or  
16 city clerk shall provide a voter education program specific to the voting system  
17 used by the county or city. The voter education program must include, without  
18 limitation, information concerning the effect of overvoting and the procedures for  
19 correcting a vote on a ballot before it is cast and counted and for obtaining a  
20 replacement ballot.

21 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in NRS  
23 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or computer to vote shall,  
24 for the first election in which the person votes at which that registration is valid,  
25 vote in person unless he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or  
26 she is registered to vote.

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

28 (a) ~~Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.343 to 293.355,~~  
29 ~~inclusive;~~

30 ~~— (b) Is entitled to vote [an absent ballot] otherwise than in person pursuant to~~  
31 ~~federal law [NRS 293.316] or chapter 293D of NRS;~~

32 ~~[(c)] (b) Is disabled;~~

33 ~~[(d)] (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the~~  
34 ~~Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et~~  
35 ~~seq.;~~

36 ~~[(e) Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an absent ballot~~  
37 ~~that is signed by the registered voter before a notary public or other person~~  
38 ~~authorized to administer an oath;~~

39 ~~— (f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the county clerk;] or~~

40 ~~[(g)] (d) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of [NRS 293.8847]~~  
41 ~~section 4 of this act and includes a copy of the information required pursuant to~~  
42 ~~paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if~~  
43 ~~required pursuant to [NRS 293.8851.] section 5 of this act.~~

44 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS  
46 293.3081, 293.3083 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and in federal law, a  
47 person who registers to vote by mail or computer, ~~for registers to vote pursuant to~~  
48 ~~NRS 293.5742,] or a person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is~~  
49 ~~subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in~~  
50 ~~an election for federal office in this State:~~

51 (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board  
52 officer at the polling place:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742, and at that time presents to the  
29 Department of Motor Vehicles:

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

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

34 (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her  
35 social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that  
36 information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name  
37 and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;

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

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

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

43 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b)  
44 of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person is mailed by the  
45 county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States  
46 Postal Service.

47 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.2733 is hereby amended to read as follows:

48 293.2733 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or  
49 in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the county clerk for  
50 the establishment ~~[of a polling place]~~ within the boundaries of the Indian  
51 reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election or general election. ~~It~~

52 of:

53 (a) A polling place;



1 (b) A ballot drop box; or

2 (c) Both a polling place and a ballot drop box.

3 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place , a ballot drop box or  
4 both a polling place and a ballot drop box within the boundaries of an Indian  
5 reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election or general election:

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

7 (1) If the request is for a primary election, ~~[the first Friday in January~~  
8 ~~April]~~ March 1 of the year in which the primary election is to be held.

9 (2) If the request is for a general election, ~~[the first Friday in July~~  
10 ~~September]~~ August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held.

11 (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the  
12 Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling place ~~[ ]~~ or ballot drop box. Any  
13 proposed location must satisfy the criteria the county clerk uses for the  
14 establishment of any other polling place ~~[ ]~~ or ballot drop box, as applicable.

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

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

32 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to  
34 293.5887, inclusive:

35 (a) A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the  
36 election board officer in charge of the roster; and

37 (b) The election board officer shall:

38 (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;

39 (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;

40 (3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in  
41 NRS 293.277; and

42 (4) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that county in  
43 the current election.

44 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

45 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal  
46 data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

47 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other  
48 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

49 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as  
50 described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.

51 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on  
52 the application to preregister or register to vote, the voter must update his or her  
53 signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

1        **4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter ~~does not~~**  
2 **may include his or her date of birth.**

3        **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4        293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, except  
5 as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the county clerk may establish temporary  
6 branch polling places for early voting which may include, without limitation, the  
7 clerk's office pursuant to NRS 293.3561.

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

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

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

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

17        (2) If the request is for a general election, ~~the first Friday in July~~  
18 ~~September~~ **August 1** of the year in which the general election is to be held.

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

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

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

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

44        7. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among  
45 the temporary branch polling places.

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

50        **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

51        293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to  
52 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early  
53 voting, an election board officer shall:

1 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.  
2 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.  
3 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.  
4 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current  
5 election.

6 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:

7 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal  
8 data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

9 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other  
10 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

11 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as  
12 described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.

13 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on  
14 the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a  
15 form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

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

19 5. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable, must contain:

20 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or  
21 her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;

22 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is  
23 available; and

24 (c) The date of voting early in person.

25 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself  
26 to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the  
27 appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for  
28 early voting.

29 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly  
30 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

31 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

32 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is  
33 available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county  
34 clerk uses voting receipts; and

35 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

36 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged  
37 pursuant to NRS 293.303.

38 **9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter ~~does not~~**  
39 **may include his or her date of birth.**

40 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.3625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293.3625 The county clerk shall make a record of the receipt at the central  
42 counting place of each sealed container used to transport official ballots pursuant to  
43 NRS 293.304, ~~293.325,~~ 293B.330 and 293B.335. The record must include the  
44 numbers indicated on the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293.462.

45 **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

46 293.363 ~~Except as otherwise provided for an affected election that is subject~~  
47 ~~to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive:;~~

48 1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare to count the  
49 ballots voted. The counting procedure must be public and continue without  
50 adjournment until completed.

51 2. If the ballots are paper ballots, the counting board shall prepare in the  
52 following manner:

1 (a) The container that holds the ballots or the ballot box must be opened and  
2 the ballots contained therein counted by the counting board and opened far enough  
3 to ascertain whether each ballot is single. If two or more ballots are found folded  
4 together to present the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside until  
5 the count of the ballots is completed. If a majority of the inspectors are of the  
6 opinion that the ballots folded together were voted by one person, the ballots must  
7 be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written the reason for  
8 their rejection. The envelope must be signed by the counting board officers and  
9 placed in the container or ballot box after the count is completed.

10 (b) If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed in number the  
11 number of names as are indicated on the roster as having voted, the ballots must be  
12 replaced in the container or box, and a counting board officer, with his or her back  
13 turned to the container or box, shall draw out a number of ballots equal to the  
14 excess. The excess ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words  
15 "Excess ballots not counted." The ballots when so marked must be immediately  
16 sealed in an envelope and returned to the county clerk with the other ballots  
17 rejected for any cause.

18 (c) When it has been ascertained that the number of ballots agrees with the  
19 number of names of registered voters shown to have voted, the board shall proceed  
20 to count. If there is a discrepancy between the number of ballots and the number of  
21 voters, a record of the discrepancy must be made.

22 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected election that is subject~~  
24 ~~to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.] in section 13 of this~~  
25 ~~act,~~ no counting board in any precinct, district or polling place in which paper  
26 ballots are used may commence to count the votes until all ballots used or unused  
27 are accounted for.

28 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.387 1. As soon as the returns from all the precincts and districts in any  
30 county have been received by the board of county commissioners, the board shall  
31 meet and canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the 10th  
32 day following the election . ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected~~  
33 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

34 2. In making its canvass, the board shall:

35 (a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and

36 (b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result  
37 declared represents the true vote cast.

38 3. The county clerk shall, as soon as the result is declared, enter upon the  
39 records of the board an abstract of the result, which must contain the number of  
40 votes cast for each candidate. The board, after making the abstract, shall cause the  
41 county clerk to certify the abstract and, by an order made and entered in the minutes  
42 of its proceedings, to make:

43 (a) A copy of the certified abstract; and

44 (b) A mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted  
45 by the Secretary of State,

46 and transmit them to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th day following  
47 the election . ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is~~  
48 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

49 4. The Secretary of State shall, immediately after any primary election,  
50 compile the returns for all candidates voted for in more than one county. The  
51 Secretary of State shall make out and file in his or her office an abstract thereof,  
52 and shall certify to the county clerk of each county the name of each person  
53 nominated, and the name of the office for which the person is nominated.

1       **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293.391 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge  
3 lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400,  
4 *reports prepared pursuant to section 17 of this act* and stubs of the ballots used,  
5 enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county  
6 commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The records of voted  
7 ballots that are maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of the votes by the  
8 board of county commissioners, be sealed and deposited in the vaults of the county  
9 clerk. The tally lists collected pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes  
10 by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county  
11 clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be  
12 preserved for at least 22 months, and all such sealed materials must be destroyed  
13 immediately after the preservation period. A notice of the destruction must be  
14 published by the clerk in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county  
15 not less than 2 weeks before the destruction.

16       2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the  
17 board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk and  
18 preserved for at least the period during which the election may be contested and  
19 adjudicated, after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.

20       3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the  
21 election and the tally lists deposited with the board of county commissioners are  
22 subject to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time  
23 after their deposit with the county clerk.

24       4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material regarding that  
25 election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, except the voted ballots  
26 and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400  
27 which are deposited with the county clerk.

28       5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected  
29 pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the county clerk are not  
30 subject to the inspection of anyone, except in cases of a contested election, and then  
31 only by the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by  
32 the parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of such judge, body or board.

33       **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.393 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34       293.393 1. On or before the 10th day after any general election or any other  
35 election at which votes are cast for any United States Senator, Representative in  
36 Congress, member of the Legislature or any state officer who is elected statewide ,  
37 ~~for, if applicable, on or before the 13th day after an affected election that is subject~~  
38 ~~to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,]~~ the board of county  
39 commissioners shall open the returns of votes cast and make abstracts of the votes.

40       2. Abstracts of votes must be prepared in the manner prescribed by the  
41 Secretary of State by regulation.

42       3. The county clerk shall make out a certificate of election to each of the  
43 persons having the highest number of votes for the district, county and township  
44 offices.

45       4. Each certificate must be delivered to the person elected upon application at  
46 the office of the county clerk.

47       **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:

48       293.462 1. Each container used to transport official ballots pursuant to NRS  
49 293.304, ~~[293.325,]~~ 293B.330 and 293B.335 must:

50       (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and

51       (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure detection of any  
52 opening of the container.

53       2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for identification.

1       **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a county to extend the  
3 deadline for voting beyond the statutory deadline in a particular election, the county  
4 clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:

5       (a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in a newspaper of  
6 general circulation in the county; and

7       (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered voter who  
8 ~~requested an absent voter's~~ *received a mail* ballot for the election and has not  
9 returned the *mail* ballot before the date on which the notice will be transmitted.

10       2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be  
11 published:

12       (a) In a county whose population is 47,500 or more, on at least 3 successive  
13 days.

14       (b) In a county whose population is less than 47,500, at least twice in  
15 successive issues of the newspaper.

16       **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.4688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17       293.4688 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that:

18       (a) All public information that is included on the Internet website required  
19 pursuant to NRS 293.4687 is accessible on a mobile device; and

20       (b) A person may use a mobile device to submit any information or form  
21 related to elections that a person may otherwise submit electronically to the  
22 Secretary of State, including, without limitation, an application to preregister or  
23 register to vote ~~[, a request for an absent ballot]~~ and a request for a military-  
24 overseas ballot.

25       2. As used in this section:

26       (a) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.050.

27       (b) "Mobile device" includes, without limitation, a smartphone or a tablet  
28 computer.

29       **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30       293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:

31       1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant to NRS  
32 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560,  
33 notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are  
34 elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293.2955, 293.296 ~~[, 293.313,~~  
35 ~~293.316]~~ and ~~[293.3165.]~~ *section 3 of this act.*

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

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

44       (a) Related to elections; and

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

46       **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.5002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

47       293.5002 1. The Secretary of State shall establish procedures to allow a  
48 person for whom a fictitious address has been issued pursuant to NRS 217.462 to  
49 217.471, inclusive, to:

50       (a) Preregister or register to vote; and

51       (b) Vote by ~~absent~~ *mail* ballot,

52       ↳ without revealing the confidential address of the person.

1           2. In addition to establishing appropriate procedures or developing forms  
2 pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State shall develop a form to allow a  
3 person for whom a fictitious address has been issued to preregister or register to  
4 vote or to change the address of the person's current preregistration or registration,  
5 as applicable. The form must include:

- 6           (a) A section that contains the confidential address of the person; and
- 7           (b) A section that contains the fictitious address of the person.

8           3. Upon receiving a completed form from a person for whom a fictitious  
9 address has been issued, the Secretary of State shall:

10           (a) On the portion of the form that contains the fictitious address of the person,  
11 indicate the county and precinct in which the person will vote and forward this  
12 portion of the form to the appropriate county clerk; and

- 13           (b) File the portion of the form that contains the confidential address.

14           4. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any request received by the~~  
15 ~~Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 shall be deemed a request for a~~  
16 ~~permanent absent ballot.~~

17           ~~5.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

18           (a) The Secretary of State and each county clerk shall keep the portion of the  
19 form developed pursuant to subsection 2 that he or she retains separate from other  
20 applications for preregistration or registration.

21           (b) The county clerk shall not make the name, confidential address or fictitious  
22 address of the person who has been issued a fictitious address available for:

23           (1) Inspection or copying; or

24           (2) Inclusion in any list that is made available for public inspection,

25           ↪ unless directed to do so by lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

26           **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27           293.502 1. An elector:

28           (a) Who complies with the requirements for registration set forth in the  
29 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et  
30 seq.;

31           (b) Who, not more than 60 days before an election:

32           (1) Is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or is the  
33 spouse or dependent of an elector who is discharged from the Armed Forces; or

34           (2) Is separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the  
35 United States or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is separated from  
36 employment outside the territorial limits of the United States;

37           (c) Who presents evidence of the discharge from the Armed Forces or  
38 separation from employment described in paragraph (b) to the county clerk; and

39           (d) Is not registered to vote at the close of registration for that election,

40           ↪ must be allowed to register to vote in the election.

41           2. Such an elector must:

42           (a) Register in person; and

43           (b) Vote in the office of the county clerk unless the elector is otherwise entitled  
44 to vote ~~an absent~~ *a mail* ballot pursuant to federal law.

45           3. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out a program of  
46 registration for such electors.

47           **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

48           293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration of a person or  
49 the registration of a voter if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1 concerning information  
30 in the registration to vote of a voter and ~~an absent~~ a mail ballot ~~for a ballot voted~~  
31 ~~by a voter who resides in a mailing precinct~~ is received from the voter, the ballot  
32 must be kept separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter  
33 presents satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and residence before such  
34 ballots are counted on election day.

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

37 (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or

38 (b) Residence or identity of a person.

39 **Sec. 42.5. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

40 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293.5772 to  
41 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

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

49 (3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to  
50 NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the  
51 primary or general election, unless the system is used to register voters for the  
52 election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.



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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS  
19 293.5035, the location of that facility.

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

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

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

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

31 **Sec. 43.** NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.5837 1. ~~[Through the Thursday preceding the day of the election, an]~~  
33 An elector may register to vote in the county or city, as applicable, in which the  
34 elector is eligible to vote by submitting an application to register to vote by  
35 computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS  
36 293.671 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection 2 to  
37 vote in person.

38 2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this  
39 section ~~[,]~~ less than 14 days before the election, the elector may vote only in  
40 person:

41 (a) During the period for early voting, at any polling place for early voting by  
42 personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is  
43 eligible to vote; or

44 (b) On the day of the election, at:

45 (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 ~~[, 293.8834]~~ or  
46 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to  
47 vote; or

48 (2) The polling place for his or her election precinct.

49 3. To vote in person, an elector who submits an application to register to vote  
50 pursuant to this section must:

51 (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place described in subsection  
52 2;

1 (b) Inform an election board officer that, before appearing at the polling place,  
2 the elector submitted an application to register to vote by computer using the  
3 system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; and

4 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, provide his or her current and  
5 valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor  
6 Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as proof of the elector's identity  
7 and residency.

8 4. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of  
9 Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address,  
10 the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the  
11 current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to  
12 register to vote, is displayed on the document:

13 (a) A military identification card;

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

16 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

17 (d) A paycheck;

18 (e) An income tax return;

19 (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;

20 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

21 (h) A property tax statement; or

22 (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.

23 5. Subject to final verification, if an elector submits an application to register  
24 to vote and appears at a polling place to vote in person pursuant to this section:

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

27 (1) The determination that the elector submitted the application to register  
28 to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant  
29 to NRS 293.671 and that the application to register to vote is complete; and

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

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

34 (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;

35 (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place;

36 and

37 (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that  
38 time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the  
39 election at that polling place.

40 **Sec. 44.** NRS 293.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an official  
42 statewide voter registration list, which may be maintained on the Internet, in  
43 consultation with each county and city clerk.

44 2. The statewide voter registration list must:

45 (a) Be a uniform, centralized and interactive computerized list;

46 (b) Serve as the single method for storing and managing the official list of  
47 registered voters in this State;

48 (c) Serve as the official list of registered voters for the conduct of all elections  
49 in this State;

50 (d) Contain the name and registration information of every legally registered  
51 voter in this State;

52 (e) Include a unique identifier assigned by the Secretary of State to each legally  
53 registered voter in this State;

1 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~7-1~~ 8, be coordinated with the  
2 appropriate databases of other agencies in this State;

3 (g) Be electronically accessible to each state and local election official in this  
4 State at all times;

5 (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~8-1~~ 9, allow for data to be  
6 shared with other states under certain circumstances; and

7 (i) Be regularly maintained to ensure the integrity of the registration process  
8 and the election process.

9 3. Each county and city clerk shall:

10 (a) Except for information related to the preregistration of persons to vote,  
11 electronically enter into the statewide voter registration list all information related  
12 to voter registration obtained by the county or city clerk at the time the information  
13 is provided to the county or city clerk; and

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

18 4. In establishing and maintaining the statewide voter registration list, the  
19 Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department of  
20 Motor Vehicles to match information in the database of the statewide voter  
21 registration list with information in the appropriate database of the Department of  
22 Motor Vehicles to verify the accuracy of the information in an application to  
23 register to vote.

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

27 6. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its database:

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

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

34 7. *The Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the  
35 State Registrar of Vital Statistics to match information in the database of the  
36 statewide voter registration list with information in the records of State Registrar  
37 of Vital Statistics concerning the death of a resident of this State to maintain the  
38 statewide voter registration list. The Secretary of State must compare the records  
39 of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to those in the statewide voter registration  
40 list at least once per month.*

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

47 ~~8-1~~ 9. The Secretary of State may:

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

51 (b) Provide to the chief officer of elections of another state any information  
52 which is requested and which the Secretary of State deems necessary for the chief  
53 officer of elections of that state to maintain a voter registration list, if the Secretary

1 of State is satisfied that the information provided pursuant to this paragraph will be  
2 used only for the maintenance of that voter registration list.

3 **Sec. 45.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course of the election  
5 board officer's official duties, a person shall not:

6 (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct  
7 of the election.

8 (b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter, other  
9 than ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot  
10 prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this  
11 title.

12 (c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of the polls.

13 (d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than  
14 one at which the person is entitled to vote.

15 (e) Show his or her ballot to another person, after voting, so as to reveal any of  
16 his or her votes on the ballot, other than on his or her ~~[absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~  
17 mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his  
18 or her authorization pursuant to this title.

19 (f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for his or her name, address or  
20 political affiliation or for whom he or she intends to vote.

21 (g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other than ~~[an absent~~  
22 ~~ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot when permitted  
23 pursuant to this title.

24 (h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface, damage or  
25 destroy ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot  
26 prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this  
27 title.

28 2. A voter shall not:

29 (a) Accept a ballot from another person, other than an election board officer in  
30 the course of the election board officer's official duties or a person who sends,  
31 transmits, distributes or delivers ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or  
32 military-overseas ballot to the voter when permitted pursuant to this title.

33 (b) Deliver to an election board officer in the course of the election board  
34 officer's official duties any ballot other than the one received.

35 (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may afterward be  
36 identified as the one that he or she voted, other than any such mark that is permitted  
37 to be placed on ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas  
38 ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to  
39 this title.

40 3. *A person other than a county or city clerk shall not set up a ballot drop*  
41 *box that purports to be an official ballot drop box for mail ballots.*

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

44 **Sec. 46.** NRS 293.908 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 293.908 1. The following persons may request that personal information  
46 contained in the records of the Secretary of State or a county or city clerk be kept  
47 confidential:

48 (a) Any justice or judge in this State.

49 (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.

50 (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.

51 (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive officer in this  
52 State.

1 (e) Any district attorney or attorney employed by the district attorney who as  
2 part of his or her normal job responsibilities prosecutes persons for:

- 3 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or  
4 (2) Domestic violence.

5 (f) Any state or county public defender who as part of his or her normal job  
6 responsibilities defends persons for:

- 7 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or  
8 (2) Domestic violence.

9 (g) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker, employed by this  
10 State or a political subdivision of this State who as part of his or her normal job  
11 responsibilities:

- 12 (1) Interacts with the public; and  
13 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child protective  
14 services or tasks that expose the person to comparable dangers.

15 (h) Any county manager in this State.

16 (i) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State or a political  
17 subdivision of this State designated by his or her employer:

- 18 (1) Who possess specialized training in code enforcement;  
19 (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities, interacts with the  
20 public; and  
21 (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks related to code  
22 enforcement.

23 (j) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with the powers  
24 and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed by the county or city  
25 clerk or registrar of voters in the elections division of the county or city.*

26 (k) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person described in  
27 paragraphs (a) to ~~[(i)-(j)]~~ (j), inclusive.

28 ~~[(k)-(l)]~~ (l) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
29 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~[(i)-(j)]~~ (j) inclusive, who was killed in the performance  
30 of his or her duties.

31 2. As used in this section:

32 (a) “Child protective services” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS  
33 432B.042.

34 (b) “Child welfare services” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.044.

35 (c) “Code enforcement” means the enforcement of laws, ordinances or codes  
36 regulating public nuisances or the public health, safety and welfare.

37 (d) “Social worker” means any person licensed under chapter 641B of NRS.

38 **Sec. 47.** NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293B.130 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting system is to be  
40 used, the county clerk shall prepare or cause to be prepared a computer program on  
41 cards, tape or other material suitable for use with the computer or counting device  
42 to be employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the computer  
43 or counting device to operate in the following manner:

44 (a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.

45 (b) All unlawful votes, including, ~~[but not limited to,]~~ *without limitation,*  
46 overvotes or, in a primary election, votes cast for a candidate of a major political  
47 party other than the party, if any, of the registration of the voter must not be  
48 counted.

49 (c) If the election is:

- 50 (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or  
51 (2) A general election,

52 ~~the total votes, other than [absentee votes and votes in a mailing precinct,]~~ *mail*  
53 *ballots,* must be accumulated by precinct.

1 (d) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by appropriate signal  
 2 if a ballot is encountered which lacks a code identifying the precinct in which it was  
 3 voted and, in a primary election, identifying the major political party of the voter.

4 2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the accuracy  
 5 certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293B.140.

6 3. The county clerk shall take such measures as he or she deems necessary to  
 7 protect the program from being altered or damaged.

8 **Sec. 48.** NRS 293B.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293B.360 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of votes cast at  
 10 any election conducted under a mechanical voting system, the county clerk shall  
 11 create a computer program and processing accuracy board, and may create:

12 (a) A central ballot inspection board;

13 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ *A mail* ballot ~~[mailing precinct]~~ inspection board;

14 (c) A ballot duplicating board;

15 (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

16 (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the county clerk deems  
 17 necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.

18 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk may  
 19 determine the number of members to constitute any board. The county clerk shall  
 20 make any appointments from among competent persons who are registered voters  
 21 in this State. The members of each board must represent all political parties as  
 22 equally as possible. The same person may be appointed to more than one board but  
 23 must meet the particular qualifications for each board to which he or she is  
 24 appointed.

25 3. If the county clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the county clerk shall  
 26 appoint to the board at least two members. The members of the ballot duplicating  
 27 board must not all be of the same political party.

28 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the pleasure of the  
 29 county clerk.

30 **Sec. 49.** NRS 293B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 293B.380 1. The ballot processing and packaging board must be composed  
 32 of persons who are qualified in the use of the data processing equipment to be  
 33 operated for the voting count.

34 2. The board shall:

35 (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting area where  
 36 the computers are located during the period when ballots are being processed if  
 37 those members do not interfere with the processing of the ballots.

38 (b) Receive ballots and maintain groupings of them by precinct.

39 (c) Before each counting of the ballots or computer run begins, validate the  
 40 testing material with the counting program.

41 (d) Maintain a log showing the sequence in which the ballots of each precinct  
 42 are processed, as a measure to ensure that the ballots of all precincts are processed.

43 (e) After each counting of the ballots, again verify the testing material with the  
 44 counting program to substantiate that there has been no substitution or irregularity.

45 (f) Record an explanation of any irregularity that occurs in the processing.

46 (g) If the election is:

47 (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or

48 (2) A general election,

49 ↪ ensure that a list is compiled indicating the total votes, other than ~~[absentee votes~~  
 50 ~~and votes in a mailing precinct]~~ *mail ballots*, which each candidate accumulated in  
 51 each precinct.

1 (h) Collect all returns, programs, testing materials, ballots and other items used  
 2 in the election at the computer center and package and deliver the items to the  
 3 county clerk for sealing and storage.

4 **Sec. 50.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
 5 provisions set forth as sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act.

6 **Sec. 51. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the city clerk  
 7 shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter in the city and each  
 8 person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information  
 9 not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The  
 10 city clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by  
 11 a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing,  
 12 upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or  
 13 disabled.*

14 *2. The city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot  
 15 pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a written notice in the form  
 16 prescribed by the city clerk ~~and~~ which must be received by the city clerk not later  
 17 than 60 days before the day of the election.*

18 *3. The city clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:*

19 *(a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS  
 20 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or*

21 *(b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.*

22 *4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon  
 23 which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.*

24 *5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must  
 25 be distributed to:*

26 *(a) Each active registered voter who:*

27 *(1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election;  
 28 and*

29 *(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides outside the  
 30 State, not later than 40 days before the election.*

31 *(b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for  
 32 distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a  
 33 mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.*

34 *(c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot  
 35 transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed  
 36 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later  
 37 than the time required by those provisions.*

38 *6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will  
 39 appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered  
 40 voter not later than 15 days before the special election.*

41 *7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from  
 42 being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.*

43 **Sec. 52. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, section 51 of this  
 44 act and chapter 293D of NRS, the city clerk shall send to each active registered  
 45 voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo  
 46 or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service is  
 47 properly placed:*

48 *(a) A mail ballot;*

49 *(b) A return envelope;*

50 *(c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted to ensure its  
 51 secrecy; and*

52 *(d) ~~An identification envelope, if applicable; and~~*

53 *~~(e) Instructions.~~*

1           2. *In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the city clerk shall*  
2 *use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an address of the voter that is*  
3 *different from the address to which the mail ballot is mailed.*

4           3. *The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-class mail if*  
5 *the active registered voter is within the boundaries of the United States, its*  
6 *territories or possessions or on a military base.*

7           4. *Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the city clerk*  
8 *shall record:*

9           (a) *The date the mail ballot is issued;*

10           (b) *The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his or her*  
11 *precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any, unless all the offices*  
12 *on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;*

13           (c) *The number of the mail ballot; and*

14           (d) *Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.*

15       **Sec. 53.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a person*  
16 *applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or preregistered to vote by mail or*  
17 *computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has*  
18 *not previously voted in any election for federal office in this State, the city clerk*  
19 *must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the information*  
20 *required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 in the return envelope*  
21 *with the mail ballot.*

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

23           (a) *Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or*  
24 *computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with*  
25 *his or her application to preregister or register to vote:*

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

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

30           (b) *Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his or her*  
31 *application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four*  
32 *digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has*  
33 *matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same*  
34 *number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;*

35           (c) *Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757, inclusive, and at*  
36 *that time presents to the Department of Motor Vehicles:*

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

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

41           (3) *A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her*  
42 *social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that*  
43 *information with an existing identification record bearing the same number,*  
44 *name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;*

45           (d) *Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or*  
46 *the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et*  
47 *seq.;*

48           (e) *Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the*  
49 *provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52*  
50 *U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or*

51           (f) *Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the provisions of*  
52 *any other federal law.*



1           3. If a person fails to provide the identification required pursuant to  
2 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her mail ballot:

3           (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and

4           (b) The city clerk must:

5                 (1) Contact the person;

6                 (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required before 5 p.m.  
7 on the ~~third~~ sixth day following the election; and

8                 (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection  
9 I of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the  
10 appropriate mail ballot central counting board.

11         Sec. 54. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 55 of this act and  
12 chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the voter must, in accordance  
13 with the instructions:

14           (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

15           (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the return  
16 envelope;

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

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

20         2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, voting must be  
21 only upon candidates whose names appear upon the mail ballot as prepared  
22 pursuant to section 51 of this act, and no person may write in the name of an  
23 additional candidate for any office.

24         3. If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote in person at a  
25 polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, the  
26 voter must, in addition to complying with all other requirements for voting in  
27 person that are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or sign  
28 an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not voted during the  
29 election. A person who receives a surrendered mail ballot shall mark it  
30 "Cancelled."

31         Sec. 55. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not  
32 mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of a voter or assist a voter to mark and sign  
33 a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act.

34         2. At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is at least 65  
35 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may mark and sign a mail  
36 ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the voter to mark and sign a mail ballot  
37 pursuant to this section.

38         3. If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a voter pursuant to  
39 this section, the person must ~~+~~

40 ~~—(a) Indicate, indicate next to his or her signature that the mail ballot has~~  
41 ~~been marked and signed on behalf of the voter. ~~+~~ and~~

42 ~~—(b) Submit a written statement with the mail ballot that includes the name,~~  
43 ~~address and signature of the person.]~~

44         4. If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to this  
45 section, the person ~~[or the voter]~~ must ~~[submit a written statement with the mail~~  
46 ~~ballot that includes the]~~ include on the return envelope his or her name, address  
47 and signature. ~~[of the person who provided the assistance.]~~

48         Sec. 56. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter  
49 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for any election, the mail  
50 ballot must be:

51           (a) Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by hand to the city  
52 clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the city, pursuant to this section; or

53           (b) Mailed to the city clerk, and:

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

2 (2) Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth day  
3 following the election.

4 2. If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on the third day  
5 following the election and the date of the postmark cannot be determined, the  
6 mail ballot shall be deemed to have been postmarked on or before the day of the  
7 election.

8 3. Each city clerk must establish ~~for at least one~~ a ballot drop box at every  
9 polling place in the city, including, without limitation, a polling place for early  
10 voting. A city clerk may establish a drop box at any other location in the city ~~for~~  
11 ~~a ballot drop box~~ where mail ballots can be delivered by hand and collected  
12 during the period for early voting and on election day. No person other than a  
13 clerk may establish a drop box for mail ballots.

14 4. A ballot drop box must be:

15 (a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of sufficient strength  
16 and resistance to protect the security of the mail ballots; and

17 (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots and being  
18 locked.

19 5. A ballot drop box must be:

20 (a) Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the office of the city  
21 clerk, or a polling place in the city; and

22 (b) Made available for use during the hours when the office of the city clerk,  
23 or the polling place, is open for business or voting, as applicable.

24 **Sec. 57.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at the request of  
25 a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or on behalf of the voter, a person  
26 authorized by the voter may return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail  
27 or personal delivery to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the city  
28 pursuant to section 56 of this act.

29 2. Except for an election board officer in the course of the election board  
30 officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:

31 (a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a voter's mail  
32 ballot;

33 (b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or

34 (c) If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and authorization to return  
35 the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery, fail to return  
36 the mail ballot, unless otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal  
37 delivery;

38 (1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if the person  
39 receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days before the day of the  
40 election; or

41 (2) Before the deadline established by the United States Postal Service  
42 for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of the election or before the polls  
43 close on the day of the election, as applicable to the type of delivery, if the person  
44 receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the  
45 election.

46 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is guilty of a  
47 category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

48 **Sec. 58.** 1. The city clerk shall establish procedures for the processing  
49 and counting of mail ballots.

50 2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

51 (a) May authorize mail ballots to be processed and counted by computer or  
52 other electronic means; and

1 (b) Must not conflict with the provisions of sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of  
2 this act.

3 **Sec. 59. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a mail  
4 ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the city clerk, and a record of its  
5 return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee  
6 in the office of the clerk shall check the signature used for the ballot by electronic  
7 means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3.

8 2. To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic means:

9 (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the signature used for  
10 the mail ballot and electronically compare the digital image with the signatures of  
11 the voter from his or her application to register to vote or application to  
12 preregister to vote available in the records of the city clerk.

13 (b) If the electronic device does not match the signature of the voter, the  
14 signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3.

15 3. To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the city clerk  
16 shall use the following procedure:

17 (a) The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the mail ballot  
18 against all signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.

19 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe there is a  
20 reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot  
21 matches the signature of the voter, the clerk shall contact the voter and ask the  
22 voter to confirm whether the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the  
23 voter.

24 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

25 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used  
26 for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if the signature used for the  
27 mail ballot differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the  
28 signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.

29 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature  
30 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if:

31 (1) The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of the signature  
32 of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for the first or middle name ~~for~~,  
33 the substitution of a different type of punctuation in the first, middle or last name,  
34 the use of a common nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has  
35 two last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and  
36 obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of the  
37 clerk; or

38 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature used for  
39 the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter available in the records of the  
40 clerk.

41 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk determines that  
42 the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in  
43 the proper ballot box or place the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must  
44 be securely locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall  
45 deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed  
46 and prepared for counting.

47 6. If the clerk determines when checking the signature used for the mail  
48 ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the  
49 manner required by law for the mail ballot or that there is a reasonable question  
50 of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature  
51 of the voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk  
52 shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a  
53 signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to

1 *the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide*  
2 *a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth*  
3 *day following the election.*

4 *7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to affix his or*  
5 *her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail*  
6 *ballot, or for whom there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
7 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:*

8 *(a) Contact the voter;*

9 *(b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that the*  
10 *signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable; and*

11 *(c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as applicable, ensure the*  
12 *mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting board.*

13 *8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used*  
14 *for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the voter must be identified*  
15 *by:*

16 *(a) Answering questions from the city clerk covering the personal data which*  
17 *is reported on the application to register to vote;*

18 *(b) Providing the city clerk, orally or in writing, with other personal data*  
19 *which verifies the identity of the voter; or*

20 *(c) Providing the city clerk with proof of identification as described in NRS*  
21 *293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.*

22 *9. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 7 for contacting a*  
23 *voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as soon as possible after receipt*  
24 *of the mail ballot, by:*

25 *(a) Mail;*

26 *(b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in the records*  
27 *of the clerk; and*

28 *(c) Electronic means, which may include, without limitation, electronic mail,*  
29 *if the voter has provided the clerk with sufficient information to contact the voter*  
30 *by such means.*

31 **Sec. 60. 1. The city clerk shall appoint a mail ballot central counting**  
32 **board for the election.**

33 **2. The clerk shall appoint and notify voters to act as election board officers**  
34 **for the mail ballot central counting board in such numbers as the clerk**  
35 **determines to be required by the volume of mail ballots required to be sent to**  
36 **each active registered voter in the city for the election. The voters appointed as**  
37 **election board officers for the mail ballot central counting board must not all be**  
38 **of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or election or a relative**  
39 **of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be**  
40 **appointed as such an election board officer.**

41 **3. The clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with elections**  
42 **shall be deemed officers of the mail ballot central counting board.**

43 **4. The mail ballot central counting board is under the direction of the clerk.**

44 **Sec. 61. 1. The mail ballot central counting board may begin counting**  
45 **the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election. The board must**  
46 **complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the seventh day following the**  
47 **election. The counting procedure must be public.**

48 **2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to present the**  
49 **appearance of a single ballot, ~~they must be laid aside. If a majority of the~~**  
50 **~~inspectors are of the opinion that the mail ballots folded together were voted by~~**  
51 **~~one person,~~ the mail ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon**  
52 **which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed**

1 by an election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box after the  
2 count is completed.

3 **Sec. 62.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, each mail ballot  
4 central counting board shall process the mail ballots in the following manner:

5 1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope, must be checked  
6 as if the voter were voting in person;

7 2. ~~If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast a mail ballot, the  
8 return envelope must be opened, the numbers on the mail ballot and return  
9 envelope compared, the number strip or stub detached from the mail ballot and, if  
10 the numbers are the same, the mail ballot must be counted;~~

11 ~~3. An election board officer shall indicate in the roster ~~["Voted"]~~~~  
12 "Received" by the name of the voter; ~~and]~~

13 3. If the board determines the voter is entitled to cast a mail ballot and all  
14 other processing steps have been completed, the return envelope must be opened  
15 and the mail ballot counted;

16 4. An election board officer shall indicate "Voted" by the name of the voter;  
17 and

18 5. When all mail ballots delivered to the board have been voted or rejected,  
19 except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, the empty envelopes and the  
20 envelopes containing rejected mail ballots must be returned to the clerk. On all  
21 envelopes containing rejected mail ballots, the cause of rejection must be noted  
22 and the envelope signed by an election board officer.

23 **Sec. 63.** 1. The voting results of the mail ballot vote in each precinct must  
24 be certified and submitted to the city clerk, who shall have the results added to the  
25 votes of the precinct that were not cast by mail ballot. The returns of the mail  
26 ballot vote must be reported separately from the other votes that were not cast by  
27 mail ballot in the precinct unless reporting the returns separately would violate  
28 the secrecy of a voter's ballot.

29 2. The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each mail ballot is  
30 kept secret.

31 3. No voting results of mail ballots may be released until all polling places  
32 are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of the election. Any person who  
33 disseminates to the public in any way information pertaining to the count of mail  
34 ballots before all polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day  
35 of the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.

36 **Sec. 64.** At least once each year, each city clerk and all members of his or  
37 her staff whose duties include administering an election must complete a training  
38 class on forensic signature verification that is approved by the Secretary of State.

39 **Sec. 65.** If a city clerk uses an electronic device in an election to verify  
40 signatures on mail ballots:

41 1. The city clerk must conduct a test of the accuracy of the electronic  
42 devices before the election. The test must be conducted in a manner that ensures  
43 the electronic device will use the same standards for determining the validity of a  
44 signature as would be used by a natural person verifying the signature pursuant to  
45 section 59 of this act.

46 2. The city clerk must perform daily audits of each electronic device during  
47 the processing of mail ballots for the election. The daily audit must include a  
48 review of a sample of at least 1 percent of the signatures verified each day. The  
49 city clerk shall appoint election board officers who must not all be of the same  
50 political party to manually review the signatures. The city clerk must prepare a  
51 report of each daily audit.

1       **Sec. 66.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2 and~~ NRS  
3 293.5817 ~~and sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act~~, the conduct of any city  
4 election is under the control of the governing body of the city, and it shall, by  
5 ordinance, provide for the holding of the election, appoint the necessary election  
6 officers and election boards and do all other things required to carry the election  
7 into effect.

8       2. ~~Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.112, the~~ **The** governing body  
9 of the city ~~shall~~ **may** provide for ~~the~~

10 ~~(a) Absent Mail ballots to be voted in a city election pursuant to NRS~~  
11 ~~293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive, except for the provisions of NRS 293C.327 and~~  
12 ~~293C.328 unless the governing body of the city provides for the applicability of~~  
13 ~~those provisions pursuant to paragraph (b); sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act;~~  
14 ~~and~~

15 ~~(b) The~~ **the** conduct of ~~the~~

16 ~~(1) Early~~ **early** voting by personal appearance in a city election pursuant  
17 to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive. ~~;~~

18 ~~(2) Voting by absent ballot in person in a city election pursuant to NRS~~  
19 ~~293C.327 and 293C.328; or~~

20 ~~(3) Both early voting by personal appearance as described in subparagraph~~  
21 ~~(1) and voting by absent ballot in person as described in subparagraph (2).]~~

22       **Sec. 67.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23       293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city election in  
24 which all ballots must be cast by mail **in accordance with the provisions of**  
25 **sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act**, if:

26       (a) The election is a special election; or

27       (b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the  
28 ballot includes only:

29       (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered  
30 voters of only one ward; or

31       (2) One office or ballot question.

32       2. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293C.265 to  
33 293C.302, inclusive, ~~[293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive,]~~ and 293C.355 to  
34 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.

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

38       **Sec. 68.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39       293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered voters to act  
40 as election board officers for the various polling places and precincts in the city as  
41 provided in NRS 293.225, 293.227, 293C.227 to ~~[293C.245,]~~ **293C.228**, inclusive,  
42 and ~~[293C.382]~~ **section 60 of this act**. No candidate for nomination or election or a  
43 relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may  
44 be appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election board officers  
45 are appointed, if requested by the city clerk, the chief law enforcement officer of  
46 the city shall:

47       (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for the central  
48 election board ~~for~~ **and** the ~~absent~~ **mail** ballot central counting board; or

49       (b) Deputize, as an officer for the election, an election board officer for each  
50 polling place and for the central election board ~~for~~ **and** the ~~absent~~ **mail** ballot  
51 central counting board. The deputized officer may not receive any additional  
52 compensation for the services he or she provides as an officer during the election  
53 for which the officer is deputized.

1     ↳ Officers so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during hours of voting  
2     and attend the closing of the polls.

3     2. The city clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of election board  
4     officer as set forth in NRS 293C.222.

5     **Sec. 69.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6     293C.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in NRS  
7     293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or computer to vote shall,  
8     for the first city election in which the person votes at which that registration is  
9     valid, vote in person unless he or she has previously voted in the county in which  
10    he or she is registered to vote.

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

12    (a) ~~Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS 293C.342 to 293C.352,~~  
13    ~~inclusive;~~

14    ~~— (b) Is entitled to vote [an absent ballot] otherwise than in person~~ pursuant to  
15    federal law, ~~[NRS 293C.317]~~ or chapter 293D of NRS;

16    ~~[(c)] (b)~~ Is disabled;

17    ~~[(d)] (c)~~ Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the  
18    Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et  
19    seq.;

20    ~~[(e) Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an absent ballot~~  
21    ~~that is signed by the registered voter before a notary public or other person~~  
22    ~~authorized to administer an oath;~~

23    ~~— (f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the city clerk;]~~ or

24    ~~[(g)] (d)~~ Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of ~~[NRS 293.8847]~~  
25    ~~section 52 of this act~~ and includes a copy of the information required pursuant to  
26    paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if  
27    required pursuant to ~~[NRS 293.8851.]~~ **section 53 of this act.**

28    **Sec. 70.** NRS 293C.2675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29    293C.2675 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole  
30    or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the city clerk for  
31    the establishment ~~[of a polling place]~~ within the boundaries of the Indian  
32    reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city election or general city  
33    election ~~[(a)] of:~~

34    ~~— (a) A polling place;~~

35    ~~— (b) A ballot drop box; or~~

36    ~~— (c) Both a polling place and a ballot drop box.~~

37    2. A request for the establishment of a polling place , a ballot drop box or  
38    both a polling place and a ballot drop box within the boundaries of an Indian  
39    reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city election or general city  
40    election:

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

42    (1) If the request is for a primary city election, ~~[the first Friday in January~~  
43    ~~April] March 1~~ of the year in which the primary city election is to be held.

44    (2) If the request is for a general city election, ~~[the first Friday in July~~  
45    ~~September] August 1~~ of the year in which the general city election is to be held.

46    (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the  
47    Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling place ~~[(a)]~~ or ballot drop box. Any  
48    proposed location for a polling place or ballot drop box must satisfy the criteria the  
49    city clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling place ~~[(a)]~~ or ballot drop  
50    box, as applicable.

51    3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city clerk receives a  
52    request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2, the city clerk must  
53    establish at least one polling place or ballot drop box within the boundaries of the

1 Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable,  
2 approved by the Indian tribe for the day of a primary city election or general city  
3 election. The city clerk is not required to establish a polling place within the  
4 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city  
5 election or general city election if the city clerk established a temporary branch  
6 polling place for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3572 within the boundaries of  
7 the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same election.

8 4. If the city clerk establishes one or more polling places or ballot drop boxes  
9 within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to  
10 subsection 3 for the day of a primary city election or general city election, the city  
11 clerk must continue to establish one or more polling places or ballot drop boxes  
12 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or  
13 locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future primary city  
14 election or general city election unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.

15 **Sec. 71.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,  
17 inclusive, and 293C.272:

18 (a) A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to the  
19 election board officer in charge of the roster; and

20 (b) The election board officer shall:

21 (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;

22 (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;

23 (3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in  
24 NRS 293C.270; and

25 (4) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city in the  
26 current election.

27 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

28 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal  
29 data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

30 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other  
31 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

32 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as  
33 described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the  
34 voter.

35 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on  
36 the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a  
37 form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

38 **4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter ~~does not~~**  
39 **may include his or her date of birth.**

40 **Sec. 72.** NRS 293C.302 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293C.302 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a city to extend the  
42 deadline for voting beyond the statutory period in an election, the city clerk shall, as  
43 soon as practicable after receiving notice of the decision of the court:

44 (a) Cause notice of the extended period to be published in a newspaper of  
45 general circulation in the city or if no newspaper is of general circulation in that  
46 city, in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city; and

47 (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered voter who  
48 ~~requested an absent voter's~~ **received a mail** ballot for the election and has not  
49 returned the **mail** ballot before the date on which the notice will be transmitted.

50 2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be  
51 published:

52 (a) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, on at least 3 successive days.



1 (b) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, at least twice in successive  
2 issues of the newspaper.

3 **Sec. 73.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293C.3564 1. The city clerk in a city ~~[providing for early voting pursuant to~~  
5 ~~subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110]~~ shall establish  
6 at least one permanent polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the  
7 city at the locations selected pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

8 2. Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do so at any  
9 polling place for early voting.

10 **Sec. 74.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting,  
12 except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the city clerk may establish  
13 temporary branch polling places for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

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

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

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

21 (1) If the request is for a primary city election, ~~[the first Friday in January~~  
22 ~~April]~~ **March 1** of the year in which the primary city election is to be held.

23 (2) If the request is for a general city election, ~~[the first Friday in July~~  
24 ~~September]~~ **August 1** of the year in which the general city election is to be held.

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

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

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

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

49 7. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among  
50 the temporary branch polling places.

51 8. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private  
52 property are not impaired or otherwise affected by the leasing of the property for

1 use as a temporary branch polling place for early voting, except to the extent  
2 necessary to conduct early voting at that location.

3 **Sec. 75.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,  
5 inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early  
6 voting, an election board officer shall:

- 7 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.
- 8 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
- 9 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.
- 10 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current  
11 election.

12 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

13 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal  
14 data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

15 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other  
16 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

17 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as  
18 described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the  
19 voter.

20 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on  
21 the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a  
22 form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

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

26 5. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable, must contain:

27 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or  
28 her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;

29 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is  
30 available; and

31 (c) The date of voting early in person.

32 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself  
33 to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the  
34 appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for  
35 early voting.

36 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly  
37 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

38 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

39 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is  
40 available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk  
41 uses voting receipts; and

42 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

43 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged  
44 pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

45 **9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter ~~[does not]~~**  
46 **may include his or her date of birth.**

47 **Sec. 76.** NRS 293C.3615 is hereby amended to read as follows:

48 293C.3615 The city clerk shall make a record of the receipt at the central  
49 counting place of each sealed container used to transport official ballots pursuant to  
50 NRS 293C.295, ~~[293C.325,]~~ 293C.630 and 293C.635. The record must include the  
51 numbers indicated on the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293C.700.

1           **Sec. 77.** NRS 293C.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2           293C.362 ~~Except as otherwise provided for an affected election that is~~  
3 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;]~~

4           1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare to count the  
5 ballots voted. The counting procedure must be public and continue without  
6 adjournment until completed.

7           2. If the ballots are paper ballots, the counting board shall prepare in the  
8 following manner:

9           (a) The container that holds the ballots or the ballot box must be opened and  
10 the ballots contained therein counted by the counting board and opened far enough  
11 to determine whether each ballot is single. If two or more ballots are found folded  
12 together to present the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside until  
13 the count of the ballots is completed. If a majority of the inspectors are of the  
14 opinion that the ballots folded together were voted by one person, the ballots must  
15 be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written the reason for  
16 their rejection. The envelope must be signed by the counting board officers and  
17 placed in the container or ballot box after the count is completed.

18           (b) If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed the number of  
19 names as are indicated on the roster as having voted, the ballots must be replaced  
20 in the container or box and a counting board officer shall, with his or her back turned  
21 to the container or box, draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The  
22 excess ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words "Excess ballots  
23 not counted." The ballots when so marked must be immediately sealed in an  
24 envelope and returned to the city clerk with the other ballots rejected for any cause.

25           (c) When it has been determined that the number of ballots agrees with the  
26 number of names of registered voters shown to have voted, the board shall proceed  
27 to count. If there is a discrepancy between the number of ballots and the number of  
28 voters, a record of the discrepancy must be made.

29           **Sec. 78.** NRS 293C.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30           293C.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~for an affected election that is~~  
31 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;]~~ *in section 61 of*  
32 *this act*, a counting board in any precinct, district or polling place in which paper  
33 ballots are used may not begin to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are  
34 accounted for.

35           **Sec. 79.** NRS 293C.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36           293C.387 1. The election returns from a special election, primary city  
37 election or general city election must be filed with the city clerk, who shall  
38 immediately place the returns in a safe or vault designated by the city clerk. No  
39 person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until they are  
40 canvassed by the mayor and the governing body of the city.

41           2. After the governing body of a city receives the returns from all the  
42 precincts and districts in the city, it shall meet with the mayor to canvass the  
43 returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the 10th day following the  
44 election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is~~  
45 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;]~~

46           3. In completing the canvass of the returns, the governing body of the city and  
47 the mayor shall:

48           (a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and

49           (b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result  
50 declared represents the true vote cast.

51           4. After the canvass is completed, the governing body of the city and mayor  
52 shall declare the result of the canvass.

1           5. The city clerk shall enter upon the records of the governing body of the city  
2 an abstract of the result. The abstract must be prepared in the manner prescribed by  
3 regulations adopted by the Secretary of State and must contain the number of votes  
4 cast for each candidate.

5           6. After the abstract is entered, the:

6           (a) City clerk shall seal the election returns, maintain them in a vault for at  
7 least 22 months and give no person access to them during that period, unless access  
8 is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the governing body of the city.

9           (b) Governing body of the city shall, by an order made and entered in the  
10 minutes of its proceedings, cause the city clerk to:

11           (1) Certify the abstract;

12           (2) Make a copy of the certified abstract;

13           (3) Make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with  
14 regulations adopted by the Secretary of State;

15           (4) Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the mechanized report of  
16 the abstract to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th day following the  
17 election ; ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is~~  
18 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;] and~~

19           (5) Transmit on paper or by electronic means to each public library in the  
20 city, or post on a website maintained by the city or the city clerk on the Internet or  
21 its successor, if any, a copy of the certified abstract within 30 days after the  
22 election.

23           7. After the abstract of the results from a:

24           (a) Primary city election has been certified, the city clerk shall certify the name  
25 of each person nominated and the name of the office for which the person is  
26 nominated.

27           (b) General city election has been certified, the city clerk shall:

28           (1) Issue under his or her hand and official seal to each person elected a  
29 certificate of election; and

30           (2) Deliver the certificate to the persons elected upon their application at  
31 the office of the city clerk.

32           8. The officers elected to the governing body of the city qualify and enter  
33 upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first regular meeting of that  
34 body next succeeding that in which the canvass of returns was made pursuant to  
35 subsection 2.

36           **Sec. 80.** NRS 293C.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37           293C.390 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge  
38 lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400,  
39 *reports prepared pursuant to section 65 of this act* and stubs of the ballots used,  
40 enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the  
41 city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk. The records of voted ballots that are  
42 maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of the votes by the governing  
43 body of the city, be sealed and deposited in the vaults of the city clerk. The tally  
44 lists collected pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the governing  
45 body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk without being sealed.  
46 All materials described by this subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months,  
47 and all such sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after that period. A  
48 notice of the destruction must be published by the city clerk in at least one  
49 newspaper of general circulation in the city or, if no newspaper is of general  
50 circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city, not  
51 less than 2 weeks before the destruction of the materials.

52           2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the  
53 governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk and preserved

1 for at least the period during which the election may be contested and adjudicated,  
2 after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.

3 3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the  
4 election and the tally lists deposited with the governing body of the city are subject  
5 to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time after  
6 their deposit with the city clerk.

7 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material relating to that  
8 election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, except the voted ballots  
9 and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400  
10 which are deposited with the city clerk.

11 5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected  
12 pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the city clerk are not subject  
13 to the inspection of any person, except in cases of a contested election, and only by  
14 the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the  
15 parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of the judge, body or board.

16 6. As used in this section, "vaults of the city clerk" means any place of secure  
17 storage designated by the city clerk.

18 **Sec. 80.5. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

19 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293.5772 to  
20 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

26 (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a  
27 municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is the fourth Tuesday  
28 preceding the primary city election or general city election.

29 (3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is  
30 located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to  
31 register voters, is the Thursday preceding the primary city election or general city  
32 election, unless the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to  
33 NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.

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

38 (b) If a recall or special city election is not held on the same day as a primary  
39 city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or  
40 special city election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding  
41 the recall or special city election.

42 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,  
43 after the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary city election or general  
44 city election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the  
45 election.

46 3. Except for a recall or special city election held pursuant to chapter 306 or  
47 350 of NRS:

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

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

52 (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS  
53 293C.520, the location of that facility.

1     ↳ If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the publication may be  
2 made in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city in this State.

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

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

9     **Sec. 81.** NRS 293C.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10     293C.640 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of votes cast at an  
11 election conducted under a mechanical voting system, the city clerk shall create a  
12 computer program and processing accuracy board, and may create:

13     (a) A central ballot inspection board;

14     (b) ~~[An absent]~~ A mail ballot ~~[mailing precinct]~~ inspection board;

15     (c) A ballot duplicating board;

16     (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

17     (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the city clerk deems  
18 necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.

19     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the city clerk may determine  
20 the number of members to constitute any board. The city clerk shall make any  
21 appointments from among competent persons who are registered voters in this  
22 State. The same person may be appointed to more than one board but must meet the  
23 qualifications for each board to which he or she is appointed.

24     3. If the city clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the city clerk shall  
25 appoint to the board at least two members. The members of the ballot duplicating  
26 board must not all be of the same political party.

27     4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the pleasure of the  
28 city clerk.

29     **Sec. 82.** NRS 293C.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30     293C.700 1. Each container used to transport official ballots pursuant to  
31 NRS 293C.295, ~~[293C.325,]~~ 293C.630 and 293C.635 must:

32     (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and

33     (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure detection of any  
34 opening of the container.

35     2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for identification.

36     **Sec. 83.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37     293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:

38     1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided pursuant to  
39 subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify the public, through means  
40 designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the  
41 provisions of NRS 293C.281, 293C.282 ~~[, 293C.310, 293C.317 and 293C.318.]~~  
42 *and section 51 of this act.*

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

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

51     (a) Related to elections; and

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

1       **Sec. 84.** NRS 293D.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293D.300 1. A covered voter who is registered to vote in this State may  
3 apply for a military-overseas ballot by submitting a federal postcard application, as  
4 prescribed under section 101(b)(2) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens  
5 Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301(b)(2), or the application's electronic  
6 equivalent, if the federal postcard application is received by the appropriate local  
7 elections official by the seventh day before the election.

8       2. A covered voter who is not registered to vote in this State may use the  
9 federal postcard application or the application's electronic equivalent  
10 simultaneously to apply to register to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and to apply  
11 for a military-overseas ballot, if the federal postcard application is received by the  
12 appropriate local elections official by the seventh day before the election. If the  
13 federal postcard application is received after the seventh day before the election, it  
14 must be treated as an application to register to vote for subsequent elections.

15       3. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the system of approved electronic  
16 transmission described in subsection 2 of NRS 293D.200 is capable of accepting  
17 the submission of:

18       (a) Both a federal postcard application and any other approved electronic  
19 military-overseas ballot application sent to the appropriate local elections official;  
20 and

21       (b) A digital signature or an electronic signature of a covered voter on the  
22 documents described in paragraph (a).

23       4. A covered voter may use approved electronic transmission or any other  
24 method approved by the Secretary of State to apply for a military-overseas ballot.

25       5. A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying the federal write-in  
26 absentee ballot, as prescribed under section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas  
27 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20303, as an application for a military-  
28 overseas ballot simultaneously with the submission of the federal write-in absentee  
29 ballot, if the declaration is received by the appropriate local elections official by the  
30 seventh day before the election.

31       6. To receive the benefits of this chapter, a covered voter must inform the  
32 appropriate local elections official that he or she is a covered voter. Methods of  
33 informing the appropriate local elections official that a person is a covered voter  
34 include, without limitation:

35       (a) The use of a federal postcard application or federal write-in absentee ballot;

36       (b) The use of an overseas address on an approved voting registration  
37 application or ballot application; and

38       (c) The inclusion on an application to register to vote or an application for a  
39 military-overseas ballot of other information sufficient to identify that the person is  
40 a covered voter.

41       7. This chapter does not prohibit a covered voter from ~~[applying for an~~  
42 ~~absent] voting a mail~~ ballot pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 or 293C of  
43 NRS or voting in person.

44       **Sec. 85.** NRS 298.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45       298.250 1. If a former resident of the State of Nevada otherwise qualified to  
46 vote in another state in any election for President and Vice President of the United  
47 States has commenced his or her residence in the other state after the 30th day next  
48 preceding that election and for this reason does not satisfy the requirements for  
49 registration in the other state, the former resident may vote for President and Vice  
50 President only in that election:

51       (a) In person in the county of the State of Nevada which was his or her former  
52 residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified to vote there; or

1 (b) By ~~[absent]~~ mail ballot in the county of the State of Nevada which was his  
2 or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified to vote there  
3 and complies with the applicable requirements of ~~[NRS 293.3088 to 293.340,~~  
4 ~~inclusive.] sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this act.~~

5 2. The Secretary of State may, in a manner consistent with the election laws  
6 of this State, adopt regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.

7 **Sec. 86.** NRS 306.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 306.040 1. Upon determining that the number of signatures on a petition to  
9 recall is sufficient pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, the Secretary  
10 of State shall notify the county clerk, the filing officer and the public officer who is  
11 the subject of the petition.

12 2. A person who signs a petition to recall may request the filing officer to  
13 strike the person's name from the petition on or before the date that is the later of:

14 (a) Ten days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the verification  
15 of signatures is complete; or

16 (b) The date a complaint is filed pursuant to subsection 6.

17 3. If the filing officer receives a request pursuant to subsection 2, the filing  
18 officer must strike the name of the person from the petition. If the filing officer  
19 receives a sufficient number of requests to strike names from the petition such that  
20 the petition no longer contains enough valid signatures, the filing officer shall not  
21 issue a call for a special election, and a special election must not be held to recall  
22 the public officer who is the subject of the petition.

23 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, not sooner than 20 days and  
24 not later than 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the  
25 Secretary of State completes the notification required by subsection 1, if a  
26 complaint is not filed pursuant to subsection 6, the filing officer shall issue a call  
27 for a special election in the jurisdiction in which the public officer who is the  
28 subject of the petition was elected to determine whether the people will recall the  
29 public officer.

30 5. The call for a special election pursuant to subsection 4 or 7 must include,  
31 without limitation:

32 (a) The last day on which a person may register to vote in order to qualify to  
33 vote in the special election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527; *and*

34 (b) The last day on which a petition to nominate other candidates for the office  
35 may be filed. ~~;~~ *and*

36 ~~—(c) Whether any person is entitled to vote in the special election in a mailing~~  
37 ~~precinct or an absent ballot mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293.343 to 293.355,~~  
38 ~~inclusive, or 293C.342 to 293C.352, inclusive.]~~

39 6. The legal sufficiency of the petition, including without limitation, the  
40 validity of signatures on the petition, may be challenged by filing a complaint in  
41 district court not later than 15 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded,  
42 after the Secretary of State completes the notification required by subsection 1. All  
43 affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed with the  
44 complaint. The court shall set the matter for hearing not later than 30 days after the  
45 complaint is filed and shall give priority to such a complaint over all other matters  
46 pending with the court, except for criminal proceedings.

47 7. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, if the court determines that the petition  
48 is legally sufficient, it shall order the filing officer to issue a call for a special  
49 election in the jurisdiction in which the public officer who is the subject of the  
50 petition was elected to determine whether the people will recall the public officer. If  
51 the court determines that the petition is not legally sufficient, it shall order the filing  
52 officer to cease any further proceedings regarding the petition.



1       **Sec. 87.** NRS 247.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       247.540 1. The following persons may request that the personal information  
3 described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS 247.520 that is contained in the records of  
4 a county recorder be kept confidential:

- 5       (a) Any justice or judge in this State.  
6       (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.  
7       (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.  
8       (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive officer in this  
9 State.

10       (e) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with the powers  
11 and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed such county or city  
12 clerk or registrar of voters in the elections division of the county or city.*

13       (f) Any district attorney or attorney employed by the district attorney who as  
14 part of his or her normal job responsibilities prosecutes persons for:

- 15       (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or  
16       (2) Domestic violence.

17       ~~(g)~~ (g) Any state or county public defender who as part of his or her normal  
18 job responsibilities defends persons for:

- 19       (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or  
20       (2) Domestic violence.

21       ~~(h)~~ (h) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker, employed  
22 by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as part of his or her normal  
23 job responsibilities:

- 24       (1) Interacts with the public; and  
25       (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child protective  
26 services or tasks that expose the person to comparable dangers.

27       ~~(i)~~ (i) Any county manager in this State.

28       ~~(j)~~ (j) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State or a  
29 political subdivision of this State designated by his or her employer:

- 30       (1) Who possesses specialized training in code enforcement;  
31       (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities, interacts with the  
32 public; and  
33       (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks related to code  
34 enforcement.

35       ~~(k)~~ (k) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person described in  
36 paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~ (j), inclusive.

37       ~~(l)~~ (l) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
38 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~ (j), inclusive, who was killed in the performance  
39 of his or her duties.

40       2. Any nonprofit entity in this State that maintains a confidential location for  
41 the purpose of providing shelter to victims of domestic violence may request that  
42 the personal information described in subsection 4 of NRS 247.520 that is  
43 contained in the records of a county recorder be kept confidential.

44       3. As used in this section:

45       (a) "Child protective services" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS  
46 432B.042.

47       (b) "Child welfare services" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.044.

48       (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws, ordinances or codes  
49 regulating public nuisances or the public health, safety and welfare.

50       (d) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter 641B of NRS.

1       **Sec. 88.** NRS 250.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       250.140 1. The following persons may request that personal information  
3 described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS 250.120 that is contained in the records of  
4 a county assessor be kept confidential:

- 5       (a) Any justice or judge in this State.  
6       (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.  
7       (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.  
8       (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive officer in this  
9 State.

10       (e) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with the powers  
11 and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed by such county or city  
12 clerk or registrar of voters in the elections division of the county or city.*

13       (f) Any peace officer or retired peace officer.

14       ~~(g)~~ (g) Any prosecutor.

15       ~~(h)~~ (h) Any state or county public defender.

16       ~~(i)~~ (i) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker, employed  
17 by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as part of his or her normal  
18 job responsibilities interacts with the public and performs tasks related to child  
19 welfare services or child protective services or tasks that expose the person to  
20 comparable dangers.

21       ~~(j)~~ (j) Any county manager in this State.

22       ~~(k)~~ (k) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State or a  
23 political subdivision of this State designated by his or her employer who possesses  
24 specialized training in code enforcement, interacts with the public and whose  
25 primary duties are the performance of tasks related to code enforcement.

26       ~~(l)~~ (l) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person described in  
27 paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~ (k), inclusive.

28       ~~(m)~~ (m) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
29 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~ (k), inclusive, who was killed in the  
30 performance of his or her duties.

31       2. Any nonprofit entity in this State that maintains a confidential location for  
32 the purpose of providing shelter to victims of domestic violence may request that  
33 the personal information described in subsection 4 of NRS 250.120 that is  
34 contained in the records of a county assessor be kept confidential.

35       3. As used in this section:

36       (a) “Child protective services” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS  
37 432B.042.

38       (b) “Child welfare services” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.044.

39       (c) “Code enforcement” means the enforcement of laws, ordinances or codes  
40 regulating public nuisances or the public health, safety and welfare.

41       (d) “Peace officer” means:

42       (1) Any person upon whom some or all of the powers of a peace officer are  
43 conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360, inclusive; and

44       (2) Any person:

45       (I) Who resides in this State;

46       (II) Whose primary duties are to enforce the law; and

47       (III) Who is employed by a law enforcement agency of the Federal  
48 Government, including, without limitation, a ranger for the National Park Service  
49 and an agent employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service,  
50 United States Department of Homeland Security or United States Department of the  
51 Treasury.

52       (e) “Prosecutor” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 241A.030.

53       (f) “Social worker” means any person licensed under chapter 641B of NRS.

1       **Sec. 89.** NRS 481.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       481.091 1. The following persons may request that the Department display  
3 an alternate address on the person's driver's license, commercial driver's license or  
4 identification card:

5       (a) Any justice or judge in this State.

6       (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.

7       (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.

8       (d) Any clerk of the court, court administrator or court executive officer in this  
9 State.

10       (e) Any prosecutor who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities  
11 prosecutes persons for:

12           (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or

13           (2) Domestic violence.

14       (f) Any state or county public defender who as part of his or her normal job  
15 responsibilities defends persons for:

16           (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or

17           (2) Domestic violence.

18       (g) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker, employed by this  
19 State or a political subdivision of this State who as part of his or her normal job  
20 responsibilities:

21           (1) Interacts with the public; and

22           (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child protective  
23 services or tasks that expose the person to comparable dangers.

24       (h) Any county manager in this State.

25       (i) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State or a political  
26 subdivision of this State designated by his or her employer:

27           (1) Who possesses specialized training in code enforcement;

28           (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities, interacts with the  
29 public; and

30           (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks related to code  
31 enforcement.

32       (j) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with the powers  
33 and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed by the county or city  
34 clerk or registrar of voters in the elections division of the county or city.*

35       (k) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person described in  
36 paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (j), inclusive.

37       ~~(k)~~ (l) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
38 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (j), inclusive, who was killed in the performance  
39 of his or her duties.

40       2. A person who wishes to have an alternate address displayed on his or her  
41 driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card pursuant to this  
42 section must submit to the Department satisfactory proof:

43       (a) That he or she is a person described in subsection 1; and

44       (b) Of the person's address of principal residence and mailing address, if  
45 different from the address of principal residence.

46       3. A person who obtains a driver's license, commercial driver's license or  
47 identification card that displays an alternate address pursuant to this section may  
48 subsequently submit a request to the Department to have his or her address of  
49 principal residence displayed on his or her driver's license, commercial driver's  
50 license or identification card instead of the alternate address.

51       4. The Department may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this  
52 section.

53       5. As used in this section:

1 (a) "Child protective services" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS  
2 432B.042.

3 (b) "Child welfare services" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 432B.044.

4 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws, ordinances or codes  
5 regulating public nuisances or the public health, safety and welfare.

6 (d) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter 641B of NRS.

7 **Sec. 90.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional  
8 expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

9 **Sec. 91.** NRS 293.013, 293.015, 293.213, 293.230, 293.235, 293.243,  
10 293.262, 293.3088, 293.309, 293.3095, 293.310, 293.313, 293.315, 293.316,  
11 293.3165, 293.317, 293.320, 293.323, 293.325, 293.329, 293.330, 293.333,  
12 293.335, 293.340, 293.343, 293.345, 293.350, 293.352, 293.353, 293.355,  
13 293.3673, 293.384, 293.385, 293.8801, 293.8804, 293.8807, 293.8811, 293.8814,  
14 293.8817, 293.8821, 293.8824, 293.8827, 293.8831, 293.8834, 293.8837,  
15 293.8841, 293.8844, 293.8847, 293.8851, 293.8854, 293.8857, 293.8861,  
16 293.8864, 293.8871, 293.8874, 293.8877, 293.8881, 293.8884, 293.8887,  
17 293B.370, 293C.230, 293C.240, 293C.245, 293C.256, 293C.304, 293C.305,  
18 293C.306, 293C.307, 293C.310, 293C.312, 293C.317, 293C.318, 293C.319,  
19 293C.320, 293C.322, 293C.325, 293C.327, 293C.328, 293C.329, 293C.330,  
20 293C.332, 293C.335, 293C.340, 293C.342, 293C.345, 293C.347, 293C.349,  
21 293C.350, 293C.352, 293C.368, 293C.382, 293C.385 and 293C.650 are hereby  
22 repealed.

23 **Sec. 92.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

24 2. Sections 1 to 91, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

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

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## LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**293.013** "Absent ballot" defined.

**293.015** "Absent voter" defined.

**293.213** Mailing precincts; absent ballot mailing precincts.

**293.230** Appointment of single central election board for mailing  
precincts.

**293.235** Appointment and duties of absent ballot central counting board;  
no central election board if absent ballot central counting board appointed.

**293.243** Number of officers on absent ballot central counting board;  
appointment of deputy sheriff; absent ballot central counting board under  
direction of county clerk.

**293.262** Absent ballot or ballot voted in mailing precinct: Methods in  
which ballot is to be voted.

**293.3088** "Sufficient written notice" defined.

**293.309** Absent ballots: Preparation; reasonable accommodations for use  
by persons who are elderly or disabled; time for distribution; mootness of  
untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.

**293.3095** Distribution of forms to request absent ballots.

**293.310** Request and receipt of absent ballot allows voting only by absent  
ballot; exception; county clerk to notify election board if absent ballot issued.

**293.313** General procedure to request absent ballot; elections to which request applies; fraud or coercion in obtaining absent ballot prohibited; penalty.

**293.315** Request for absent ballot available for public inspection; immunity of county clerk for allowing such inspection.

**293.316** Specialized procedure to request absent ballot because of illness, disability or absence under certain circumstances; requirements for issuing, voting and returning such absent ballot.

**293.3165** Specialized procedure to request absent ballot for all elections at which registered voter is eligible to vote; requirements for issuing, voting and returning such absent ballot.

**293.317** Procedure for timely returning absent ballot; treatment of absent ballot when postmark cannot be determined.

**293.320** County clerk to determine if person requesting absent ballot is registered voter.

**293.323** Delivery of absent ballot and voting supplies; return of absent ballot; recordation of certain information by county clerk; regulations.

**293.325** Duties of county clerk upon return of absent ballots: Procedure for checking signature; safeguarding and delivery of absent ballots for counting; procedure for contacting voter to remedy certain defects in returned absent ballot.

**293.329** Unlawful to mark and sign absent ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign absent ballot; exceptions.

**293.330** Procedure for voting by absent ballot; procedure for voting in person after absent ballot requested; persons authorized to return absent ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of absent ballot; penalty.

**293.333** Procedure for depositing absent ballots in ballot box; period for counting of absent ballots.

**293.335** Empty envelopes and rejected absent ballots to be returned to county clerk.

**293.340** Duty of county clerk to provide ballot box for each ballot listing if absent ballot central counting board appointed; deposit of voted ballots.

**293.343** Eligibility of certain voters to vote in mailing precincts; effect of county clerk designating precinct as mailing precinct; designation of polling places where voters in mailing precincts may vote in person.

**293.345** Distribution of mailing ballots; notice of designated polling places where voters in mailing precincts may vote in person; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.

**293.350** Enrollment of eligible voter's name; procedure for mailing of ballot and voting supplies by county clerk.

**293.352** Unlawful to mark and sign mailing ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign mailing ballot; exceptions.

**293.353** Procedure for voting by mailing ballot; procedure for voting in person after receipt of mailing ballot; persons authorized to return mailing ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of mailing ballot; penalty.

**293.355** Duties of county clerk upon return or voting in person of mailing ballots; applicability of procedures governing absent ballots.

**293.3673** Errors in information on certain form not grounds for rejection of absent ballot.

**293.384** Initial withdrawal of absent ballots from ballot boxes; verification of proper number of absent ballots; procedure for counting.

**293.385** Withdrawal of absent ballots from ballot boxes after initial withdrawal; verification of proper number and counting of absent ballots;

reporting results of count; disseminating information about count before polls close prohibited; penalty.

293.8801 Legislative findings and declaration.

293.8804 Definitions.

293.8807 "Active registered voter" or "voter" defined.

293.8811 "Affected election" or "election" defined.

293.8814 "Mail ballot" defined.

293.8817 "Vote center" defined.

293.8821 Certain elections deemed affected elections; authority of Governor to order that certain elections deemed affected elections.

293.8824 Provisions governing affected elections supersede and preempt conflicting elections provisions; applicability of nonconflicting elections provisions and military-overseas absentee voting acts.

293.8827 Rules of interpretation; intended public purposes of provisions governing affected elections.

293.8831 Early voting by personal appearance; establishment of polling places for early voting within Indian reservations or colonies.

293.8834 Establishment of polling places as vote centers.

293.8837 Voter registration during certain periods preceding and on election day; establishment of polling places for election precincts.

293.8841 Establishment of polling places within Indian reservations or colonies and within residential developments exclusively for elderly persons.

293.8844 Preparation and distribution of mail ballots and supporting materials; ballot contents; time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.

293.8847 Methods of distribution and other requirements for mail ballots and supporting materials; recordation of certain information by clerk.

293.8851 Requirements for mail ballots distributed to certain voters who have not previously voted in election for federal office in Nevada; exceptions; treatment as provisional ballot under certain circumstances.

293.8854 Procedure for voting by mail ballot; procedure for voting in person after mail ballot sent to voter.

293.8857 Unlawful to mark and sign mail ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign mail ballot; exceptions.

293.8861 Procedure for timely returning mail ballot; treatment of mail ballot when postmark cannot be determined; requirements for ballot drop boxes.

293.8864 Persons authorized to return mail ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of mail ballot; penalty.

293.8871 Establishment of procedures for processing and counting mail ballots.

293.8874 Duties of clerk upon return of mail ballots: Procedure for checking signature; safeguarding and delivery of mail ballots for counting; procedure for contacting voter to remedy certain defects in returned mail ballot.

293.8877 Appointment and membership of mail ballot central counting board; board under direction of clerk.

293.8881 Period for counting mail ballots; counting must be public; rejection of certain mail ballots.

293.8884 Process for counting mail ballots; requirements relating to empty envelopes and rejected mail ballots.

**293.8887** Certification and reporting of mail ballot results; secrecy of mail ballots; unlawful to disseminate information about mail ballot results before polls close and all votes cast on election day; penalty.

**293B.370** Duties of absent ballot mailing precinct inspection board.

**293C.230** Appointment of single central election board for mailing precincts.

**293C.240** Appointment and duties of absent ballot central counting board; no central election board if absent ballot central counting board appointed.

**293C.245** Appointment and number of officers on absent ballot central counting board; appointment of law enforcement officers; absent ballot central counting board under direction of city clerk.

**293C.256** Absent ballot or ballot voted in mailing precinct to be voted on paper ballot.

**293C.304** "Sufficient written notice" defined.

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**293C.327** Voting absent ballot in person in city clerk's office.

**293C.328** Electioneering prohibited near city clerk's office during period office maintained for voting absent ballot in person; penalty.

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