
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 367—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS)

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Makes various changes related to language access in elections. (BDR 24-364)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 5, 6, 8, 13-15, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29)
(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; setting forth certain language access requirements relating to elections; requiring the Secretary of State to employ a language access coordinator; requiring the Secretary of State to include certain information related to a registered voter's preferred language on an application to register to vote; requiring county and city clerks to make a good faith effort to appoint election board officers who are bilingual; providing that a registered voter with a physical disability may use a mobile device to access interpretive services; revising the information relating to registered voters that is required to be included on the statewide voter registration list; requiring, under certain circumstances, a mechanical voting system to list offices, candidates and ballot measures in a voter's preferred language; creating and setting forth the membership and duties of the Language Access Advisory Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, each voting system used by a county or city is required to
2 provide voting materials in English and every language in which voting materials
3 are required to be prepared pursuant to federal law. (52 U.S.C. § 10503; NRS
4 293.2699) **Section 5** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to ensure that voting
5 materials and other elections information are posted or made available at a polling
6 place or on certain Internet websites in certain languages. **Section 5** further requires
7 the Secretary of State, on or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, to review
8 certain data on persons who are members of a minority group and are of limited-
9 English proficiency in the State. Based on the review of such data, **section 5**
10 requires the Secretary of State and certain county and city clerks, under certain
11 circumstances, to ensure that voting materials and other information are provided in
12 certain other languages. **Sections 13-15, 17-19, 21, 22 and 28-31** of this bill make
13 changes to require that certain information and voting materials be made available
14 in such languages. **Section 42** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to review
15 such data in sufficient time for information and voting materials to be made
16 available for the 2026 General Election.

17 **Sections 2-4** of this bill, respectively, define the terms "limited-English
18 proficiency," "minority group" and "voting materials." **Section 11** of this bill
19 applies these definitions to the provisions of existing law relating to elections.

20 **Section 6** of this bill requires the Secretary of State and authorizes a county
21 clerk to establish a toll-free telephone number which may be used by any person to
22 receive language interpretation or assistance with translation relating to an election.
23 **Sections 7, 17-19, 21, 25, 29 and 30** of this bill require that each polling place,
24 sample ballot and Internet website of the Secretary of State or county or city clerk,
25 as applicable, include the toll-free telephone number.

26 **Section 8** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to include on all forms for
27 an application to preregister or register to vote certain language authorizing a
28 person who preregisters or registers to vote to request a sample ballot in a language
29 other than English.

30 Under existing law, each county and city clerk is required to appoint registered
31 voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places in the county
32 or city, as applicable. (NRS 293.217, 293C.220) **Sections 12 and 27** of this bill
33 require the county or city clerk to make a good faith effort to appoint election board
34 officers who are bilingual.

35 Existing law provides that, with certain exceptions, any registered voter who by
36 reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to
37 mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to assistance
38 from a consenting person of his or her own choice. (NRS 293.296) **Section 16** of
39 this bill provides that a registered voter with a physical disability may also use a
40 mobile device to access interpretive services to assist him or her in casting a vote in
41 an election. Such interpretive services include, without limitation, interpretive
42 services using American Sign Language.

43 Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to prescribe forms for
44 applications to preregister or register to vote. (NRS 293.507) **Section 20** of this bill
45 requires the Secretary of State to include on each such application a line on which
46 an applicant may enter voluntarily the applicant's state or country of birth and
47 language preference. **Section 23** of this bill requires such information to be
48 included on the statewide voter registration list, if it is provided by the applicant.

49 Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to establish a user-
50 friendly system on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State to
51 allow persons by computer to preregister and register to vote, cancel such
52 preregistration or registration, update such preregistration or registration and
53 determine at what polling place or places he or she is entitled to vote. (NRS
54 293.671) **Section 22** requires the system to also be accessible in each language in



55 which the Secretary of State is required to provide information and voting materials
56 pursuant to **section 5**.

57 **Section 24** of this bill provides that if the mechanical voting system used in a
58 county or city is capable of providing a registered voter’s ballot in the preferred
59 language of the voter other than English, the county or city clerk, as applicable,
60 shall ensure that the list of offices and candidates and the statement of ballot
61 measures for which the voter is entitled to vote is in that preferred language.

62 **Section 37** of this bill creates the Language Access Advisory Committee within
63 the Office of the Secretary of State, consisting of the Secretary of State or his or her
64 designee, and certain other members. **Sections 35 and 36** of this bill define
65 “Advisory Committee” and “language access programs” for the purposes of
66 **sections 34-39** of this bill. **Section 38** requires the Advisory Committee to: (1)
67 identify certain programs and services that address language accessibility of
68 elections and voting materials; (2) coordinate with community organizations to
69 determine needs relating to language accessibility of elections and voting materials;
70 (3) act as a liaison between the Office of the Secretary of State and community
71 organizations; (4) make certain annual assessments relating to language
72 accessibility programs and services; and (5) make certain recommendations to the
73 Office of the Secretary of State relating to such programs and services. **Section 39**
74 sets forth certain requirements for meetings of the Advisory Committee. **Section 41**
75 of this bill: (1) requires the Secretary of State to appoint the initial members of the
76 Advisory Committee before January 1, 2026; and (2) staggers the terms of the
77 initial members.

78 **Sections 5 and 40** of this bill require that the cost of ensuring that voting
79 materials and other elections information are posted or made available at a polling
80 place in certain languages be paid from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency
81 Account.

82 Existing law authorizes, under certain circumstances, the governing body of a
83 city to conduct a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail. If such an
84 election is conducted, certain existing provisions of law relating to early voting do
85 not apply to the election. (NRS 293C.112) **Section 26** of this bill provides that the
86 provisions of **section 25** also do not apply to such a city election.

87 **Section 32** of this bill makes a conforming change to make the provisions of
88 **section 7** apply to a presidential preference primary election.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Limited-English proficiency” means being unable to*
5 *speak or understand English adequately to participate in the*
6 *electoral process.*

7 **Sec. 3.** *“Minority group” includes, without limitation, United*
8 *States citizens of Chinese heritage.*

9 **Sec. 4.** *“Voting materials” means the following written*
10 *materials:*

11 *1. Applications to preregister or register to vote;*



1 2. *Ballots and the instructions for the use of such ballots,*
2 *including, without limitation, mail ballots, sample ballots and*
3 *provisional ballots;*

4 3. *Voting instructions;*

5 4. *Information and instructions relating to the location of*
6 *polling places, including, without limitation, vote centers,*
7 *permanent polling places for early voting and temporary branch*
8 *polling places and the hours during which such polling places will*
9 *be open;*

10 5. *Any notices required to be provided for an election*
11 *pursuant to title 24 of NRS;*

12 6. *Ballot questions;*

13 7. *Any forms prepared for an election to assist voters; and*

14 8. *Any other voting materials required to be translated*
15 *pursuant to the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State*
16 *pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

17 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The Secretary of State shall ensure that voting*
18 *materials and other elections information that is posted on the*
19 *Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State or the*
20 *system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to*
21 *NRS 293D.200 are available on the website and system of*
22 *approved electronic transmission in any language in which voting*
23 *materials are required to be prepared pursuant to 52 U.S.C. §*
24 *10503. If there are less than seven languages in which voting*
25 *materials are required to be prepared pursuant to 52 U.S.C. §*
26 *10503, the Secretary of State shall ensure that voting materials*
27 *and other elections information are posted pursuant to this*
28 *subsection in at least the seven most commonly spoken languages*
29 *in the State. If any such language does not have a standard*
30 *writing system, the information required to be posted must be set*
31 *forth in an audio recording in the language. Except as otherwise*
32 *provided in this subsection, the Secretary of State shall use a*
33 *translator who is certified in the specific language to translate the*
34 *information required pursuant to this subsection. If such a*
35 *certified translator is not available to translate the information as*
36 *required by this subsection, the Secretary of State shall make a*
37 *continuous effort to find such a certified translator or coordinate*
38 *with the respective minority group for assistance with the*
39 *translation.*

40 2. *Each county clerk and city clerk shall ensure that the*
41 *Internet website of the county or city clerk, as applicable, has*
42 *posted in a prominent location a link to the information on the*
43 *website of the Office of the Secretary of State required by*
44 *subsection 1.*



1 3. *The Secretary of State shall, on or before January 1 of*
2 *each odd-numbered year, review data on persons who are*
3 *members of a minority group and are of limited-English*
4 *proficiency in the State, based on the American Community*
5 *Survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the United*
6 *States Department of Commerce or language preference*
7 *information collected by the Secretary of State. In addition to the*
8 *requirements set forth in subsections 1 and 2, if, based on such*
9 *data:*

10 (a) *The Secretary of State finds that there are at least 5,000*
11 *qualified electors in this State who are members of a minority*
12 *group and are of limited-English proficiency, the Secretary of*
13 *State shall ensure that voting materials and other elections*
14 *information that are posted on the Internet website of the Office of*
15 *the Secretary of State or set forth in the system of approved*
16 *electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 are*
17 *available in the language or languages of the minority group. If*
18 *any such language does not have a standard writing system, the*
19 *information required to be posted or made available must be set*
20 *forth in an audio recording in the language. Except as otherwise*
21 *provided in this paragraph, the Secretary of State shall use a*
22 *translator who is certified in the specific language to translate the*
23 *information required by this paragraph. If such a certified*
24 *translator is not available to translate the information required by*
25 *this paragraph, the Secretary of State shall make a continuous*
26 *effort to find such a certified translator or coordinate with the*
27 *respective minority group for assistance with the translation.*

28 (b) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
29 *Secretary of State finds that there are at least 20,000 qualified*
30 *electors in this State who are members of a minority group and are*
31 *of limited-English proficiency, the Secretary of State shall*
32 *collaborate with each county clerk to ensure that voting materials*
33 *and other elections information that are required to be posted or*
34 *made available at a polling place or on the Internet website of the*
35 *county clerk are posted or available in the language or languages*
36 *of the minority group. If any such language does not have a*
37 *standard writing system, the information required to be posted or*
38 *made available must be set forth in an audio recording in the*
39 *language. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
40 *Secretary of State shall use a translator who is certified in*
41 *the specific language to translate the information required by this*
42 *paragraph. If such a certified translator is not available to*
43 *translate the information required by this paragraph, the*
44 *Secretary of State shall make a continuous effort to find such a*
45 *certified translator or coordinate with the respective minority*



1 *group for assistance with the translation. The cost of preparing*
2 *and providing voting materials and other elections information in*
3 *any language required by this paragraph is a charge against the*
4 *State and must be paid from the Reserve for Statutory*
5 *Contingency Account, upon recommendation by the Secretary of*
6 *State and approval by the State Board of Examiners. The*
7 *provisions of this paragraph do not apply to the extent that a*
8 *county clerk is required pursuant to paragraph (c) to ensure that*
9 *voting materials and other elections information that are required*
10 *to be posted or made available at a polling place or on the Internet*
11 *website of the county clerk are posted or available in the language*
12 *or languages of the minority group.*

13 *(c) The Secretary of State finds that there are at least 5,000*
14 *qualified electors in a county who are members of a minority*
15 *group and are of limited-English proficiency, the Secretary of*
16 *State shall notify the county clerk, and the county clerk shall*
17 *ensure that voting materials and other elections information that*
18 *are required to be posted or made available at a polling place or*
19 *on the Internet website of the county clerk are posted or available*
20 *in the language or languages of the minority group. If any such*
21 *language does not have a standard writing system, the information*
22 *required to be posted or made available must be set forth in an*
23 *audio recording in the language. Except as otherwise provided in*
24 *this paragraph, the county clerk shall use a translator who is*
25 *certified in the specific language to translate the information*
26 *required by this paragraph. If such a certified translator is not*
27 *available to translate the information required by this paragraph,*
28 *the county clerk shall make a continuous effort to find such a*
29 *certified translator or coordinate with the respective minority*
30 *group for assistance with the translation.*

31 *(d) The Secretary of State finds that there are at least 5,000*
32 *qualified electors in a city who are members of a minority group*
33 *and are of limited-English proficiency, the Secretary of State shall*
34 *notify the city clerk and the city clerk shall ensure that voting*
35 *materials and other elections information that are required to be*
36 *posted or made available at a polling place or on the Internet*
37 *website of the city clerk are posted or available in the language or*
38 *languages of the minority group. If any such language does not*
39 *have a standard writing system, the information required to be*
40 *posted or made available must be set forth in an audio recording*
41 *in the language. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,*
42 *the city clerk shall use a translator who is certified in the specific*
43 *language to translate the information required by this paragraph.*
44 *If such a certified translator is not available to translate the*
45 *information required by this paragraph, the city clerk shall make a*



1 continuous effort to find such a certified translator or coordinate
2 with the respective minority group for assistance with the
3 translation.

4 4. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations requiring any
5 additional information or voting material that must be translated
6 pursuant to this section.

7 **Sec. 6. 1. The Secretary of State shall:**

8 (a) Establish a toll-free telephone number which may be used
9 by any person in this State to receive language interpretation or
10 assistance with translation relating to an election, including,
11 without limitation, voter registration or other voter assistance; and

12 (b) Post the toll-free telephone number established pursuant to
13 paragraph (a) on the Internet website of the Office of the
14 Secretary of State.

15 2. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the toll-free
16 telephone number established pursuant to subsection 1 provides
17 language interpretation or assistance with translation relating to
18 an election in the 200 most commonly spoken languages in the
19 State and American Sign Language.

20 3. A county clerk:

21 (a) May establish a toll-free telephone number which may be
22 used by any person in the county to receive language
23 interpretation or translation assistance relating to an election,
24 including, without limitation, voter registration or other voter
25 assistance; and

26 (b) If such a toll-free telephone number is established
27 pursuant to paragraph (a), may post the toll-free telephone
28 number on the Internet website of the county clerk.

29 4. Each county and city clerk shall post the toll-free
30 telephone number established by the Secretary of State pursuant
31 to subsection 1 on the Internet website of the county or city clerk,
32 as applicable.

33 **Sec. 7. The county clerk shall ensure that at each polling**
34 **place for early voting the toll-free telephone number established**
35 **by the Secretary of State and, if applicable, the toll-free telephone**
36 **number established by the county clerk pursuant to section 6 of**
37 **this act for a voter to receive assistance with voter registration and**
38 **other assistance during the period for early voting is posted in a**
39 **conspicuous place.**

40 **Sec. 8. 1. The Secretary of State shall include on all forms**
41 **for an application to preregister or register to vote prescribed by**
42 **the Secretary of State, including, without limitation, a paper**
43 **application and the form set forth on the system established by the**
44 **Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 to allow persons by**



1 *computer to preregister and register to vote, the following*
2 *language in at least 14-point bold type:*

3
4 **[] CHECK THIS BOX TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE**
5 **BALLOT IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN**
6 **ENGLISH AND INCLUDE THE**
7 **PREFERRED LANGUAGE HERE _____**

8
9 **PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL LANGUAGES**
10 **ARE AVAILABLE, BUT LANGUAGE INFORMATION**
11 **THAT IS COLLECTED WILL HELP DETERMINE THE**
12 **LANGUAGE NEEDS OF VOTERS AND THE SERVICES**
13 **PROVIDED BY THE STATE, COUNTY AND CITY.**

14
15 *2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the county*
16 *clerk and city clerk of the county and city where the voter is*
17 *registered to vote must provide the voter who has indicated a*
18 *preferred language other than English with a sample ballot in the*
19 *preferred language. If, pursuant to section 5 of this act, a county*
20 *or city clerk is not required to provide information and voting*
21 *materials in the preferred language of the voter, the county clerk*
22 *or city clerk, as applicable, must provide the voter with a sample*
23 *ballot in English until the clerk is required, pursuant to section 5*
24 *of this act, to provide information and voting materials in the*
25 *preferred language of the voter.*

26 **Sec. 9. 1. The Secretary of State shall employ a person to**
27 **serve as the language access coordinator for the Office of the**
28 **Secretary of State**

29 **2. A language access coordinator employed pursuant to**
30 **subsection 1 is in the classified service of the State.**

31 **Sec. 10. In addition to any other requirement relating to**
32 **language access, the Secretary of State shall ensure that all**
33 **elections-related communications and information are made**
34 **available to voters in English and Spanish.**

35 **Sec. 11. NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

36 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
37 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.016 to 293.121,
38 inclusive, *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act* have the meanings
39 ascribed to them in those sections.

40 **Sec. 12. NRS 293.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

41 293.217 1. The county clerk of each county shall appoint and
42 notify registered voters to act as election board officers for the
43 various polling places in the county as provided in NRS 293.220 to
44 293.227, inclusive, and NRS 293.269929. *The county clerk shall*
45 *make a good faith effort to appoint election board officers who are*



1 *bilingual in a language in which information and voting materials*
2 *are required to be made available pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

3 The registered voters appointed as election board officers for any
4 polling place must not all be of the same political party. No
5 candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate
6 within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be
7 appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election
8 board officers are appointed, if requested by the county clerk, the
9 sheriff shall:

10 (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county
11 and for the central election board or the mail ballot central counting
12 board; or

13 (b) Deputize as a deputy sheriff for the election an election
14 board officer of each polling place in the county and for the central
15 election board or the mail ballot central counting board. The
16 deputized officer shall receive no additional compensation for
17 services rendered as a deputy sheriff during the election for which
18 the officer is deputized.

19 ↪ Deputy sheriffs so appointed and deputized shall preserve order
20 during hours of voting and attend closing of the polls.

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

23 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.2549 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.2549 1. The Secretary of State, each county clerk and
25 each city clerk shall:

26 (a) Make the Voters' Bill of Rights readily available to the
27 public;

28 (b) Maintain a copy of the Voters' Bill of Rights in his or her
29 office for reproduction and distribution to the public; ~~and~~

30 (c) Ensure that the Voters' Bill of Rights is posted in a
31 conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type, at each polling place ~~;~~
32 *and*

33 *(d) Ensure that the Voters' Bill of Rights is made available in*
34 *all languages in which information and voting materials are*
35 *required to be provided pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

36 2. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the Voters' Bill of
37 Rights is posted on the Secretary of State's Internet website ~~;~~ *and*
38 *made available in all languages in which information and voting*
39 *materials are required to be provided pursuant to section 5 of this*
40 *act.*

41 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.2699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293.2699 1. Each voting system used by a county or city
43 shall provide voting materials in:

44 (a) English; ~~and~~



1 (b) Every language in which voting materials are required to be
2 prepared in the county or city pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 10503 ~~H~~ ;
3 *and*

4 *(c) Every other language in which information and voting*
5 *materials are required to be provided by the county clerk or city*
6 *clerk pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

7 2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, if a
8 county clerk or city clerk determines that there is a significant and
9 substantial need for voting materials of the county or city, as
10 applicable, to be provided in the language or languages of a
11 minority group, the county clerk or city clerk may prepare voting
12 materials in such language or languages. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, there is a significant and substantial need for voting
14 materials to be provided in the language or languages of a minority
15 group if, without limitation, the minority group has been subject to
16 historical discrimination and unequal educational opportunities, and,
17 as a result, members of the minority group are of limited-English
18 proficiency.

19 ~~§3.—As used in this section:~~

20 ~~—(a) “Limited English proficiency” means being unable to speak~~
21 ~~or understand English adequately to participate in the electoral~~
22 ~~process.~~

23 ~~—(b) “Minority group” includes, without limitation, United States~~
24 ~~citizens of Chinese heritage.~~

25 ~~—(c) “Voting materials” has the meaning ascribed to it in 52~~
26 ~~U.S.C. § 10503.]~~

27 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.269911 is hereby amended to read as
28 follows:

29 293.269911 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
30 the county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered
31 voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or updates
32 his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days
33 before the election a mail ballot for every election. The county clerk
34 shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot
35 by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation,
36 by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a
37 person who is elderly or disabled. *If a county clerk is required to*
38 *provide information and voting materials pursuant to section 5 of*
39 *this act in a language that a registered voter has indicated is his or*
40 *her preferred language, the county clerk shall prepare and*
41 *distribute a mail ballot and all relevant materials and instructions*
42 *for voting the mail ballot in the preferred language of the voter.*

43 2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a
44 mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk
45 a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which



1 must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before
2 the day of the election.

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

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

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

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

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

12 (a) Each active registered voter who:

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

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

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

21 (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-
22 overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter
23 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
24 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time
25 required by those provisions.

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

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

33 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.296 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.296 1. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical
35 disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a
36 ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to
37 assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice,
38 except:

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

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

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

44 3. *A registered voter with a physical disability may use a*
45 *mobile device to access interpretive services to assist him or her in*



1 *casting a vote in an election. Such interpretive services include,*
2 *without limitation, interpretive services using American Sign*
3 *Language.*

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

8 ~~4.]~~ 5. In addition to complying with the requirements of this
9 section, the county clerk and election board officer shall, upon the
10 request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make
11 reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at a polling
12 place at which he or she is entitled to vote.

13 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk
15 shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a
16 conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:

17 1. A sample ballot;

18 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of
19 the polling place;

20 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a
21 provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive,
22 or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
23 inclusive;

24 4. Instructions concerning the identification required for
25 persons who registered by mail or computer and are first-time voters
26 for federal office in this State;

27 5. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to
28 persons with disabilities;

29 6. *Instructions concerning how a registered voter may obtain*
30 *a copy of information and voting materials in each of the*
31 *languages in which voting materials are required to be provided*
32 *pursuant to section 5 of this act;*

33 7. *The toll-free telephone number established by the*
34 *Secretary of State and, if applicable, the toll-free telephone*
35 *number established by the county clerk pursuant to section 6 of*
36 *this act for obtaining language interpretation or assistance with*
37 *translation relating to the election;*

38 8. General information concerning federal and state laws which
39 prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

40 ~~7.]~~ 9. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a
41 ballot question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result
42 of a judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.

43 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.4687 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.4687 1. The Secretary of State shall maintain a website
45 on the Internet for public information maintained, collected or



1 compiled by the Secretary of State that relates to elections, which
2 must include, without limitation:

3 (a) The Voters' Bill of Rights required to be posted on the
4 Secretary of State's Internet website pursuant to the provisions of
5 NRS 293.2549;

6 (b) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website
7 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.388;

8 (c) A current list of the registered voters in this State that also
9 indicates the petition district in which each registered voter resides;

10 (d) A map or maps indicating the boundaries of each petition
11 district; ~~and~~

12 (e) All reports submitted to the Secretary of State pursuant to the
13 provisions of chapter 294A of NRS ~~and~~; *and*

14 *(f) The toll-free telephone number established by the Secretary*
15 *of State pursuant to section 6 of this act.*

16 2. *The information required to be maintained, collected and*
17 *compiled by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1 must*
18 *be made available in all languages in which information and*
19 *voting materials are required to be provided pursuant to section 5*
20 *of this act.*

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

25 ~~3.~~ 4. If the information required to be maintained by the
26 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the
27 public from a website on the Internet maintained by a county clerk
28 or city clerk, the Secretary of State may provide a hyperlink to that
29 website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to
30 that information.

31 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.4689 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.4689 1. If a county clerk maintains a website on the
33 Internet for information related to elections, the website must
34 contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the
35 county clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without
36 limitation:

37 (a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on
38 election day in such a format that a registered voter may search the
39 list to determine the location of the polling place or places at which
40 the registered voter is entitled to cast a ballot; ~~and~~

41 (b) The abstract of votes required pursuant to the provisions of
42 NRS 293.388 ~~and~~; *and*

43 *(c) The toll-free telephone number established by the Secretary*
44 *of State and, if applicable, the toll-free telephone number*
45 *established by the county clerk pursuant to section 6 of this act.*



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

5 3. *The information required to be maintained by the county*
6 *clerk pursuant to subsection 1 must be made available on the*
7 *website in all languages in which information and voting*
8 *materials are required to be provided by the county clerk pursuant*
9 *to section 5 of this act.*

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

16 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.507 is hereby amended to read as follows:
17 293.507 1. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

18 (a) Standard forms for applications to preregister or register to
19 vote;

20 (b) Special forms for preregistration and registration to be used
21 in a county where registrations are performed and records of
22 registration are kept by computer; and

23 (c) A standard form for the affidavit described in subsection 5.

24 2. The county clerks shall provide forms for applications to
25 preregister or register to vote to field registrars in the form and
26 number prescribed by the Secretary of State.

27 3. Each form for an application to preregister or register to vote
28 must include a:

29 (a) Unique control number assigned by the Secretary of State;
30 and

31 (b) Receipt which:

32 (1) Includes a space for a person assisting an applicant in
33 completing the form to enter the person's name; and

34 (2) May be retained by the applicant upon completion of the
35 form.

36 4. The form for an application to preregister or register to vote
37 must include:

38 (a) A line for use by the applicant to enter:

39 (1) The number indicated on the applicant's current and valid
40 driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, if the
41 applicant has such a driver's license;

42 (2) The last four digits of the applicant's social security
43 number, if the applicant does not have a driver's license issued by
44 the Department of Motor Vehicles and does have a social security
45 number; or



1 (3) The number issued to the applicant pursuant to subsection
2 5, if the applicant does not have a current and valid driver's license
3 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security
4 number.

5 (b) A line on which to enter the address at which the applicant
6 actually resides, as set forth in NRS 293.486.

7 (c) A notice that the applicant may not list a business as the
8 address required pursuant to paragraph (b) unless the applicant
9 actually resides there.

10 (d) A line on which to enter an address at which the applicant
11 may receive mail, including, without limitation, a post office box or
12 general delivery.

13 *(e) A line on which the applicant may enter voluntarily the*
14 *applicant's state or country of birth and language preference.*

15 5. If an applicant does not have the identification set forth in
16 subparagraph (1) or (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 4, the
17 applicant shall sign an affidavit stating that he or she does not have a
18 current and valid driver's license issued by the Department of Motor
19 Vehicles or a social security number. Upon receipt of the affidavit,
20 the county clerk shall issue an identification number to the applicant
21 which must be the same number as the unique identifier assigned to
22 the applicant for purposes of the statewide voter registration list.

23 6. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out
24 the provisions of subsections 3, 4 and 5.

25 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,
27 sample ballots must include:

28 (a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;

29 (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect,
30 as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015,
31 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment,
32 statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special
33 district or political subdivision and advisory question;

34 (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
35 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed
36 constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted
37 upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory
38 question;

39 (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional
40 amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a
41 special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and
42 rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
43 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and

44 (e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.



1 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word
2 "Incumbent" must appear on the ballot next to the name of the
3 candidate who is the incumbent, the word "Incumbent" must appear
4 on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the
5 incumbent.

6 3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be
7 printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional
8 amendment if:

9 (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly
10 reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment
11 were not included;

12 (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes
13 the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided
14 at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample
15 ballot; and

16 (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the
17 full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

18 4. A county clerk may establish a system for distributing
19 sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who
20 elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system
21 may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access
22 through an Internet website. If a county clerk establishes such a
23 system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by
24 electronic means, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot
25 to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the
26 procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the
27 Secretary of State.

28 5. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot
29 by electronic means pursuant to subsection 4, the county clerk shall
30 distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

31 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, before the
32 period for early voting for any election begins, the county clerk shall
33 distribute to each registered voter in the county by mail or electronic
34 means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a
35 notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place
36 or places. If the location of the polling place or places has changed
37 since the last election:

38 (a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each
39 registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before
40 distributing the sample ballots; or

41 (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type
42 immediately above the location which states:
43

44 **NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE OR**
45 **PLACES HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION**



1 7. If a person registers to vote less than 20 days before the date
2 of an election, the county clerk is not required to distribute to the
3 person the sample ballot for that election by mail or electronic
4 means.

5 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, a sample
6 ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

7 (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type . ~~[- and]~~

8 (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold
9 lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

10
11 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
12 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

13
14 *(c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold*
15 *lines, a notice that states:*

16
17 ***NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN***
18 ***A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, CALL***
19 ***(Insert appropriate telephone number)***

20
21 ***PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL LANGUAGES***
22 ***ARE AVAILABLE, BUT LANGUAGE INFORMATION***
23 ***THAT IS COLLECTED WILL HELP DETERMINE THE***
24 ***LANGUAGE NEEDS OF VOTERS AND THE SERVICES***
25 ***PROVIDED BY THE STATE AND COUNTY***

26
27 9. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the
28 display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-
29 point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the
30 pages of the sample ballot.

31 10. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a
32 sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided
33 pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared
34 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

35 11. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the
36 county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to
37 that person from the county are in large type.

38 12. *If a person requests a sample ballot in a language other*
39 *than English and the county clerk is required to provide*
40 *information and voting materials in that language pursuant to*
41 *section 5 of this act, the county clerk shall ensure that all sample*
42 *ballots distributed to that person in the future are provided in the*
43 *preferred language. If, pursuant to section 5 of this act, a county*
44 *clerk is not required to provide information and voting materials*
45 *in the preferred language of the voter, the county clerk must*



1 *provide the voter with a sample ballot in English until the clerk is*
2 *required, pursuant to section 5 of this act, to provide information*
3 *and voting materials in the preferred language.*

4 *13. The county clerk shall ensure that a sample ballot is*
5 *available at each polling place, including, without limitation, a*
6 *polling place for early voting, in each language in which the*
7 *county clerk is required to provide information and voting*
8 *materials pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

9 *14. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a*
10 *statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a*
11 *voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations*
12 *to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place or places and*
13 *provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote,*
14 *including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to*
15 *assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided*
16 *pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at*
17 *centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for*
18 *use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall*
19 *include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:*

20 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

21 (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at
22 such centralized voting locations; and

23 (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her
24 ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his or her
25 regularly designated polling place or places.

26 ~~13.~~ *15. The cost of distributing sample ballots for any*
27 *election other than a primary election, presidential preference*
28 *primary election or general election must be borne by the political*
29 *subdivision holding the election.*

30 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.671 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 293.671 1. The Secretary of State shall establish a system on
32 the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State to allow
33 persons by computer to:

34 (a) Preregister and register to vote;

35 (b) Cancel his or her preregistration or voter registration;

36 (c) Update his or her preregistration or voter registration
37 information, including, without limitation, the person's name,
38 address, ~~and~~ party affiliation ~~;~~ and *language preference; and*

39 (d) Determine at what polling place or places he or she is
40 entitled to vote.

41 2. The system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:

42 (a) Be user friendly;

43 (b) *Be accessible in each language in which the Secretary of*
44 *State is required to provide information and voting materials*
45 *pursuant to section 5 of this act;*



1 (c) Comply with any procedures and requirements prescribed by
2 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.250 and 293.4855; and
3 ~~(e)~~ (d) Inform any person who uses the system to register to
4 vote for an election pursuant to NRS 293.5837, 293.5842 and
5 293.5847 that the person may vote in the election only if the person
6 complies with the applicable requirements established by those
7 sections.

8 3. The Secretary of State shall include on the system, in black
9 lettering and not more than 14-point type, the following
10 information:

11 (a) The qualifications to register or preregister to vote;

12 (b) That if the applicant does not meet the qualifications, he or
13 she is prohibited from registering or preregistering to vote; and

14 (c) The penalties for submitting a false application.

15 4. The Secretary of State shall not include on the system:

16 (a) Any additional warnings regarding the penalties for
17 submitting a false application; or

18 (b) The notice set forth in NRS 225.083.

19 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and
21 maintain a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores
22 information related to the preregistration of persons and the
23 registration of electors from all the counties in this State. The
24 Secretary of State shall ensure that the database is capable of storing
25 preregistration information separately until a person is qualified to
26 register to vote. Each county clerk shall use the database created by
27 the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection to collect and
28 maintain all records of preregistration and registration to vote.

29 2. The Secretary of State shall use the voter registration
30 information collected in the database created pursuant to subsection
31 1 to create the official statewide voter registration list, which may be
32 maintained on the Internet, in consultation with each county and city
33 clerk.

34 3. The statewide voter registration list must:

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

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

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

40 (d) Contain the name and registration information of every
41 legally registered voter in this State ~~(c)~~, *including, without*
42 *limitation, the state or country of birth and language preference, if*
43 *applicable;*

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



1 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, be coordinated
2 with the appropriate databases of other agencies in this State;

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

5 (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, allow for
6 data to be shared with other states under certain circumstances; and

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

9 4. Each county and city clerk shall:

10 (a) Electronically enter into the database created pursuant to
11 subsection 1 all information related to voter preregistration and
12 registration obtained by the county or city clerk at the time the
13 information is provided to the county or city clerk; and

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

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

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

30 7. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its
31 database:

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

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

40 8. The Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative
41 agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to match
42 information in the database of the statewide voter registration list
43 with information in the records of the State Registrar of Vital
44 Statistics concerning the death of a resident of this State to maintain
45 the statewide voter registration list. The Secretary of State must



1 compare the records of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to those
2 in the statewide voter registration list at least once per month.

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

10 10. The Secretary of State may:

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

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

20 **Sec. 24.** Chapter 293B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
21 thereto a new section to read as follows:

22 *If the mechanical voting system used in a county or city is*
23 *capable of providing a registered voter's ballot in the preferred*
24 *language of the voter other than English, the county or city clerk,*
25 *as applicable, shall ensure that the list of offices and candidates*
26 *and the statements of ballot measures for which the voter is*
27 *entitled to vote is in that preferred language.*

28 **Sec. 25.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
29 thereto a new section to read as follows:

30 *The city clerk shall ensure that at each polling place for early*
31 *voting the toll-free telephone number established by the Secretary*
32 *of State pursuant to section 6 of this act for a voter to receive voter*
33 *registration and other voter assistance during the period for early*
34 *voting is posted in a conspicuous place.*

35 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city
37 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail in accordance with
38 the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive, if:

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

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

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

44 (2) One office or ballot question.



1 2. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,
2 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361,
3 inclusive, *and section 25 of this act* do not apply to an election
4 conducted pursuant to this section.

5 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered
7 voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places
8 and precincts in the city as provided in NRS 293.225, 293.227,
9 293C.227, 293C.228 and 293C.26329. *The city clerk shall make a*
10 *good faith effort to appoint election board officers who are*
11 *bilingual in a language in which information and voting materials*
12 *are required to be provided pursuant to section 5 of this act.* No
13 candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate
14 within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be
15 appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election
16 board officers are appointed, if requested by the city clerk, the chief
17 law enforcement officer of the city shall:

18 (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for
19 the central election board and the mail ballot central counting board;
20 or

21 (b) Deputize, as an officer for the election, an election board
22 officer for each polling place and for the central election board and
23 the mail ballot central counting board. The deputized officer may
24 not receive any additional compensation for the services he or she
25 provides as an officer during the election for which the officer is
26 deputized.

27 ↪ Officers so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during
28 hours of voting and attend the closing of the polls.

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

31 **Sec. 28.** NRS 293C.263 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293C.263 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
33 city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter
34 in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates his or
35 her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before
36 the election a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk shall
37 make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a
38 person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by
39 providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person
40 who is elderly or disabled. *If a city clerk is required to provide*
41 *information and voting materials pursuant to section 5 of this act*
42 *in a language that a registered voter has indicated is his or her*
43 *preferred language, the city clerk shall prepare and distribute a*
44 *mail ballot and all relevant materials and instructions for voting*
45 *the mail ballot in the preferred language of the voter.*



1 2. The city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a
2 mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a
3 written notice in the form prescribed by the city clerk which must be
4 received by the city clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the
5 election.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (a) Each active registered voter who:

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

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

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

24 (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-
25 overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter
26 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
27 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time
28 required by those provisions.

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

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

36 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293C.530 1. A city clerk may establish a system for
38 distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered
39 voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means.
40 Such a system may include, without limitation, electronic mail or
41 electronic access through an Internet website. If a city clerk
42 establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a
43 sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the
44 sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to



1 the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by
2 the Secretary of State.

3 2. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot
4 by electronic means pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall
5 distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

6 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, before the
7 period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall
8 distribute to each registered voter in the city by mail or electronic
9 means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a
10 notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place
11 or places. If the location of the polling place or places has changed
12 since the last election:

13 (a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each
14 registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before
15 distributing the sample ballots; or

16 (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type
17 immediately above the location which states:

18
19 **NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE OR**
20 **PLACES HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION**
21

22 4. If a person registers to vote less than 20 days before the date
23 of an election, the city clerk is not required to distribute to the
24 person the sample ballot for that election by mail or electronic
25 means.

26 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a sample
27 ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

28 (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type. ~~†~~

29 (b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and
30 explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question,
31 including arguments for and against the measure or question, as
32 required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217. ~~†; and~~

33 (c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold
34 lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

35
36 **NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN**
37 **LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)**
38

39 ***(d) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold***
40 ***lines, a notice that states:***
41

42 ***NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN***
43 ***A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, CALL***
44 ***(Insert appropriate telephone number)***



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6. The word “Incumbent” must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.

7. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.

8. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

9. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to that person from the city are in large type.

10. If a person requests a sample ballot in a language other than English and the city clerk is required to provide information and voting materials in that language pursuant to section 5 of this act, the city clerk shall ensure that all sample ballots distributed to that person in the future are provided in the preferred language. If, pursuant to section 5 of this act, a city clerk is not required to provide information and voting materials in the preferred language of the voter, the city clerk must provide the voter with a sample ballot in English until the clerk is required, pursuant to section 5 of this act, to provide information and voting materials in the preferred language.

11. The city clerk shall ensure that a sample ballot is available at each polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, in each language in which the city clerk is required to provide information and voting materials pursuant to section 5 of this act.

12. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place or places and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by



1 voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the
2 sample ballot a statement indicating:

3 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

4 (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at
5 such centralized voting locations; and

6 (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her
7 ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at the voter's
8 regularly designated polling place or places.

9 ~~11.1~~ **13.** The cost of distributing sample ballots for a city
10 election must be borne by the city holding the election.

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

12 293C.715 1. If a city clerk maintains a website on the
13 Internet for information relating to elections, the website must
14 contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the
15 city clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without
16 limitation:

17 (a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on
18 election day in such a form that a registered voter may search the list
19 to determine the location of the polling place or places at which the
20 registered voter is entitled to cast a ballot; ~~and~~

21 (b) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website
22 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.387 ~~and~~; *and*

23 *(c) The toll-free telephone number established by the Secretary*
24 *of State pursuant to section 6 of this act.*

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

29 3. *The information required to be maintained by a city clerk*
30 *pursuant to subsection 1 must be made available on the website in*
31 *all languages in which information and voting materials are*
32 *required to be provided by the city clerk pursuant to section 5 of*
33 *this act.*

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

40 **Sec. 31.** NRS 293D.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293D.200 1. The Secretary of State shall make available to
42 covered voters information regarding voter registration procedures
43 for covered voters and procedures for casting military-overseas
44 ballots.



1 2. The Secretary of State shall establish a system of approved
2 electronic transmission through which covered voters may apply for,
3 receive and send documents and other information pursuant to this
4 chapter. The system of approved electronic transmission must
5 include, without limitation, a method by which a covered voter may
6 provide his or her digital signature or electronic signature on any
7 document or other material that is necessary for the covered voter to
8 register to vote, apply for a military-overseas ballot or cast a
9 military-overseas ballot pursuant to this chapter. *The Secretary of*
10 *State shall ensure that the system of approved electronic*
11 *transmission is available in all languages in which information*
12 *and voting materials are required to be prepared and made*
13 *available pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 10503 or section 5 of this act.*

14 3. The Secretary of State shall develop standardized absentee-
15 voting materials, including, without limitation, privacy and
16 transmission envelopes and their electronic equivalents,
17 authentication materials and voting instructions, to be used with the
18 military-overseas ballot of a covered voter authorized to vote in any
19 jurisdiction in this State and, to the extent reasonably possible, shall
20 do so in coordination with other states.

21 4. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content
22 of a declaration for use by a covered voter to swear or affirm
23 specific representations pertaining to the covered voter's identity,
24 eligibility to vote, status as a covered voter and timely and proper
25 completion of a military-overseas ballot. The declaration must be
26 based on the declaration prescribed to accompany a federal write-in
27 absentee ballot under section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas
28 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20303, as modified to be
29 consistent with this chapter. The Secretary of State shall ensure that
30 a form for the execution of the declaration, including an indication
31 of the date of execution of the declaration, is a prominent part of all
32 balloting materials for which the declaration is required.

33 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe by regulation the
34 duties of a local elections official upon receipt of a military-overseas
35 ballot, including, without limitation, the procedures to be used by a
36 local elections official in accepting, handling and counting a
37 military-overseas ballot.

38 6. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content
39 of an application for a United States citizen who is outside the
40 United States to preregister to vote if:

41 (a) The person would have been able to preregister to vote
42 pursuant to NRS 293.4855 except for the residency requirement;
43 and



1 (b) The last place where a parent or legal guardian of the person
2 was, or under this chapter would have been, eligible to vote before
3 leaving the United States is within this State.

4 **Sec. 32.** NRS 298.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 298.700 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
6 provisions of NRS 293.356 to 293.361, inclusive, *and section 7 of*
7 *this act* apply to a presidential preference primary election.

8 2. The period for early voting for a presidential preference
9 primary election begins 10 calendar days before the date of the
10 presidential preference primary election and extends through the
11 Friday before the day of the presidential preference primary
12 election.

13 3. The county clerk may:

14 (a) Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the
15 period for early voting by personal appearance.

16 (b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain
17 open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for
18 early voting.

19 4. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain
20 open:

21 (a) On Monday through Friday during the period for early
22 voting, for at least 8 hours during such hours as the county clerk
23 may establish.

24 (b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting,
25 for at least 4 hours during such hours as the county clerk may
26 establish.

27 (c) If the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the
28 period for early voting pursuant to subsection 3, during such hours
29 as the county clerk may establish.

30 **Sec. 33.** Chapter 225 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
31 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 34 to 39, inclusive, of this
32 act.

33 **Sec. 34.** *As used in sections 34 to 39, inclusive, of this act,*
34 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
35 *in sections 35 and 36 of this act have the meanings ascribed to*
36 *them in those sections.*

37 **Sec. 35.** *“Advisory Committee” means the Language Access*
38 *Advisory Committee created by section 37 of this act.*

39 **Sec. 36.** *“Language access programs” means a program or*
40 *service that focuses on communication barriers between persons*
41 *who cannot read, speak or write English fluently.*

42 **Sec. 37. 1.** *The Language Access Advisory Committee is*
43 *hereby created within the Office of the Secretary of State.*

44 **2.** *The Advisory Committee consists of the following members*
45 *who represent the diversity of this State, including:*



- 1 (a) *The Secretary of State or his or her designee;*
- 2 (b) *The registrar of voters of each county that has created the*
- 3 *office of registrar of voters pursuant to NRS 244.164;*
- 4 (c) *A county clerk of a county whose population is less than*
- 5 *100,000, appointed by the Secretary of State; and*
- 6 (d) *Three other members of the public appointed by the*
- 7 *Secretary of State.*

8 3. *The Secretary of State shall:*

- 9 (a) *Consider members who have knowledge of language access*
- 10 *programs when appointing members of the Advisory Committee;*
- 11 (b) *Select the Chair of the Advisory Committee from among its*
- 12 *members; and*
- 13 (c) *Designate an employee of the Office of the Secretary of*
- 14 *State to serve as Secretary for the Advisory Committee.*

15 4. *The Secretary of State may assign such other employees of*

16 *his or her Office as he or she deems necessary to assist the*

17 *Advisory Committee in its duties.*

18 5. *The Chair of the Advisory Committee shall appoint a Vice*

19 *Chair from among the members of the Advisory Committee.*

20 6. *After the initial term, each member of the Advisory*

21 *Committee shall serve for a term of 2 years. Each member of the*

22 *Advisory Committee serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of*

23 *State. If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary of State shall appoint a*

24 *new member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired*

25 *term.*

26 7. *Members of the Advisory Committee serve without*

27 *compensation. While engaged in the business of the Advisory*

28 *Committee, each member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to*

29 *receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for*

30 *state officers and employees generally.*

31 **Sec. 38. 1. The Advisory Committee shall:**

32 (a) *Identify programs and services that address problems*

33 *concerning language accessibility of elections and voting*

34 *materials;*

35 (b) *Coordinate with community organizations to determine*

36 *needs relating to language accessibility for elections and voting*

37 *materials;*

38 (c) *Act as a liaison between the Office of the Secretary of State*

39 *and community organizations;*

40 (d) *Make annual assessments to determine language*

41 *accessibility programs and services that could be implemented for*

42 *the election process; and*

43 (e) *Make recommendations to the Office of the Secretary of*

44 *State relating to language accessibility programs and services that*

45 *should be implemented in elections.*



1 2. *As used in this section, "voting materials" has the meaning*
2 *ascribed to it in section 4 of this act.*

3 **Sec. 39.** 1. *The Advisory Committee shall meet at least 4*
4 *times in a calendar year. One meeting must be in person. The*
5 *Advisory Committee may conduct all other meetings through the*
6 *use of remote technology systems. A special meeting of the*
7 *Advisory Committee may be called by the Secretary of State and*
8 *the Chair of the Advisory Committee at such additional times as*
9 *they deem necessary.*

10 2. *The Chair of the Advisory Committee or, in the absence of*
11 *the Chair, the Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee, shall preside*
12 *at each meeting of the Advisory Committee.*

13 3. *A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee*
14 *constitute a quorum.*

15 4. *As used in this section, "remote technology system" has the*
16 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 241.015.*

17 **Sec. 40.** NRS 353.264 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 353.264 1. The Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account
19 is hereby created in the State General Fund.

20 2. The State Board of Examiners shall administer the Reserve
21 for Statutory Contingency Account. The money in the Account must
22 be expended only for:

23 (a) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
24 pursuant to NRS 41.03435, 41.0347, 621.025, 176.485, 179.310,
25 212.040, 212.050, 212.070, 281.174, 282.290, 282.315, 293.2504,
26 293.253, 293.405, 298.710, 304.230, 353.120, 353.262, 412.154 and
27 475.235 **H** *and section 5 of this act;*

28 (b) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
29 pursuant to:

30 (1) Chapter 472 of NRS arising from operations of the
31 Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and
32 Natural Resources directly involving the protection of life and
33 property; and

34 (2) NRS 7.155, 34.750, 176A.640, 179.225, 180.008 and
35 213.153,

36 ↳ except that claims may be approved for the respective purposes
37 listed in this paragraph only when the money otherwise appropriated
38 for those purposes has been exhausted;

39 (c) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
40 pursuant to NRS 41.0349 and 41.037, but only to the extent that the
41 money in the Fund for Insurance Premiums is insufficient to pay the
42 claims;

43 (d) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
44 pursuant to NRS 41.950; and



1 (e) The payment of claims which are obligations of the State
2 pursuant to NRS 535.030 arising from remedial actions taken by the
3 State Engineer when the condition of a dam becomes dangerous to
4 the safety of life or property.

5 3. The State Board of Examiners may authorize its Clerk or a
6 person designated by the Clerk, under such circumstances as it
7 deems appropriate, to approve, on behalf of the Board, the payment
8 of claims from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account. For
9 the purpose of exercising any authority granted to the Clerk of the
10 State Board of Examiners or to the person designated by the Clerk
11 pursuant to this subsection, any statutory reference to the State
12 Board of Examiners relating to such a claim shall be deemed to refer
13 to the Clerk of the Board or the person designated by the Clerk.

14 **Sec. 41.** 1. The Secretary of State shall appoint the members
15 of the Language Access Advisory Committee created by section 37
16 of this act before January 1, 2026.

17 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 37 of this act, the
18 members of the Language Access Advisory Committee must be
19 appointed to serve initial terms as follows:

20 (a) The member who is a county clerk of a county whose
21 population is less than 100,000 and one of the members who are
22 members of the public must be appointed to serve a term of 2 years.

23 (b) Two of the members who are members of the public must be
24 appointed to serve a term of 3 years.

25 **Sec. 42.** 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the
26 review of data that the Secretary of State is required to perform
27 pursuant to section 5 of this act is completed in sufficient time so
28 that information and voting materials may be made available by the
29 Secretary of State and any affected county or city clerk in any
30 required language for the 2026 General Election.

31 2. As used in this section, "voting materials" has the meaning
32 ascribed to it in section 4 of this act.

33 **Sec. 43.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
34 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
35 provisions of this act.

36 **Sec. 44.** 1. This section and sections 41, 42 and 43 of this act
37 become effective upon passage and approval.

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

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

42 (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.



