

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 534—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

MARCH 24, 2025

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.
(BDR 24-975)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 2, 18, 20, 21, 51, 61)
(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; requiring the Secretary of State to allow certain persons detained in jail to use the system of approved electronic transmission to register to vote and cast a ballot; revising provisions relating to voter registration and updating voter registration information; renaming certain provisional ballots to “conditional ballots;” revising provisions relating to certain petitions; revising the deadline for candidates to file a declaration of candidacy; revising provisions relating to the publication of certain information by a county clerk; authorizing the Secretary of State to require certain employees to attend a training course concerning elections procedures; revising provisions relating mail ballots; revising provisions relating to the testing of certain technology prior to an election; defining the term “personal knowledge” for purposes of certain challenges; revising provisions relating to risk-limiting audits; revising provisions relating to certain prohibited conduct in or around a polling place; revising provisions relating to mechanical voting systems; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Secretary of State to adjust the date of the presidential preference primary election; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish a system of approved
2 electronic transmission through which voters may register to vote and apply for and
3 cast a ballot. (NRS 293D.200) Existing law further sets forth provisions governing
4 voting by persons who are detained in a county or city jail. (NRS 293.269971,
5 293.269973, 293.269975) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to
6 allow: (1) an elector who is detained in a county or city jail to use the system of
7 approved electronic transmission established for covered voters who are overseas
8 or in the military to register to vote; and (2) a registered voter who is detained in a
9 county or city jail to use the system of approved electronic transmission to apply
10 for and cast a ballot in every election where the system of approved electronic
11 transmission is available to a covered voter who is overseas or in the military.
12 **Section 15** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to prescribe the procedures to
13 be followed and the requirements of the use of the system of approved electronic
14 transmission by electors and voters who are detained in a county or city jail.
15 **Section 21** of this bill requires the report submitted to the Secretary of State by a
16 person who administers a county or city jail concerning elections conducted in such
17 jails to include an explanation of the process the jail used to comply with the
18 provisions of **section 2**. (NRS 293.269975)

19 **Section 3** of this bill requires, with limited exception, a county or city clerk to
20 respond within 2 working days after receiving any request from the Secretary of
21 State for information or data relating to an election.

22 **Section 4** of this bill provides that if an active registered voter moves to another
23 county and registers to vote therein, which may include, without limitation, an
24 application to register to vote which is transmitted to a county clerk from an
25 automatic voter registration agency, it shall be deemed that the voter is updating his
26 or her voter registration rather than registering to vote and, with certain exceptions,
27 the voter must not be required to cast a provisional ballot on the basis of such an
28 update.

29 Existing law sets forth certain procedures governing the use of provisional
30 ballots by registered voters who update their voter registration information after the
31 close of registration for an election and by electors who register to vote in person or
32 by computer during certain periods of time leading up to and during an election.
33 Specifically, existing law: (1) with certain exceptions, requires an elector who is
34 deemed conditionally registered to vote under such circumstances to cast his or her
35 vote by a provisional ballot; and (2) authorizes a county or city clerk, under certain
36 circumstances, to require a registered voter who updates his or her voter registration
37 to cast a provisional ballot in an election. (NRS 293.5772-293.5887) **Sections 5, 23,**
38 **26, 32 and 38-47** of this bill rename ballots cast under such circumstances to be
39 "conditional ballots."

40 Existing law requires certain petitions to be submitted to a county clerk for
41 verification of the signatures on the petition and sets forth certain deadlines for such
42 submission. (NRS 293.128, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035, 306.110)
43 **Section 65** of this bill prohibits petitions for referendum and certain initiatives from
44 being submitted to a county clerk earlier than the 13th day following the primary or
45 general election, as appropriate. (NRS 295.056) Existing law requires, after the
46 submission of certain petitions containing signatures which are required to be
47 verified, the county clerk to determine the number of signatures affixed to the
48 documents and forward that information to the Secretary of State. (NRS 293.1276)
49 **Section 6** of this bill increases the time provided to a county clerk to make such a
50 determination: (1) for a petition to place the name of a candidate for partisan office
51 of a minor political party or an independent candidate for partisan office on the
52 ballot, from 2 working days to 7 working days; and (2) for any other petition which
53 is required to be submitted for such purposes, from 4 working days to 9 working
54 days.



55 If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures submitted to
56 all the county clerks is 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters
57 needed to declare the petition sufficient, existing law requires: (1) the Secretary of
58 State to immediately notify the county clerks; and (2) each of the county clerks,
59 after the receipt of such notification, to determine the number of registered voters
60 who have signed the document. (NRS 293.1277) **Section 7** of this bill increases the
61 time provided to a county clerk to make such a determination: (1) for a petition to
62 recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, from 20 working days to 25
63 working days; (2) for a petition to place the name of a candidate for partisan office
64 of a minor political party or an independent candidate for partisan office on the
65 ballot, from 3 working days to 8 working days; and (3) for any other petition which
66 is required to be submitted for such purposes, from 9 working days to 14 working
67 days. **Sections 8 and 11** of this bill require a petition to place the name of a
68 candidate for partisan office of a minor political party or an independent candidate
69 for partisan office on the ballot be submitted to the county clerk for verification not
70 later than 25 working days, rather than 10 working days, before the last day to file
71 the petition.

72 Existing law provides that the period for filing a declaration of candidacy: (1)
73 for judicial candidates begins on the first Monday in January of the year in which
74 the election is to be held and ends the second Friday after the first Monday in
75 January; and (2) for all nonjudicial candidates begins on the first Monday in March
76 of the year in which the election is to be held and ends the second Friday after the
77 first Monday in March. (NRS 293.177, 293C.145, 293C.175) **Sections 9-11, 58**
78 **and 59** of this bill instead provide that the period for filing a declaration of
79 candidacy for both judicial and nonjudicial candidates begins on the first Monday
80 in February of the year in which the election is to be held and ends not later than 5
81 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in February. **Section 9** similarly
82 revises the dates by which a minor political party is required by existing law to file
83 a list of its candidates for partisan office. (NRS 293.1725) **Section 11** further
84 provides that a petition of candidacy for an independent candidate for partisan
85 office must not be filed earlier than the first Monday in February rather than the
86 first Monday in March.

87 Existing law requires a county clerk to publish certain information concerning
88 elections in a newspaper of general circulation. (NRS 293.203, 293.253, 293.3073,
89 293.3576, 293.391, 293.464, 298.670) **Sections 12, 25, 27, 28, 31 and 68** of this
90 bill instead require the county clerk to publish such notices in such a manner as the
91 county clerk deems proper, which may include, without limitation, publication in a
92 newspaper of general circulation, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on
93 the social media account of the county clerk.

94 Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to cause to be published
95 in a newspaper of general circulation, on three separate occasions, in each county of
96 the State, together with any explanatory matter to be placed on the ballot, the entire
97 text of a proposed amendment to the Nevada Constitution which is proposed by an
98 initiative petition. (Nev. Art. 19, § 2; NRS 293.253) **Section 17** of this bill
99 authorizes a county clerk to also publish such materials in any other manner as the
100 county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication on
101 the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county
102 clerk.

103 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations, not
104 inconsistent with the election laws of this State, for the conduct of primary,
105 presidential preference primary, general, special and district elections in all cities
106 and counties. (NRS 293.247) **Section 14** of this bill authorizes the Secretary of
107 State to adopt regulations which provide standards for certain reports which are
108 required to be filed by a county or city clerk.



109 **Section 16** of this bill authorizes the Secretary of State to require any deputy or
110 employee of the Office of the Secretary of State whose duties relate to elections to
111 attend the training course provided by the Secretary of State concerning elections
112 procedures. (NRS 293.2504)

113 Existing law authorizes a mail ballot central counting board to begin counting
114 the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election and requires the
115 board to complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the seventh day
116 following the election. (NRS 293.269931, 293C.26331) **Sections 20 and 61** of this
117 bill: (1) require, instead of authorize, the mail ballot central counting board to begin
118 counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election; and (2)
119 require the mail central counting board to process each mail ballot on the day that
120 the mail ballot is received. **Section 19** of this bill requires the Secretary of State,
121 rather than a county clerk, to establish procedures for the processing and counting
122 of mail ballots. (NRS 293.269925)

123 Existing law requires a county clerk to: (1) prepare and distribute to certain
124 persons in the county a mail ballot for every election; and (2) allow a voter to elect
125 not to receive such a mail ballot by submitting a written notice to the county clerk
126 which must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before the day of
127 the election. (NRS 293.269911) **Section 18** of this bill authorizes a voter who elects
128 not to receive a mail ballot to later elect to receive a mail ballot for the election if
129 he or she, not later than 14 days before the election, submits to the county clerk a
130 written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk.

131 Existing law authorizes an elector to vote in the county or city in which the
132 elector is eligible to vote by submitting an application to register to vote by
133 computer using the system established by the Secretary of State before the elector
134 appears at a polling place to vote in person. Existing law further requires an elector
135 who submits an application to register to vote in such a manner less than 14 days
136 before the election to vote in person. (NRS 293.5837, 293.671) **Section 41** of this
137 bill instead requires an elector who submits such an application less than 18 days
138 before the election to vote in person. **Section 18** requires a county clerk to prepare
139 and distribute a mail ballot to each person who registers to vote or updates his or
140 her voter registration information not later than 18 days, rather than 14 days, before
141 the election. (NRS 293.269911)

142 Existing law requires a county clerk, if the county clerk uses an electronic
143 roster, to complete a test of the electronic roster not earlier than 2 weeks before and
144 not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of the period for early voting by
145 personal appearance to ensure its functionality. (NRS 293.275) **Section 22** of this
146 bill prohibits such a test from being completed earlier than 6 weeks, instead of 2
147 weeks, before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance.
148 **Section 55** of this bill similarly revises the time period provided in existing law for
149 a county or city clerk to perform certain tests on a mechanical recording device
150 which directly records votes electronically and any automatic tabulating equipment
151 and programs. (NRS 293B.150)

152 **Sections 24 and 33** of this bill define the term "personal knowledge" for
153 purposes of certain provisions of existing law which authorize certain persons to
154 challenge the right of a person to vote and provide that the term does not include
155 knowledge obtained from a third party. (NRS 293.303, 293.535)

156 Existing law requires each county clerk to conduct a risk-limiting audit of the
157 results of an election. (NRS 293.394) **Section 29** of this bill renames such audits to
158 "election accuracy audits." Existing law provides that certain materials used in the
159 completion of logic and accuracy tests must be sealed and deposited in the vaults of
160 the county clerk. (NRS 293B.170) **Section 56** of this bill provides that such
161 materials are subject to inspection for the purposes of an election accuracy audit.

162 **Section 30** of this bill provides that the term "canvass" as used in certain
163 provisions relating to recounts demanded by a candidate defeated at an election



164 includes, in any general election, the canvass by the Supreme Court of the returns
165 for a candidate for United States Senator or Representative in Congress.
166 (NRS 293.403)

167 Existing law requires a county clerk to cancel the preregistration or registration
168 of a person under certain circumstances and authorizes or requires the reregistration
169 of certain electors whose registration is cancelled. (NRS 293.540, 293.543) **Section**
170 **34** of this bill requires a county clerk to cancel the preregistration or registration of
171 a person if the county clerk receives, from a person who is within the second degree
172 of consanguinity of the person, a sworn affidavit which indicates the death of the
173 person. **Section 35** of this bill requires, if the registration or preregistration of an
174 elector is cancelled under such circumstances and the county clerk later determines
175 that the registration or preregistration should not have been cancelled, the county
176 clerk to reregister or repreregister the elector.

177 Existing law provides that the last day for a person to register to vote for certain
178 elections that are held on the same day as a primary election, presidential
179 preference primary election or general election is, if the person is registering by
180 appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or certain county facilities, the
181 fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary
182 election or general election. (NRS 293.560) **Section 36** of this bill instead provides
183 that the last day to register to vote in such a manner is the day before the first day of
184 the period for early voting by personal appearance. **Section 62** of this bill similarly
185 revises such deadlines for registration for a primary city, general city, recall and
186 special city election if there is a period for early voting for the primary or general
187 city election. **Section 37** of this bill requires, if an application to register to vote is
188 received not later than 5 days after the appropriate deadline, a county clerk to
189 accept the application if it is obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles and
190 is completed by, depending on if there is a period for early voting by personal
191 appearance, the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal
192 appearance or the last day to register to vote by mail. (NRS 293.5727)

193 Existing law further provides that if a recall or special election is not held on
194 the same day as certain elections, the last day to register to vote for the recall or
195 special election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the
196 recall or special election. (NRS 293.560) **Section 36** instead provides that the last
197 day to register to vote for such a recall or special election: (1) by mail is the second
198 Tuesday preceding the recall or special election; (2) by appearing in person at the
199 office of the county clerk or certain county facilities is, depending on if there is a
200 period for early voting for the recall or special election, either the day before the
201 first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance or the third Saturday
202 preceding the recall or special election; and (3) by computer using the system
203 established on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State is the day
204 of the recall or special election. **Section 62** similarly revises deadlines for such
205 registration for such recall and special city elections.

206 **Sections 48 and 49** of this bill exempt a person who is conducting an exit poll
207 from certain provisions of law which prohibit a person from: (1) with certain
208 exceptions, remaining inside or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with
209 the conduct of an election; and (2) in certain locations, soliciting a vote or speaking
210 to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballots. (NRS 293.730, 293.740)

211 **Section 50** of this bill provides that the termination of a contract by certain
212 local governing bodies for the lease or use of a mechanical voting system or
213 mechanical recording device which is currently used in any election of this State is
214 provisional unless such an entity: (1) submits to the Secretary of State a plan to
215 transition to a new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device which
216 is approved by the Secretary of State; and (2) signs a contract for the purchase,
217 lease or use of the new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device.



218 Existing law authorizes mechanical voting systems to be used to cast, register,
219 record and count ballots or votes at all statewide, county, city and district elections
220 of any kind held in this State. (NRS 293B.050) **Section 51** of this bill instead
221 provides that ballots or votes: (1) may be cast, registered and recorded using a
222 mechanical voting system; and (2) must be counted using a mechanical voting
223 system. **Sections 13, 52-54, 57, 63, 64, 66 and 69-80** of this bill make conforming
224 changes to require the use of a mechanical voting system for counting votes and
225 clarify that the use of a mechanical voting system for casting ballots is authorized
226 but not required.

227 **Section 67** of this bill authorizes the Secretary of State, with the approval of the
228 Legislative Commission, to adjust the date of the presidential primary election
229 which is set forth in existing law as the first Tuesday in February of each
230 presidential election year. (NRS 298.650)

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, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*
4 *Secretary of State shall allow during the period of early voting and*
5 *on election day:*

6 *(a) An elector who is detained in a county or city jail to use the*
7 *system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to*
8 *NRS 293D.200 to register to vote in every election where the*
9 *system of approved electronic transmission is available to a*
10 *covered voter to register to vote. The deadline for such an elector*
11 *to use the system of approved electronic transmission to register to*
12 *vote is the same as the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.230 for a*
13 *covered voter to register to vote.*

14 *(b) A registered voter who is in the custody of a county or city*
15 *jail to use the system of approved electronic transmission*
16 *established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to apply for and cast a*
17 *ballot in every election where the system of approved electronic*
18 *transmission is available to a covered voter to request and cast a*
19 *military-overseas ballot. The deadlines for such a registered voter*
20 *to use the system of approved electronic transmission to request*
21 *and cast a ballot are the same as the deadlines set forth in NRS*
22 *293D.310 and 293D.400 for a covered voter to request and cast a*
23 *military-overseas ballot.*

24 **2.** *Upon receipt of an application and ballot cast by a person*
25 *pursuant to subsection 1 using the system of approved electronic*
26 *transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200, the local*
27 *elections official shall affix, mark or otherwise acknowledge*
28 *receipt of the application and ballot by means of a time stamp on*
29 *the application.*



1 3. *The Secretary of State shall ensure that an elector or a*
2 *registered voter may provide his or her digital signature or*
3 *electronic signature on any document or other material that is*
4 *necessary for the elector or registered voter to register to vote,*
5 *apply for a ballot or cast a ballot, as applicable.*

6 4. *The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content*
7 *of a declaration for use by an elector or a registered voter to swear*
8 *or affirm specific representations pertaining to identity, eligibility*
9 *to vote, status as such an elector or registered voter and timely and*
10 *proper completion of a ballot.*

11 5. *The Secretary of State shall prescribe the duties of the*
12 *county and city clerks upon receipt of a ballot sent by a registered*
13 *voter using the system of approved electronic transmission*
14 *pursuant to this section, including, without limitation, the*
15 *procedures to be used in accepting, handling and counting the*
16 *ballot.*

17 6. *The Secretary of State shall make available to an elector or*
18 *registered voter who is detained in a county or city jail instructions*
19 *on using the system of approved electronic transmission to register*
20 *to vote and apply for and cast a ballot.*

21 7. *A county or city jail shall not prohibit, restrict or monitor*
22 *the use of the system of approved electronic transmission*
23 *established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 by any person who is*
24 *detained in the jail.*

25 8. *The provisions of this section do not require a county or*
26 *city jail to allow a person detained in the jail to use the system of*
27 *approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS*
28 *293D.200 unless the jail has the technology that is necessary for a*
29 *person to use the system of approved electronic transmission. A*
30 *county or city jail that has the technology necessary for a person*
31 *to use the system of approved electronic transmission shall not*
32 *prohibit, restrict or monitor the use of the system of approved*
33 *electronic transmission by a person detained in the jail.*

34 9. *The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulation necessary*
35 *to carry out the provisions of this section.*

36 10. *As used in this section:*

37 (a) *“Covered voter” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
38 *NRS 293D.030.*

39 (b) *“Digital signature” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
40 *NRS 720.060.*

41 (c) *“Electronic signature” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
42 *NRS 719.100.*

43 (d) *“Military-overseas ballot” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
44 *NRS 293D.050.*



1 **Sec. 3.** *Except as otherwise provided in this title, if the*
2 *Secretary of State requests any information or data relating to an*
3 *election from a county clerk or city clerk, the county or city clerk*
4 *shall, not later than 2 business days after receiving the request,*
5 *respond to the Secretary of State with the information or data or*
6 *provide a written explanation that the clerk will not be able to*
7 *provide the information or data within 2 business days or does not*
8 *have the information or data.*

9 **Sec. 4.** *If an active registered voter moves to another county*
10 *and registers to vote therein, which may include, without*
11 *limitation, an application to register to vote which is transmitted to*
12 *a county clerk from an automatic voter registration agency:*

13 1. *It shall be deemed that the voter is updating his or her*
14 *voter registration rather than registering to vote; and*

15 2. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5832, the voter*
16 *must not be required to, on the basis of the update to his or her*
17 *address, cast a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to*
18 *293.3086, inclusive, or a conditional ballot pursuant to NRS*
19 *293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.*

20 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.093 “Regular votes” means the votes cast by registered
22 voters, except votes cast by:

23 1. A mail ballot;

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

26 3. A ~~provisional~~ **conditional** ballot pursuant to NRS
27 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

28 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.1276 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.1276 1. Within ~~44~~ **9** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays
30 and holidays, after the submission of a petition containing signatures
31 which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056,
32 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110, and within ~~22~~ **7** days, excluding
33 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the submission of a petition
34 containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to
35 NRS 293.172 or 293.200, the county clerk shall determine the total
36 number of signatures affixed to the documents and, in the case of a
37 petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional
38 amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the number of
39 signatures for each petition district contained fully or partially
40 within the county and forward that information to the Secretary of
41 State.

42 2. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of
43 signatures filed with all the county clerks is less than 100 percent of
44 the required number of registered voters, the Secretary of State shall
45 so notify the person who submitted the petition and the county



1 clerks and no further action may be taken in regard to the petition. If
2 the petition is a petition to recall a county, district or municipal
3 officer, the Secretary of State shall also notify the officer with
4 whom the petition is to be filed.

5 3. After the petition is submitted to the county clerk, it must
6 not be handled by any other person except by an employee of the
7 county clerk's office until it is filed with the Secretary of State.

8 4. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations establishing
9 procedures to carry out the provisions of this section.

10 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total
12 number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100
13 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare
14 the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so
15 notify the county clerks. After the notification, each of the county
16 clerks shall determine the number of registered voters who have
17 signed the documents submitted in the county clerk's county and, in
18 the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a
19 constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the
20 number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully
21 contained within the county clerk's county. This determination must
22 be completed within ~~19~~ 14 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
23 holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding
24 a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified
25 pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109 or 306.110, within ~~20~~
26 25 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the
27 notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition
28 containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to
29 NRS 306.035, and within ~~3~~ 8 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays
30 and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection
31 regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be
32 verified pursuant to NRS 293.172 or 293.200. For the purpose of
33 verification pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall not
34 include in his or her tally of total signatures any signature included
35 in the incorrect petition district.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 6. If:

41 (a) A person registers to vote using the system established by
42 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671;

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



1 (c) A person is registered to vote by an automatic voter
2 registration agency,

3 → the county clerk may rely on such other indicia as prescribed by
4 the Secretary of State in making his or her determination.

5 7. *The county clerk shall allow 2 business days for a person*
6 *to cure any defect in a signature on the petition.*

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

13 ~~8.~~ 9. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~10.~~ 11,
14 upon completing the examination, the county clerk shall
15 immediately attach to the documents a certificate properly dated,
16 showing the result of the examination, including the tally of
17 signatures by petition district, if required, and transmit the
18 documents with the certificate to the Secretary of State. In the case
19 of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional
20 amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises
21 more than one county, the appropriate county clerks shall comply
22 with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to
23 this section to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate
24 must be filed in the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits
25 the certificate to the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify
26 the Secretary of State of the number of requests to remove a name
27 received by the county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant
28 to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a
29 statewide office, if applicable.

30 ~~9.~~ 10. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk
31 which is required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.172,
32 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to
33 witness the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the
34 subject of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the
35 verification of the signatures on the petition.

36 ~~10.~~ 11. For any petition containing signatures which are
37 required to be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200,
38 306.035 or 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office
39 within one county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the
40 Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the
41 registered voters.

42 ~~11.~~ 12. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish
43 further procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.



1 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293.172 1. A petition filed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS
3 293.1715 may consist of more than one document. Each document
4 of the petition must:

5 (a) Bear the name of the minor political party and, if applicable,
6 the candidate and office to which the candidate is to be nominated.

7 (b) Include the affidavit of the person who circulated the
8 document verifying that the signers are registered voters in this State
9 according to his or her best information and belief and that the
10 signatures are genuine and were signed in his or her presence.

11 (c) Bear the name of a county and be submitted to the county
12 clerk of that county for verification in the manner prescribed in NRS
13 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, not later than ~~H0~~ 25 working days
14 before the last day to file the petition. A challenge to the form of a
15 document must be made in a district court in the county that is
16 named on the document.

17 (d) Be signed only by registered voters of the county that is
18 named on the document.

19 2. If the office to which the candidate is to be nominated is a
20 county office, only the registered voters of that county may sign the
21 petition. If the office to which the candidate is to be nominated is a
22 district office, only the registered voters of that district may sign the
23 petition.

24 3. Each person who signs a petition shall also provide the
25 address of the place where he or she resides, the date that he or she
26 signs and the name of the county in which he or she is registered to
27 vote.

28 4. The county clerk shall not disqualify the signature of a voter
29 who failed to provide all the information required by subsection 3 if
30 the voter is registered in the county named on the document.

31 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.1725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.1725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a
33 minor political party that wishes to place its candidates for partisan
34 office on the ballot for a general election and:

35 (a) Is entitled to do so pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of
36 subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715; or

37 (b) Files or will file a petition pursuant to paragraph (c) of
38 subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715,

39 ↪ must file with the Secretary of State a list of its candidates for
40 partisan office not earlier than the first Monday in ~~[March]~~
41 *February* preceding the election and not later than 5 p.m. on the
42 second Friday after the first Monday in ~~[March.]~~ *February*. The list
43 must be signed by the person so authorized in the certificate of
44 existence of the minor political party before a notary public or other
45 person authorized to take acknowledgments. The list may be



1 amended not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first
2 Monday in ~~[March.]~~ *February*.

3 2. The Secretary of State shall immediately forward a certified
4 copy of the list of candidates for partisan office of each minor
5 political party to the filing officer with whom each candidate must
6 file his or her declaration of candidacy.

7 3. Each candidate on the list must file his or her declaration of
8 candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay the filing fee
9 required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the date on which the list
10 of candidates for partisan office of the minor political party is filed
11 with the Secretary of State and not later than 5 p.m. on the second
12 Friday after the first Monday in ~~[March.]~~ *February*.

13 4. A minor political party that wishes to place candidates for
14 the offices of President and Vice President of the United States on
15 the ballot and has qualified to place the names of its candidates for
16 partisan office on the ballot for the general election pursuant to
17 subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715 must file with the Secretary of State
18 a certificate of nomination for these offices not later than the last
19 Tuesday in August.

20 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.177 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165
22 and 293.166, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a
23 primary election unless the person named has filed a declaration of
24 candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee
25 required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than ~~;~~

26 ~~—(a) For a candidate for judicial office, the first Monday in~~
27 ~~January of the year in which the election is to be held and not later~~
28 ~~than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in January;~~
29 ~~and~~

30 ~~—(b) For all other candidates,]~~ the first Monday in ~~[March]~~
31 *February* of the year in which the election is to be held and not later
32 than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in ~~[March.]~~
33 *February*.

34 2. A declaration of candidacy required to be filed pursuant to
35 this chapter must be in substantially the following form:

36 (a) For partisan office:

37
38 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR THE
39 OFFICE OF

40
41 State of Nevada

42
43 County of



For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the Party nomination for the office of, I, the undersigned, do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at, in the City or Town of, County of, State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in the State, district, county, township, city or other area prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close of filing of declarations of candidacy for this office; that my telephone number is, and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is; that I am registered as a member of the Party; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that I have not, in violation of the provisions of NRS 293.176, changed the designation of my political party or political party affiliation on an official application to register to vote in any state since December 31 before the closing filing date for this election; that I generally believe in and intend to support the concepts found in the principles and policies of that political party in the coming election; that if nominated as a candidate of the Party at the ensuing election, I will accept that nomination and not withdraw; that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in this State; that I will qualify for the office if elected thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from entering upon the duties of the office; and that I understand that my name will appear on all ballots as designated in this declaration.

.....
 (Designation of name)

.....
 (Signature of candidate for office)



Subscribed and sworn to before me
this day of the month of of the year

.....

Notary Public or other person
authorized to administer an oath

(b) For nonpartisan office:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR THE
OFFICE OF

State of Nevada

County of

For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of, I, the undersigned, do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at, in the City or Town of, County of, State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in the State, district, county, township, city or other area prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close of filing of declarations of candidacy for this office; that my telephone number is, and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that if nominated as a nonpartisan candidate at the ensuing election, I will accept the nomination and not withdraw; that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in this State; that I will qualify for the office if elected thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from entering upon the duties of



1 the office; and that I understand that my name will appear on
2 all ballots as designated in this declaration.

3
4
5 (Designation of name)

6
7
8 (Signature of candidate for office)

9
10 Subscribed and sworn to before me
11 this day of the month of of the year

12
13
14 Notary Public or other person
15 authorized to administer an oath
16

17 3. The address of a candidate which must be included in the
18 declaration of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street
19 address of the residence where the candidate actually, as opposed to
20 constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has
21 been assigned. The declaration of candidacy must not be accepted
22 for filing if the candidate fails to comply with the following
23 provisions of this subsection or, if applicable, the provisions of
24 subsection 4:

25 (a) The candidate shall not list the candidate's address as a post
26 office box unless a street address has not been assigned to his or her
27 residence; and

28 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the candidate
29 shall present to the filing officer:

30 (1) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a
31 governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate
32 and the candidate's residential address; or

33 (2) A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or
34 document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which
35 indicates the candidate's name and residential address, but not
36 including a voter registration card.

37 4. If the candidate executes an oath or affirmation under
38 penalty of perjury stating that the candidate is unable to present to
39 the filing officer the proof of residency required by subsection 3
40 because a street address has not been assigned to the candidate's
41 residence or because the rural or remote location of the candidate's
42 residence makes it impracticable to present the proof of residency
43 required by subsection 3, the candidate shall present to the filing
44 officer:



1 (a) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a
2 governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate;
3 and

4 (b) Alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that
5 the filing officer determines is sufficient to verify where the
6 candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in
7 accordance with NRS 281.050. The Secretary of State may adopt
8 regulations establishing the forms of alternative proof of the
9 candidate's residential address that the filing officer may accept to
10 verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively,
11 resides in accordance with NRS 281.050.

12 5. The filing officer shall retain a copy of the proof of identity
13 and residency provided by the candidate pursuant to subsection 3 or
14 4. Such a copy:

15 (a) May not be withheld from the public; and

16 (b) Must not contain the social security number, driver's license
17 or identification card number or account number of the candidate.

18 6. By filing the declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall be
19 deemed to have appointed the filing officer for the office as his or
20 her agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding
21 pursuant to NRS 293.182. Service of such process must first be
22 attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in
23 the declaration of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at
24 that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and
25 leaving with the filing officer duplicate copies of the process. The
26 filing officer shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail,
27 one of the copies to the candidate at the specified address, unless the
28 candidate has designated in writing to the filing officer a different
29 address for that purpose, in which case the filing officer shall mail
30 the copy to the last address so designated.

31 7. If the filing officer receives credible evidence indicating that
32 a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her
33 civil rights restored, the filing officer:

34 (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the
35 candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the
36 candidate has had his or her civil rights restored; and

37 (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from
38 such investigation to the Attorney General, if the filing officer is the
39 Secretary of State, or to the district attorney, if the filing officer is a
40 person other than the Secretary of State.

41 8. The receipt of information by the Attorney General or
42 district attorney pursuant to subsection 7 must be treated as a
43 challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS
44 293.182 to which the provisions of NRS 293.2045 apply.



1 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration
2 of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this
3 section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

4 **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293.200 1. An independent candidate for partisan office must
6 file with the appropriate filing officer as set forth in NRS 293.185:

7 (a) A copy of the petition of candidacy that he or she intends to
8 subsequently circulate for signatures. The copy must be filed not
9 earlier than the January 2 preceding the date of the election and not
10 later than ~~10~~ 25 working days before the last day to file the
11 petition pursuant to subsection 4. The copy of the petition must be
12 filed with the appropriate filing officer before the petition may be
13 circulated for signatures.

14 (b) Either of the following:

15 (1) A petition of candidacy signed by a number of registered
16 voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of ballots cast
17 in:

18 (I) This State for that office at the last preceding general
19 election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a
20 statewide office;

21 (II) The county for that office at the last preceding general
22 election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a
23 county office; or

24 (III) The district for that office at the last preceding
25 general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the
26 office is a district office.

27 (2) A petition of candidacy signed by 250 registered voters if
28 the candidate is a candidate for statewide office, or signed by 100
29 registered voters if the candidate is a candidate for any office other
30 than a statewide office.

31 2. The petition may consist of more than one document. Each
32 document must bear the name of the county in which it was
33 circulated, and only registered voters of that county may sign the
34 document. If the office is not a statewide office, only the registered
35 voters of the county, district or municipality in question may sign
36 the document. The documents that are circulated for signature in a
37 county must be submitted to that county clerk for verification in the
38 manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, not
39 later than ~~10~~ 25 working days before the last day to file the
40 petition pursuant to subsection 4. Each person who signs the petition
41 shall add to his or her signature the address of the place at which the
42 person actually resides, the date that he or she signs the petition and
43 the name of the county where he or she is registered to vote. The
44 person who circulates each document of the petition shall sign an
45 affidavit attesting that the signatures on the document are genuine to



1 the best of his or her knowledge and belief and were signed in his or
2 her presence by persons registered to vote in that county.

3 3. The petition of candidacy may state the principle, if any,
4 which the person qualified represents.

5 4. Petitions of candidacy must be filed not earlier than the first
6 Monday in ~~[March]~~ *February* preceding the general election and not
7 later than 5 p.m. on the third Friday in June.

8 5. No petition of candidacy may contain the name of more than
9 one candidate for each office to be filled.

10 6. A person may not file as an independent candidate if he or
11 she is proposing to run as the candidate of a political party.

12 7. The names of independent candidates must be placed on the
13 general election ballot and must not appear on the primary election
14 ballot.

15 8. If the sufficiency of the petition of the candidacy of any
16 person seeking to qualify pursuant to this section is challenged, all
17 affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed
18 not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in June. Any judicial
19 proceeding resulting from the challenge must be set for hearing not
20 more than 5 days after the fourth Friday in June.

21 9. Any challenge pursuant to subsection 8 must be filed with:

22 (a) The First Judicial District Court if the petition of candidacy
23 was filed with the Secretary of State.

24 (b) The district court for the county where the petition of
25 candidacy was filed if the petition was filed with a county clerk.

26 10. The district court in which the challenge is filed shall give
27 priority to such proceedings over all other matters pending with the
28 court, except for criminal proceedings.

29 11. An independent candidate for partisan office must file a
30 declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay
31 the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the first
32 Monday in ~~[March]~~ *February* of the year in which the election is
33 held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first
34 Monday in ~~[March]~~ *February*.

35 **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.203 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293.203 Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the
37 certified list of candidates for judicial and nonjudicial office from
38 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.187, the county clerk
39 shall publish a notice of primary election or general election *once a*
40 *week for 2 successive weeks* in *such a manner as the county clerk*
41 *deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication*
42 *in a newspaper of general circulation in the county* ~~[once a week for~~
43 ~~2 successive weeks. If no such newspaper is published in the county,~~
44 ~~the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation~~
45 ~~published in]~~ *or* the nearest Nevada county ~~[]~~ , *on the Internet*



1 *website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the*
2 *county clerk.* The notice must contain:

- 3 1. The date of the election.
- 4 2. The location of the polling places.
- 5 3. The hours during which the polling places will be open for
6 voting.

7 ↪ The notice required for a general election pursuant to this section
8 may be published in conjunction with the notice required for a
9 proposed constitution or constitutional amendment pursuant to NRS
10 293.253. If the notices are combined in this manner, they must be
11 published three times in accordance with subsection 3 of
12 NRS 293.253.

13 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.207 1. Election precincts must be established on the
15 basis of the number of registered voters therein, with a maximum of
16 5,000 registered voters who are not designated inactive pursuant to
17 NRS 293.530 per precinct in those precincts in which a mechanical
18 voting system is used **[H] for casting ballots.**

19 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the
20 county clerk may consolidate two or more contiguous election
21 precincts into a single voting district to conduct a particular election
22 as public convenience, necessity and economy may require.

23 3. If a county clerk proposes to consolidate two or more
24 contiguous election precincts, in whole or in part, pursuant to
25 subsection 2, the county clerk shall, at least 14 days before
26 consolidating the precincts, cause notice of the proposed
27 consolidation to be:

28 (a) Posted in the manner prescribed for a regular meeting of the
29 board of county commissioners; and

30 (b) Mailed to each Assemblyman, Assemblywoman, State
31 Senator, county commissioner and, if applicable, member of the
32 governing body of a city who represents residents of a precinct
33 affected by the consolidation.

34 4. A person may file a written objection to the proposed
35 consolidation with the county clerk. The county clerk shall consider
36 each written objection filed pursuant to this subsection before
37 consolidating the precincts.

38 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.247 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293.247 1. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations, not
40 inconsistent with the election laws of this State, for the conduct of
41 primary, presidential preference primary, general, special and
42 district elections in all cities and counties. Permanent regulations of
43 the Secretary of State that regulate the conduct of a primary,
44 general, special or district election and are effective on or before the
45 last business day of February immediately preceding a primary,



1 general, special or district election govern the conduct of that
2 election. Permanent regulations of the Secretary of State that
3 regulate the conduct of a presidential preference primary election
4 and are effective on or before the last business day of September
5 immediately preceding a presidential preference primary election
6 govern the conduct of that election.

7 2. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the forms for a
8 declaration of candidacy and any petition which is filed pursuant to
9 the election laws of this State.

10 3. The regulations must prescribe:

11 (a) The manner of printing ballots and the number of ballots to
12 be distributed to precincts and districts;

13 (b) The form and placement of instructions to voters;

14 (c) The disposition of election returns;

15 (d) The procedures to be used for canvasses, ties, recounts and
16 contests, including, without limitation, the appropriate use of a
17 paper record created when a voter casts a ballot on a mechanical
18 voting system that directly records the votes electronically;

19 (e) The procedures to be used to ensure the security of the
20 ballots from the time they are transferred from the polling place
21 until they are stored pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.391 or
22 293C.390;

23 (f) The procedures to be used to ensure the security and
24 accuracy of computer programs and tapes used for elections;

25 (g) The procedures to be used for the testing, use and auditing of
26 a mechanical voting system which directly records the votes
27 electronically and which creates a paper record when a voter casts a
28 ballot on the system;

29 (h) The acceptable standards for the sending and receiving of
30 applications, forms and ballots, by approved electronic transmission,
31 by the county clerks and the electors, registered voters or other
32 persons who are authorized to use approved electronic transmission
33 pursuant to the provisions of this title;

34 (i) The forms for applications to preregister and register to vote
35 and any other forms necessary for the administration of this title;
36 and

37 (j) Such other matters as determined necessary by the Secretary
38 of State.

39 4. *The Secretary of State may adopt regulations which*
40 *provide standards for any reports required to be filed by a county*
41 *or city clerk pursuant to this title.*

42 5. The Secretary of State may provide interpretations and take
43 other actions necessary for the effective administration of the
44 statutes and regulations governing the conduct of primary,



1 presidential preference primary, general, special and district
2 elections in this State.

3 ~~§~~ 6. The Secretary of State shall prepare and distribute to
4 each county and city clerk copies of:

- 5 (a) Laws and regulations concerning elections in this State;
- 6 (b) Interpretations issued by the Secretary of State's Office; and
- 7 (c) Any Attorney General's opinions or any state or federal
8 court decisions which affect state election laws or regulations
9 whenever any of those opinions or decisions become known to the
10 Secretary of State.

11 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of
13 NRS, the Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the
14 election laws of this State, prescribe:

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

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

20 (1) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
21 to NRS 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.

22 (2) The use of the system of approved electronic
23 transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 by electors and
24 voters with disabilities pursuant to NRS 293.269951.

25 *(3) The use of the system of approved electronic*
26 *transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 by electors*
27 *and voters who are detained in a county or city jail pursuant to*
28 *section 2 of this act.*

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

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

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

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

43 4. The fiscal note for, explanation of, arguments for and
44 against, and rebuttals to such arguments of each proposed



1 constitutional amendment or statewide measure must be included on
2 all sample ballots.

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

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

30 7. A county clerk:

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

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

36 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.2504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.2504 1. The Secretary of State shall develop and provide
38 a training course to each county clerk and city clerk related to
39 elections procedures, including, without limitation, the procedures
40 set forth in the elections procedures manual required pursuant to
41 NRS 293.2502.

42 2. Each county clerk and city clerk shall attend the training
43 course provided by the Secretary of State.

44 3. A county clerk or city clerk may require any deputy or
45 employee of the office of the county or city clerk whose duties



1 relate to elections to attend a training course provided by the
2 Secretary of State pursuant to this section.

3 4. *The Secretary of State may require any deputy or employee*
4 *of the Office of the Secretary of State whose duties relate to*
5 *elections to attend the training course provided by the Secretary of*
6 *State pursuant to this section.*

7 5. The Secretary of State:


8 (a) Shall provide to or reimburse the county or city, as
9 applicable, for the cost of the per diem allowance and travel
10 expenses of the county clerk or city clerk for attending the training
11 course required pursuant to this section. Any reimbursement must
12 be paid from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account upon
13 recommendation by the Secretary of State and approval by the State
14 Board of Examiners.

15 (b) May provide to or reimburse the county or city, as
16 applicable, for the cost of the per diem allowance and travel
17 expenses of any deputy or employee of the office of the county or
18 city clerk for attending the training course required pursuant to this
19 section. Any reimbursement must be paid from the Reserve for
20 Statutory Contingency Account upon recommendation by the
21 Secretary of State and approval by the State Board of Examiners.

22 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.253 1. The Secretary of State shall provide each county
24 clerk with copies of any proposed constitution or constitutional
25 amendment which will appear on the general election ballot,
26 together with the copies of the condensations, explanations,
27 arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes prepared pursuant to NRS
28 218D.810, 293.250 and 293.252.

29 2. Whenever feasible, the Secretary of State shall provide those
30 copies on or before the first Monday in August of the year in which
31 the proposals will appear on the ballot. Copies of any additional
32 proposals must be provided as soon after their filing as feasible.

33 3. Each county clerk shall cause a copy of the full text of any
34 such constitution or amendment and its condensation, explanation,
35 arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note to be published, in conspicuous
36 display advertising format of not less than 10 column inches, in a
37 newspaper of general circulation in the county three times at
38 intervals of not less than 7 days, the first publication to be on or
39 before the first Monday in October. If no such newspaper is
40 published in the county, the publication may be made in a
41 newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada
42 county  *and in addition to any publication made in a newspaper*
43 *pursuant to this subsection, a county clerk may publish a copy of*
44 *the full text of any such constitution or amendment and its*
45 *condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note in*



1 *such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may*
2 *include, without limitation, publication on the Internet website of*
3 *the county clerk or on the social media account of the county*
4 *clerk.*

5 4. If a copy of any such constitution or amendment is furnished
6 by the Secretary of State too late to be published at 7-day intervals,
7 it must be published three times at the longest intervals feasible in
8 each county.

9 5. The portion of the cost of publication which is attributable to
10 publishing the questions, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and
11 fiscal notes of proposed constitutions or constitutional amendments
12 is a charge against the State and must be paid from the Reserve for
13 Statutory Contingency Account upon recommendation by the
14 Secretary of State and approval by the State Board of Examiners.

15 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.269911 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 293.269911 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
18 the county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered
19 voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or updates
20 his or her voter registration information not later than the ~~14~~ 18
21 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The county
22 clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail
23 ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without
24 limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point
25 type to a person who is elderly or disabled.

26 2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a
27 mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk
28 a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which
29 must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before
30 the day of the election. *If a voter elects not to receive a mail ballot*
31 *pursuant to this subsection, he or she may later elect to receive a*
32 *mail ballot for the election if he or she, not later than 14 days*
33 *before the election, submits to the county clerk a written notice in*
34 *the form prescribed by the county clerk.*

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

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

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

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

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

44 (a) Each active registered voter who:



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

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

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

9 (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-
10 overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter
11 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
12 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time
13 required by those provisions.

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

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

21 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.269925 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 293.269925 1. The ~~{county clerk}~~ *Secretary of State* shall
24 establish procedures for the processing and counting of mail ballots.

25 2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

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

28 (b) Must not conflict with the provisions of NRS 293.269911 to
29 293.269937, inclusive.

30 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.269931 is hereby amended to read as
31 follows:

32 293.269931 1. The mail ballot central counting board ~~{may}~~
33 *shall* begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the
34 day of the election ~~{}~~ *and must process each mail ballot pursuant*
35 *to NRS 293.269933 on the day that the mail ballot is received.* The
36 board must complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the
37 seventh day following the election. The counting procedure must be
38 public.

39 2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to
40 present the appearance of a single ballot, the mail ballots must be
41 rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written the
42 reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed by an
43 election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box after
44 the count is completed.



1 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.269975 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293.269975 Not later than 30 days after each primary election,
4 presidential preference primary election, primary city election,
5 general election and general city election, each person who
6 administers a county jail or city jail shall submit in a report to the
7 Secretary of State:

8 1. An explanation of the process the jail used to comply with
9 the requirements of NRS 293.269971 and 293.269973 *and section 2*
10 *of this act* for the election; and

11 2. A summary of each complaint received by the jail from a
12 person detained in the jail relating to registering to vote or voting in
13 the election.

14 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 293.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an
16 election board may not perform its duty in serving registered voters
17 at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless
18 it has before it:

19 (a) The roster designated for registered voters who apply to vote
20 at the polling place; and

21 (b) The roster designated for electors who apply to register to
22 vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772
23 to 293.5887, inclusive.

24 2. For a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072,
25 an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters
26 at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it
27 the roster for the county.

28 3. If a county clerk uses an electronic roster, not earlier than ~~2~~
29 **6** weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first
30 day of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the
31 county clerk shall complete a test of the electronic roster to ensure
32 its functionality in accordance with regulations adopted by the
33 Secretary of State.

34 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk
36 shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a
37 conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:

38 1. A sample ballot;

39 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of
40 the polling place;

41 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a
42 provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive,
43 or a ~~provisional~~ **conditional** ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to
44 293.5887, inclusive;



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

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

6 6. General information concerning federal and state laws which
7 prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

8 7. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot
9 question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a
10 judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.

11 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

13 (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the
14 ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or
15 has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who
16 initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an
17 affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form
18 prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is
19 based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

20 (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county
21 clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.

22 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall
23 tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:

24 (a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person
25 does not belong to the political party designated upon the roster, "I
26 swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I belong to the political
27 party designated upon the roster";

28 (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the roster does not
29 show that the challenged person designated the political party to
30 which he or she claims to belong, "I swear or affirm under penalty
31 of perjury that I designated on the application to register to vote the
32 political party to which I claim to belong";

33 (c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person
34 does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the
35 roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I reside at the
36 residence for which the address is listed in the roster";

37 (d) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person
38 previously voted a ballot for the election, "I swear or affirm under
39 penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or
40 questions included on this ballot for this election"; or

41 (e) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is
42 not the person he or she claims to be, "I swear or affirm under
43 penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this roster."



1 ↪ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by
2 the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under
3 penalty of perjury.

4 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the
5 challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so
6 tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and the election
7 board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged" by the
8 person's name.

9 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or
10 affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2, the
11 election board officers shall issue the person a nonpartisan ballot.

12 5. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or
13 affirmation set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election
14 board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to
15 vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.304.

16 6. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and
17 the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of
18 subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue the person a
19 partisan ballot.

20 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph
21 (c) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or
22 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot
23 until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains
24 proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the
25 purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not
26 provide proof of the address at which a person resides.

27 8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph
28 (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or
29 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot
30 unless the person:

31 (a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph
32 of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document;
33 or

34 (b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at
35 least 18 years of age who:

36 (1) Furnishes official identification which contains a
37 photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official
38 document; and

39 (2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury
40 that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.

41 9. The election board officers shall:

42 (a) Record on the challenge list:

43 (1) The name of the challenged person;

44 (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the
45 challenge; and



- 1 (3) The result of the challenge; and
2 (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated
3 the challenge of the result of the challenge.

4 *10. For the purposes of this section, "personal knowledge"*
5 *means firsthand knowledge through experience or observation of*
6 *the facts upon each ground that the challenge is based. The term*
7 *does not include knowledge obtained from a third party, including,*
8 *without limitation, information obtained from the review of data in*
9 *a database or other compilation of information.*

10 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.3073 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.3073 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if
12 a county clerk establishes one or more polling places pursuant to
13 NRS 293.3072, the county clerk must:

14 (a) Publish during the week before the election ~~in a newspaper~~
15 ~~of general circulation~~ a notice of the location of each such polling
16 place. *The county clerk may make this publication in such a*
17 *manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include,*
18 *without limitation, publication in a newspaper of general*
19 *circulation, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the*
20 *social media account of the county clerk.*

21 (b) Post a list of the location of each such polling place on any
22 bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of
23 county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a
24 period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the
25 election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The county
26 clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the
27 period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.

28 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply if every polling
29 place in the county is a polling place where any person entitled to
30 vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of
31 the primary election or general election.

32 3. No additional polling place may be established pursuant to
33 NRS 293.3072 after the publication pursuant to this section, except
34 in the case of an emergency and if approved by the Secretary of
35 State.

36 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.3078 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.3078 As used in NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive,
38 unless the context otherwise requires:

39 1. "Provisional ballot" means a provisional ballot cast by a
40 person pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive.

41 2. The term does not include a ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballot
42 cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

43 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.3576 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.3576 1. The county clerk shall publish during the week
45 before the period for early voting and at least once each week during



1 the period for early voting ~~[in a newspaper of general circulation]~~ a
2 schedule stating ~~[-~~

3 ~~—(a) The]~~ *the* location of each permanent and temporary polling
4 place for early voting ~~[-~~

5 ~~—(b) The]~~ *and the* dates and hours that early voting will be
6 conducted at each location. *The county clerk may make this*
7 *publication in such a manner as the county clerk deems proper*
8 *which may include, without limitation, publication in a newspaper*
9 *of general circulation, on the Internet website of the county clerk*
10 *or on the social media account of the county clerk.*

11 2. The county clerk shall post a copy of the schedule on the
12 bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of
13 county commissioners. The schedule must be posted continuously
14 for a period beginning not later than the fifth day before the first day
15 of the period for early voting by personal appearance and ending on
16 the last day of that period.

17 3. The county clerk shall make copies of the schedule available
18 to the public in reasonable quantities without charge during the
19 period of posting.

20 4. No additional polling places for early voting may be
21 established after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

22 5. The hours that early voting will be conducted at each polling
23 place for early voting may be extended at the discretion of the
24 county clerk after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

25 **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.391 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots,
27 challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected
28 pursuant to NRS 293B.400, reports prepared pursuant to NRS
29 293.269937 and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must,
30 after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be
31 deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The records of voted
32 ballots that are maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of
33 the votes by the board of county commissioners, be sealed and
34 deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The tally lists collected
35 pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the board of
36 county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk
37 without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection
38 must be preserved for at least 22 months, and all such sealed
39 materials must be destroyed immediately after the preservation
40 period. A notice of the destruction must, *not less than 2 weeks*
41 *before the destruction*, be published by the clerk in *such a manner*
42 *as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without*
43 *limitation, publication in* at least one newspaper of general
44 circulation in the county ~~[not less than 2 weeks before]~~, *on the*



1 *Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account*
2 *of the ~~[destruction-] county clerk.~~*

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

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

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

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

25 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.394 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.394 1. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations for
27 conducting ~~[a risk limiting]~~ *an election accuracy* audit of an
28 election, which may include, without limitation:

29 (a) Procedures to conduct ~~[a risk limiting]~~ *an election accuracy*
30 audit;

31 (b) Criteria for which elections must be audited; and

32 (c) Criteria to determine the scope of the ~~[risk limiting]~~ *election*
33 *accuracy* audit.

34 2. In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Secretary
35 of State pursuant to this section, each county clerk shall conduct ~~[a~~
36 ~~risk limiting]~~ *an election accuracy* audit of the results of an
37 election.

38 3. As used in this section, ~~[“risk limiting]~~ *“election accuracy*
39 *audit”* means an audit protocol that:

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

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

43 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.403 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.403 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.424, a
45 candidate defeated at any election may demand and receive a



1 recount of the vote for the office for which he or she is a candidate
2 to determine the number of votes received for the candidate and the
3 number of votes received for the person who won the election if,
4 within 3 working days after the canvass of the vote and the
5 certification by the county clerk or city clerk of the abstract of votes,
6 the candidate who demands the recount:

7 (a) Files in writing a demand with the officer with whom the
8 candidate filed his or her declaration of candidacy; and

9 (b) Deposits in advance the estimated costs of the recount with
10 that officer.

11 2. Any voter at an election may demand and receive a recount
12 of the vote for a ballot question if, within 3 working days after the
13 canvass of the vote and the certification by the county clerk or city
14 clerk of the abstract of votes, the voter:

15 (a) Files in writing a demand with:

16 (1) The Secretary of State, if the demand is for a recount of a
17 ballot question affecting more than one county; or

18 (2) The county or city clerk who will conduct the recount, if
19 the demand is for a recount of a ballot question affecting only one
20 county or city; and

21 (b) Deposits in advance the estimated costs of the recount with
22 the person to whom the demand was made.

23 3. The estimated costs of the recount must be determined by
24 the person with whom the advance is deposited based on regulations
25 adopted by the Secretary of State defining the term "costs."

26 4. As used in this section, "canvass" means:

27 (a) In any primary election, the canvass by the board of county
28 commissioners of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted
29 for in one county or the canvass by the board of county
30 commissioners last completing its canvass of the returns for a
31 candidate or ballot question voted for in more than one county.

32 (b) In any primary city election, the canvass by the city council
33 of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted for in the city.

34 (c) In any general election:

35 (1) The canvass by the Supreme Court of the returns for a
36 candidate for *United States Senator, Representative in Congress or*
37 a statewide office or a statewide ballot question; or

38 (2) The canvass of the board of county commissioners of the
39 returns for any other candidate or ballot question, as provided in
40 paragraph (a).

41 (d) In any general city election, the canvass by the city council
42 of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted for in the city.

43 **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a
45 county to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory



1 deadline in a particular election, the county clerk shall, as soon as
2 practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:

3 (a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in
4 *such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may*
5 *include, without limitation, publication in a newspaper of general*
6 *circulation in the county [redacted], on the Internet website of the county*
7 *clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk; and*

8 (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered
9 voter who received a mail ballot for the election and has not
10 returned the mail ballot before the date on which the notice will be
11 transmitted.

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

14 (a) In a county whose population is 52,000 or more, on at least 3
15 successive days.

16 (b) In a county whose population is less than 52,000, at least
17 twice in successive issues of the newspaper [redacted] *or, if the notice is*
18 *not published in a newspaper, on at least 2 successive days.*

19 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293.4695 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293.4695 1. Each county clerk shall collect the following
21 information regarding each primary election, presidential preference
22 primary election and general election, on a form provided by the
23 Secretary of State and made available at each polling place in the
24 county, each polling place for early voting in the county, the office
25 of the county clerk and any other location deemed appropriate by
26 the Secretary of State:

27 (a) The number of ballots that have been discarded or for any
28 reason not included in the final canvass of votes, along with an
29 explanation for the exclusion of each such ballot from the final
30 canvass of votes.

31 (b) A report on each malfunction of any mechanical voting
32 system, including, without limitation:

33 (1) Any known reason for the malfunction;

34 (2) The length of time during which the mechanical voting
35 system could not be used;

36 (3) Any remedy for the malfunction which was used at the
37 time of the malfunction; and

38 (4) Any effect the malfunction had on the election process.

39 (c) A list of each polling place not open during the time
40 prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273 and an account explaining why
41 each such polling place was not open during the time prescribed
42 pursuant to NRS 293.273.

43 (d) A description of each challenge made to the eligibility of a
44 voter pursuant to NRS 293.303 and the result of each such
45 challenge.



1 (e) A description of each complaint regarding a ballot cast by
2 mail or facsimile filed with the county clerk and the resolution, if
3 any, of the complaint.

4 (f) The results of any audit of election procedures and practices
5 conducted pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary of State
6 pursuant to this chapter.

7 (g) The number of provisional ballots cast pursuant to NRS
8 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, and the reason for the casting of
9 each such provisional ballot.

10 (h) The number of ~~[provisional]~~ *conditional* ballots cast
11 pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

12 2. Each county clerk shall submit to the Secretary of State, on a
13 form provided by the Secretary of State, the information collected
14 pursuant to subsection 1 not more than 60 days after each primary
15 election, presidential preference primary election and general
16 election.

17 3. The Secretary of State may contact any political party and
18 request information to assist in the investigation of any allegation of
19 voter intimidation.

20 4. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an
21 Internet website pursuant to which the Secretary of State shall solicit
22 and collect voter comments regarding election processes.

23 5. The Secretary of State shall compile the information and
24 comments collected pursuant to this section into a report and shall
25 submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau
26 for transmission to the Legislature not sooner than 30 days before
27 and not later than 30 days after the first day of each regular session
28 of the Legislature.

29 6. The Secretary of State may make the report required
30 pursuant to subsection 5 available on an Internet website established
31 and maintained by the Secretary of State.

32 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.535 1. The county clerk shall notify a registrant if any
34 elector or other reliable person files an affidavit with the county
35 clerk stating that:

36 (a) The registrant is not a citizen of the United States; or

37 (b) The registrant has:

38 (1) Moved outside the boundaries of the county where he or
39 she is registered to another county, state, territory or foreign
40 country, with the intention of remaining there for an indefinite time
41 and with the intention of abandoning his or her residence in the
42 county where registered; and

43 (2) Established residence in some other state, territory or
44 foreign country, or in some other county of this state, naming the
45 place.



1 ↪ The affiant must state that he or she has personal knowledge of
2 the facts set forth in the affidavit.

3 2. Upon the filing of an affidavit pursuant to paragraph (b) of
4 subsection 1, the county clerk shall notify the registrant in the
5 manner set forth in NRS 293.530 and shall enclose a copy of the
6 affidavit. If the registrant fails to respond or appear to vote within
7 the required time, the county clerk shall cancel the registration.

8 3. An affidavit filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1
9 must be filed not later than 30 days before an election. Upon the
10 filing of such an affidavit, the county clerk shall notify the registrant
11 by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the filing
12 of the affidavit, and shall enclose a copy of the affidavit. Unless the
13 registrant, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in
14 the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory proof of
15 citizenship, the county clerk shall cancel the registration.

16 4. The provisions of this section do not prevent the challenge
17 provided for in NRS 293.303 or 293C.292.

18 5. A county clerk is not required to take any action pursuant to
19 this section in relation to a person who is preregistered to vote until
20 the person is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection
21 2 of NRS 293.4855.

22 *6. For the purposes of this section, "personal knowledge"*
23 *means firsthand knowledge through experience or observation of*
24 *the facts upon each ground that the challenge is based. The term*
25 *does not include knowledge obtained from a third party, including,*
26 *without limitation, information obtained from the review of data in*
27 *a database or other compilation of information.*

28 **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.540 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration
30 of a person:

31 (a) If the county clerk *becomes aware of the death of the*
32 *person through any of the following methods:*

33 *(1) The county clerk has personal knowledge of the death of*
34 *the person ;*

35 *(2) The county clerk receives, from a person who is within*
36 *the second degree of consanguinity to the person, a sworn*
37 *affidavit which indicates the death of the person; or [if an]*

38 *(3) An authenticated certificate of the death of the person is*
39 *filed in the county clerk's office.*

40 (b) At the request of the person.

41 (c) If the county clerk has discovered an incorrect preregistration
42 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235 and the person has
43 failed to respond within the required time.

44 (d) As required by NRS 293.541.



1 (e) Upon verification that the application to preregister to vote is
2 a duplicate if the county clerk has the original or another duplicate
3 of the application on file in the county clerk's office.

4 2. The county clerk shall cancel the registration of a person:

5 (a) If the county clerk *becomes aware of the death of the*
6 *person through any of the following methods:*

7 (1) *The county clerk* has personal knowledge of the death of
8 the person ;

9 (2) *The county clerk receives, from a person who is within*
10 *the second degree of consanguinity to the voter, a sworn affidavit*
11 *which indicates the death of the voter;* or ~~[if-an]~~

12 (3) *An* authenticated certificate of the death of the person is
13 filed in the county clerk's office.

14 (b) If the county clerk is provided a certified copy of a court
15 order stating that the court specifically finds by clear and convincing
16 evidence that the person lacks the mental capacity to vote because
17 he or she cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a
18 specific desire to participate in the voting process.

19 (c) Upon the determination that the person has been convicted of
20 a felony and is currently incarcerated.

21 (d) Upon the production of a certified copy of the judgment of
22 any court directing the cancellation to be made.

23 (e) At the request of the person.

24 (f) If the county clerk has discovered an incorrect registration
25 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535
26 and the elector has failed to respond or appear to vote within the
27 required time.

28 (g) As required by NRS 293.541.

29 (h) Upon verification that the application to register to vote is a
30 duplicate if the county clerk has the original or another duplicate of
31 the application on file in the county clerk's office.

32 **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.543 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.543 1. If the registration of an elector is cancelled
34 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, the
35 county clerk shall reregister the elector upon notice from the clerk of
36 the district court that the elector has been found by the district court
37 to have the mental capacity to vote. The court must include the
38 finding in a court order and, not later than 30 days after issuing
39 the order, provide a certified copy of the order to the county clerk of
40 the county in which the person is a resident and to the Office of the
41 Secretary of State.

42 2. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to
43 paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, the elector may
44 reregister upon release from prison.



1 3. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to the
2 provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, after
3 the close of registration for a primary election, the elector may not
4 reregister until after the primary election.

5 4. *If the registration or preregistration of an elector is*
6 *cancelled pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of*
7 *subsection 1 of NRS 293.540 or subparagraph (2) of paragraph*
8 *(a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540 and the county clerk later*
9 *determines that the registration or preregistration should not have*
10 *been cancelled, the county clerk shall reregister or repreregister*
11 *the elector, as applicable.*

12 5. A county clerk shall not require an elector to present
13 evidence, including, without limitation, a court order or any other
14 document, to prove that the elector satisfies the requirements of
15 subsection 2.

16 **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
18 293.269951, 293.502, 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230
19 and 293D.300:

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

24 (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary
25 election, presidential preference primary election or general
26 election.

27 (2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk
28 or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035,
29 is the ~~[fourth Tuesday preceding]~~ *day before the first day of the*
30 *period for early voting by personal appearance for* the primary
31 election, presidential preference primary election or general
32 election.

33 (3) By computer using the system established by the
34 Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the day of the
35 primary election, presidential preference primary election or general
36 election.

37 (b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a
38 primary election, presidential preference primary election or general
39 election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special
40 election ~~[by any method of registration]~~ :

41 (1) *By mail is the second Tuesday preceding the recall or*
42 *special election.*

43 (2) *By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk*
44 *or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035,*
45 *is :*



1 (I) *If there is a period for early voting for the recall or*
2 *special election, the day before the first day of the period for early*
3 *voting by personal appearance for the recall or special election; or*

4 (II) *If there is not a period for early voting for the recall*
5 *or special election, the third Saturday preceding the recall or*
6 *special election.*

7 (3) *By computer using the system established by the*
8 *Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 is the day of the* recall
9 or special election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.5727 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 293.5727 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
41 Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide an application to
42 preregister or register to vote to each person who applies for the
43 issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification
44 card issued by the Department.



1 2. The county clerk shall use the applications to preregister or
2 register to vote which are signed and completed pursuant to
3 subsection 1 to preregister or register an applicant to vote or to
4 correct the preregistration or registration of the applicant, as
5 applicable. An application that is not signed must not be used to
6 preregister or register or correct the preregistration or registration of
7 the applicant.

8 3. For the purposes of this section, each employee specifically
9 authorized to do so by the Director of the Department may oversee
10 the completion of an application. The authorized employee shall
11 check the application for completeness and verify the information
12 required by the application. Each application must include a
13 duplicate copy or receipt to be retained by the applicant upon
14 completion of the form. The Department shall, except as otherwise
15 provided in this subsection, forward each application on a weekly
16 basis to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of
17 the county in which the applicant resides. The applications must be
18 forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last
19 ~~[day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or~~
20 ~~293C.527, as applicable.]~~ *date that the county clerk is required to*
21 *accept such an application pursuant to subsection 5.*

22 4. The Department is not required to provide an application to
23 register to vote pursuant to subsection 1 to a person who declines to
24 apply to register to vote pursuant to this section and submits to the
25 Department a written form that meets the requirements of 52 U.S.C.
26 § 20506(a)(6). Information related to the declination to apply to
27 register to vote must not be used for any purpose other than voter
28 registration.

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

30 (a) Preregister to vote at any time.

31 (b) Register to vote which is obtained from the Department of
32 Motor Vehicles pursuant to this section and completed by :

33 *(1) If there is a period for early voting, the day before the*
34 *first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance; or*

35 *(2) If there is not a period for early voting,* the last day to
36 register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as
37 applicable,

38 *↪* if the county clerk receives the application not later than 5 days
39 after that date.

40 6. Upon receipt of an application, the county clerk or field
41 registrar of voters shall determine whether the application is
42 complete. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines
43 that the application is complete, he or she shall notify the applicant
44 and the applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered
45 as of the date of the submission of the application. If the county



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

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

22 8. Upon receipt of a form to correct information, the county
23 clerk shall compare the information to that contained in the database
24 created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675. The
25 county clerk shall correct the information to reflect any changes
26 indicated on the form. After making any changes, the county clerk
27 shall notify the person by mail that the records have been corrected.

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

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

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

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

38 **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.5782 is hereby amended to read as follows:
39 293.5782 "Final verification" means the procedures established
40 pursuant to NRS 293.5872 to verify and determine whether a person
41 who cast a ~~provisional~~ **conditional** ballot was qualified to register
42 to vote and to cast the ballot in the election.



1 **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.5792 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.5792 1. ~~["Provisional"]~~ **"Conditional** ballot" means a
3 ~~["provisional"] conditional~~ ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS
4 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

5 2. The term does not include a provisional ballot cast by a
6 person pursuant to:
7 (a) NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive; or
8 (b) Section 302 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 52
9 U.S.C. § 21082, as amended.

10 **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.5832 is hereby amended to read as follows:
11 293.5832 1. After the close of registration for an election
12 pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, a registered voter may
13 update his or her voter registration information, including, without
14 limitation, his or her name, address and party affiliation.

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

18 (a) A paper application; or
19 (b) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to
20 NRS 293.671.

21 ↪ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the
22 county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to
23 circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

24 3. If a registered voter updates his or her voter registration
25 information pursuant to this section and applies to vote in the
26 election, the county or city clerk may require the voter to cast a
27 ~~["provisional"] conditional~~ ballot in the election if any circumstances
28 exist that give the county or city clerk reasonable cause to believe
29 that the use of a ~~["provisional"] conditional~~ ballot is necessary to
30 provide sufficient time to verify and determine whether the voter is
31 eligible to cast the ballot in the election based on his or her updated
32 voter registration information.

33 4. If a registered voter casts a ~~["provisional"] conditional~~ ballot
34 in the election pursuant to this section, the ~~["provisional"] conditional~~
35 ballot is subject to final verification in accordance with the
36 procedures that apply to other ~~["provisional"] conditional~~ ballots cast
37 in the election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

38 **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:
39 293.5837 1. An elector may register to vote in the county or
40 city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by
41 submitting an application to register to vote by computer using the
42 system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS
43 293.671 before the elector appears at a polling place described in
44 subsection 2 to vote in person.



1 2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote
2 pursuant to this section less than ~~14~~ 18 days before the election,
3 the elector may vote only in person:

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

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

8 (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 or
9 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector
10 is eligible to vote; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (a) A military identification card;

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

34 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

35 (d) A paycheck;

36 (e) An income tax return;

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

39 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

40 (h) A property tax statement; or

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (3) Must vote by casting a ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballot,
15 unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to
16 register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that
17 polling place.

18 **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of
20 registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527,
21 an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for
22 early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as
23 applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

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

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

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

33 (1) A paper application; or

34 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
35 to NRS 293.671.

36 ↪ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the
37 county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to
38 circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

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

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



1 be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current
2 residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her
3 application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:

4 (a) A military identification card;

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

8 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

9 (d) A paycheck;

10 (e) An income tax return;

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

13 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

14 (h) A property tax statement; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (3) Must vote by casting a ~~[provisional]~~ *conditional* ballot,
30 unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to
31 register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that
32 polling place.

33 **Sec. 43.** NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of
35 registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527,
36 an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at
37 any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the
38 elector is eligible to vote.

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

41 (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the
42 county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

43 (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method
44 authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph.



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

3 (1) A paper application; or

4 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
5 to NRS 293.671.

6 ↪ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the
7 county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to
8 circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

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

13 3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the
14 Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the
15 elector's current residential address, the following documents may
16 be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current
17 residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her
18 application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:

19 (a) A military identification card;

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

23 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

24 (d) A paycheck;

25 (e) An income tax return;

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

28 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

29 (h) A property tax statement; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (3) Must vote by casting a ~~provisional~~ conditional ballot.



1 **Sec. 44.** NRS 293.5852 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.5852 If a person casts a ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballot
3 pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, the ~~provisional~~
4 *conditional* ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures
5 upon which the person would have been entitled to vote if the
6 person had cast a regular ballot.

7 **Sec. 45.** NRS 293.5872 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 293.5872 1. Each county and city clerk shall establish
9 procedures, approved by the Secretary of State, for:

10 (a) Carrying out final verification to verify and determine
11 whether a person who cast a ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballot was
12 qualified to register to vote and to cast the ballot in the election; and

13 (b) Keeping each ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballot separate from
14 other ballots until such final verification.

15 2. For the purposes of final verification:

16 (a) The Secretary of State shall verify that an elector has voted
17 in the election in only one county or city, as applicable, and provide
18 each county and city clerk with a copy of the verification report; and

19 (b) Each county and city clerk shall verify that an elector has
20 voted in the election at only one polling place in the county or city,
21 as applicable.

22 **Sec. 46.** NRS 293.5877 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.5877 1. Following each election, a canvass of the
24 ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballots cast in the election must be
25 conducted pursuant to NRS 293.387 and 293C.387.

26 2. The county or city clerk shall not include any ~~provisional~~
27 *conditional* ballot in the unofficial results reported on election night.

28 3. Beginning on the day following the election, the county or
29 city clerk shall regularly report the results of the counting of the
30 ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballots until such counting is completed.

31 **Sec. 47.** NRS 293.5882 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.5882 1. The Secretary of State shall establish a free
33 access system, such as a toll-free telephone number or an Internet
34 website, to inform a person who cast a ~~provisional~~ *conditional*
35 ballot whether the person's ballot was counted and, if the ballot was
36 not counted, the reason why the ballot was not counted.

37 2. The free access system must ensure secrecy of the ballot
38 while protecting the confidentiality and integrity of personal
39 information contained therein.

40 3. Access to information concerning a ~~provisional~~
41 *conditional* ballot must be restricted to the person who cast the
42 ~~provisional~~ *conditional* ballot.

43 **Sec. 48.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course
45 of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not:



1 (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere
2 with the conduct of the election. *The provisions of this paragraph*
3 *do not prohibit a person from conducting an exit poll in or outside*
4 *of the polling place.*

5 (b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of
6 the voter, other than a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot
7 prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization
8 pursuant to this title.

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

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

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

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

19 (g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other
20 than a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot when permitted
21 pursuant to this title.

22 (h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface,
23 damage or destroy a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared
24 by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to
25 this title.

26 2. A voter shall not:

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

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


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

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

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



1 **Sec. 49.** NRS 293.740 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.740 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, it is
3 unlawful inside a polling place, within 100 feet from the entrance to
4 the building or other structure in which a polling place is located,
5 inside the area of a county or city jail where a person detained in the
6 jail may vote or within 100 feet from the entrance of the area in a
7 jail where a person detained in the jail may vote:

8 (a) For any person to solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the
9 subject of marking the voter's ballot  *unless the person is*
10 *conducting an exit poll.*

11 (b) For any person, including an election board officer, to do
12 any electioneering on election day.

13 ↳ The county clerk or registrar of voters shall ensure that, at the
14 outer limits of the area within which electioneering is prohibited,
15 notices are continuously posted on which are printed in large letters
16 "Distance Marker: No electioneering between this point and the
17 entrance to the polling place."

18 2. The county clerk shall ensure that any notice posted
19 pursuant to subsection 1 is:

20 (a) At least 17 inches by 11 inches in size;

21 (b) Placed on a window or door of the polling place or a
22 freestanding sign; and

23 (c) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area
24 within which electioneering is prohibited pursuant to subsection 1.

25 3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to the
26 conduct of a person in a private residence or on commercial or
27 residential property that is within 100 feet from the entrance to a
28 building or other structure in which a polling place is located. The
29 provisions of subsection 1 are not intended to prohibit a person from
30 voting solely because he or she is wearing a prohibited political
31 insignia and is reasonably unable to remove the insignia or cover it.
32 In such a case, the election board officer shall take such action as is
33 necessary to allow the voter to vote as expediently as possible and
34 then assist the voter in exiting the polling place as soon as is
35 possible.

36 4. Any person who violates any provision of this section is
37 guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

38 5. As used in this section, "electioneering" means campaigning
39 for or against a candidate, ballot question or political party by:

40 (a) Posting signs relating to the support of or opposition to a
41 candidate, ballot question or political party;

42 (b) Distributing literature relating to the support of or opposition
43 to a candidate, ballot question or political party;



1 (c) Using loudspeakers to broadcast information relating to the
2 support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political
3 party;

4 (d) Buying, selling, wearing or displaying any badge, button or
5 other insignia which expressly refers to any political party or a
6 candidate or ballot question to be voted upon at that election; or

7 (e) Soliciting signatures to any kind of petition.

8 **Sec. 50.** Chapter 293B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
9 thereto a new section to read as follows:

10 *If the board of county commissioners of any county or the city*
11 *council or other governing body of any city terminates a contract*
12 *for the lease or use of a mechanical voting system or mechanical*
13 *recording device which is currently used in any election, that*
14 *termination is provisional and does not become final unless the*
15 *board of county commissioners, city council or other governing*
16 *body:*

17 *1. Submits to the Secretary of State a plan to transition to a*
18 *new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device, as*
19 *applicable, which is approved by the Secretary of State; and*

20 *2. Submits to the Secretary of State proof of a signed contract*
21 *for purchase, lease or use of the new mechanical voting system or*
22 *mechanical recording device, as applicable.*

23 **Sec. 51.** NRS 293B.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293B.050 At all statewide, county, city and district elections of
25 any kind held in this State, ballots or votes ~~{may}~~ :

26 *1. May* be cast, registered ~~{ }~~ *and* recorded ~~{and counted}~~ by
27 means of a mechanical voting system.

28 *2. Must be counted by means of a mechanical voting system.*

29 **Sec. 52.** NRS 293B.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293B.105 The board of county commissioners of any county or
31 the city council or other governing body of any city ~~{may}~~ :

32 *1. May* purchase and adopt for use at elections any mechanical
33 voting system and mechanical recording device ~~{. The system or~~
34 ~~device may be used at any or all elections held in the county or city.}~~
35 for voting ~~{ }~~ *and* registering ~~{and counting}~~ votes cast.

36 *2. Must purchase and adopt for use at elections a mechanical*
37 *voting system for counting votes cast.*

38 **Sec. 53.** NRS 293B.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293B.110 ~~{A}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS*
40 *293B.050, a* mechanical voting system or mechanical recording
41 device may be adopted *and used* for some of the precincts or
42 districts in the same county or city, while the remainder of the
43 precincts or districts in that county or city may be furnished with
44 paper ballots or any other mechanical voting system or mechanical
45 recording device.



1 **Sec. 54.** NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293B.130 1. Before any election , ~~[where a mechanical~~
3 ~~voting system is to be used,]~~ the county clerk shall prepare or cause
4 to be prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material
5 suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be
6 employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the
7 computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

- 8 (a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.
9 (b) All unlawful votes, including, without limitation, overvotes
10 or, in a primary election or presidential preference primary election,
11 votes cast for a candidate of a major political party other than the
12 party, if any, of the registration of the voter must not be counted.
13 (c) If the election is:
14 (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year;
15 (2) A presidential preference primary election; or
16 (3) A general election,

17 ↳ the total votes, other than mail ballots, must be accumulated by
18 precinct.

19 (d) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by
20 appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered which lacks a code
21 identifying the precinct in which it was voted and, in a primary
22 election or presidential preference primary election, identifying the
23 major political party of the voter.

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

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

30 **Sec. 55.** NRS 293B.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
31 293B.150 Not earlier than ~~[2]~~ 6 weeks before and not later than
32 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of early voting, the county or
33 city clerk shall test:

- 34 1. The mechanical recording device which directly records
35 votes electronically, if any; or
36 2. The automatic tabulating equipment and programs, if any,
37 ↳ to ascertain that the device or equipment and programs will
38 correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

39 **Sec. 56.** NRS 293B.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:
40 293B.170 **1.** After the completion of the last logic and
41 accuracy test, the programs used, if any, and the logic and accuracy
42 test ballots and the official ballots shall be sealed, retained and
43 disposed of in the manner provided in NRS 293.391 or 293C.390
44 for other ballots.



1 **2. All of the materials preserved pursuant to subsection 1**
2 **which are deposited with the county clerk are subject to inspection**
3 **in an election accuracy audit that is conducted in accordance with**
4 **the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 293.394.**

5 **Sec. 57.** NRS 293B.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293B.175 In those districts or precincts in which a mechanical
7 voting system is used ~~{}~~ **for casting ballots**, the list of offices and
8 candidates and the statements of measures appropriate for use with
9 ~~{that}~~ **a mechanical voting** system in combination with the device
10 upon which a vote is registered is an official ballot.

11 **Sec. 58.** NRS 293C.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293C.145 1. A general city election must be held in each city
13 of population category three on the first Tuesday after the first
14 Monday in November of the first even-numbered year after
15 incorporation, and at each successive interval of 2 years.

16 2. There must be one mayor and three or five council members,
17 as the city council shall provide by ordinance, for each city of
18 population category three. The terms of office of the mayor and the
19 council members are 4 years, which terms must be staggered. The
20 mayor and council members elected to office immediately after
21 incorporation shall decide, by lot, among themselves which two of
22 their offices expire at the next general city election, and thereafter
23 the terms of office must be 4 years. If a city council thereafter
24 increases the number of council members, it shall, by lot, stagger the
25 initial terms of the additional members.

26 3. A candidate for an office to be voted for at the general city
27 election must file a declaration of candidacy with the city clerk not
28 earlier than ~~{~~

29 ~~—(a) For the office of judge of a municipal court, the first Monday~~
30 ~~in January of the year in which the applicable election is to be held~~
31 ~~and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday~~
32 ~~in January.~~

33 ~~—(b) For any other office,]~~ the first Monday in ~~[March]~~ **February**
34 of the year in which the applicable election is to be held and not
35 later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in
36 ~~[March.]~~ **February.**

37 4. At the time that a candidate files a declaration of candidacy,
38 the city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate, and the
39 candidate must pay to the city clerk, a filing fee in an amount fixed
40 by the city council by ordinance or resolution.

41 5. Candidates for mayor must be voted upon by the electors of
42 the city at large. Candidates for the city council must be voted upon
43 by the electors of their respective wards to represent the wards in
44 which they reside or by the electors of the city at large in accordance
45 with the provisions of chapter 266 of NRS.



1 **Sec. 59.** NRS 293C.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293C.175 1. A primary city election must be held in each city
3 of population category one, and in each city of population category
4 two that has so provided by ordinance, on the second Tuesday in
5 June of each even-numbered year, at which time there must be
6 nominated candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general
7 city election.

8 2. A candidate for an office to be voted for at the primary or
9 general city election must file a declaration of candidacy with the
10 city clerk not earlier than ~~[-~~

11 ~~—(a) For the office of judge of a municipal court, the first Monday~~
12 ~~in January of the year in which the applicable election is to be held~~
13 ~~and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday~~
14 ~~in January.~~

15 ~~—(b) For any other office,]~~ the first Monday in ~~[March]~~ **February**
16 of the year in which the applicable election is to be held and not
17 later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in
18 ~~[March.]~~ **February.**

19 3. At the time that a candidate files a declaration of candidacy,
20 the city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate, and the
21 candidate must pay to the city clerk, a filing fee in an amount fixed
22 by the governing body of the city by ordinance or resolution. The
23 filing fees collected by the city clerk must be deposited to the credit
24 of the general fund of the city.

25 4. All candidates, except as otherwise provided in NRS
26 266.220, must be voted upon by the electors of the city at large.

27 5. If, in a primary city election held in a city of population
28 category one or two, one candidate receives a majority of votes cast
29 in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the
30 candidate must be declared elected to the office and the candidate's
31 name must not be placed on the ballot for the general city election.
32 If, in the primary city election, no candidate receives a majority of
33 votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a
34 candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest
35 number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general city
36 election.

37 **Sec. 60.** NRS 293C.26325 is hereby amended to read as
38 follows:

39 293C.26325 1. The ~~[city clerk]~~ **Secretary of State** shall
40 establish procedures for the processing and counting of mail ballots.

41 2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

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

44 (b) Must not conflict with the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to
45 293C.26337, inclusive.



1 **Sec. 61.** NRS 293C.26331 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293C.26331 1. The mail ballot central counting board ~~[may]~~
4 *shall* begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the
5 day of the election ~~[]~~ *and must process each mail ballot pursuant*
6 *to NRS 293C.26333 on the day that the mail ballot is received.* The
7 board must complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the
8 seventh day following the election. The counting procedure must be
9 public.

10 2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to
11 present the appearance of a single ballot, the mail ballots must be
12 rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written the
13 reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed by an
14 election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box after
15 the count is completed.

16 **Sec. 62.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
18 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

24 (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if
25 open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is

26 :
27 *(I) If there is a period for early voting for the primary*
28 *city election or general city election, the day before the first day of*
29 *the period for early voting by personal appearance for the primary*
30 *city election or general city election; or*

31 *(II) If there is not a period for early voting for the*
32 *primary city election or general city election, the fourth Tuesday*
33 *preceding the primary city election or general city election.*

34 (3) By computer using the system established by the
35 Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the day of the
36 primary city election or general city election.

37 (b) If a recall or special city election is not held on the same day
38 as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to
39 register to vote for the recall or special city election ~~[by any method~~
40 ~~of registration]~~ :

41 (1) *By mail is the second Tuesday preceding the recall or*
42 *special city election.*

43 (2) *By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or,*
44 *if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520*
45 *is :*



1 (I) *If there is a period for early voting for the recall or*
2 *special city election, the day before the first day of the period for*
3 *early voting by personal appearance for the recall or special city*
4 *election; or*

5 (II) *If there is not a period for early voting for the recall*
6 *or special city election, the third Saturday preceding the recall or*
7 *special city election.*

8 (3) *By computer using the system established by the*
9 *Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 is the day of the* recall
10 or special city election.

11 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
12 inclusive, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a
13 primary city election or general city election set forth in subsection
14 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

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

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

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

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

24 ↪ If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the
25 publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in
26 the nearest city in this State.

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

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

35 **Sec. 63.** NRS 293C.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293C.600 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting
37 system will be used **↪ for casting ballots**, the city clerk shall
38 prepare or cause to be prepared a computer program on cards, tape
39 or other material suitable for use with the computer or counting
40 device to be employed for counting the votes cast. The program
41 must cause the computer or counting device to operate in the
42 following manner:

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

44 (b) All unlawful votes, including, but not limited to, overvotes
45 must not be counted.



1 (c) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by
2 appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered that lacks a code
3 identifying the precinct in which it was voted.

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

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

9 **Sec. 64.** NRS 295.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 295.045 1. A petition for referendum must be filed with the
11 Secretary of State not less than 120 days before the date of the next
12 succeeding general election.

13 2. The Secretary of State shall certify the questions to the
14 county clerks.

15 3. The title of the statute or resolution must be set out on the
16 ballot, and the question printed upon the ballot for the information
17 of the voters must be as follows: "Shall the statute (setting out its
18 title) be approved?"

19 4. Where a mechanical voting system is used **H for casting**
20 **ballots**, the title of the statute must appear on the list of offices and
21 candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on and may
22 be condensed to no more than 25 words.

23 5. The votes cast upon the question must be counted and
24 canvassed as the votes for state officers are counted and canvassed.

25 **Sec. 65.** NRS 295.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 295.056 1. Before a petition for initiative or referendum is
27 filed with the Secretary of State, the petitioners must submit to each
28 county clerk for verification pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279,
29 inclusive, the document or documents which were circulated for
30 signature within the clerk's county. The clerks shall give the person
31 submitting a document or documents a receipt stating the number of
32 documents and pages and the person's statement of the number of
33 signatures contained therein.

34 2. If a petition for initiative proposes a statute or an amendment
35 to a statute, the document or documents must be submitted not
36 **earlier than the 13th day and not** later than the 15th day following
37 the general election.

38 3. If a petition for initiative proposes an amendment to the
39 Constitution, the document or documents must be submitted not
40 **earlier than the 13th day and not** later than the 15th day following
41 the primary election.

42 4. If the petition is for referendum, the document or documents
43 must be submitted not **earlier than the 13th day and not** later than
44 the 15th day following the primary election.



1 5. All documents which are submitted to a county clerk for
2 verification must be submitted at the same time. If documents
3 concerning the same petition are submitted for verification to more
4 than one county clerk, the documents must be submitted to each
5 county clerk on the same day. At the time that the petition is
6 submitted to a county clerk for verification, the petitioners may
7 designate a contact person who is authorized by the petitioners to
8 address questions or issues relating to the petition.

9 **Sec. 66.** NRS 295.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 295.170 1. The subject matter of such questions must be
11 stated concisely on the ballot, and the question printed upon the
12 ballot for the information of the voter must be as follows: "Shall the
13 act (setting out the title thereof) be approved?"

14 2. Where a mechanical voting system is used ~~for~~ *for casting*
15 *ballots*, the title of the act must appear on the list of offices and
16 candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on and may
17 be condensed by the district attorney to 20 words.

18 3. The district attorney shall prepare an explanation of each
19 such question, which must be placed on the ballot or the list of
20 offices and candidates and the statements of measures to be voted
21 on, or posted in the polling place.

22 4. The votes cast upon such question must be counted and
23 canvassed as the votes for county officers are counted and
24 canvassed.

25 **Sec. 67.** NRS 298.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 298.650 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2,~~
27 *this section*, a presidential preference primary election must be held
28 for all major political parties on the first Tuesday in February of
29 each presidential election year.

30 2. *The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the*
31 *Legislative Commission, adjust the date of the presidential*
32 *preference primary election set forth in subsection 1.*

33 3. A presidential preference primary election must not be held
34 for a major political party if only one qualified candidate or no
35 qualified candidate of the major political party files a declaration of
36 candidacy pursuant to NRS 298.660. If only one qualified candidate
37 of the major political party files a declaration of candidacy, the
38 Secretary of State must certify the name of the qualified candidate to
39 the state central committee and the national committee of the major
40 political party.

41 **Sec. 68.** NRS 298.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 298.670 1. The Secretary of State shall forward to each
43 county clerk the name, party affiliation and mailing address of each
44 qualified candidate whose name must appear on the ballot for the
45 presidential preference primary election.



1 2. Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the list of
2 qualified candidates, the county clerk shall publish a notice of the
3 presidential preference primary election *once a week for 2*
4 *successive weeks in such manner as the county clerk deems proper*
5 *which may include, without limitation, publication in a newspaper*
6 of general circulation in the county ~~once a week for 2 successive~~
7 ~~weeks. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the~~
8 ~~publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation~~
9 ~~published in~~ or the nearest Nevada county ~~[]~~, *on the Internet*
10 *website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the*
11 *county clerk.* The notice must contain:

12 (a) The date of the presidential preference primary election;

13 (b) The major political parties that have qualified candidates
14 who will be on the ballot at the presidential preference primary
15 election;

16 (c) The location of the polling places in the county, including,
17 without limitation, polling places for early voting by personal
18 appearance; and

19 (d) The hours during which the polling places in the county will
20 be open for voting during the period for early voting and the day of
21 the presidential preference primary election.

22 **Sec. 69.** NRS 306.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 306.060 1. If the officer against whom the petition is filed
24 furnishes no justification of the officer's course in office, none need
25 appear on the ballot at the election upon the officer's recall.

26 2. Where a mechanical voting system is used ~~[]~~ *for casting*
27 *ballots*, the reason for demanding the recall of the officer and the
28 officer's justification need not be printed on the ballot, but must be
29 printed on sample ballots, which must be presented to registered
30 voters upon their application to vote.

31 **Sec. 70.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Caliente,
32 being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 67, is hereby
33 amended to read as follows:

34 Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
35 *systems.*

36 1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide for the use of
37 mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes
38 ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law or]~~ *the election*
39 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
40 State.

41 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
42 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
43 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
44 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*



1 **Sec. 71.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Carlin,
2 being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 616, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
5 *systems.*

6 1. The Board of Council Members ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide
7 for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting-or]~~
8 counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law~~
9 ~~or]~~ *the election laws of this State and any* regulations of the
10 Secretary of State.

11 2. *If the Board of Council Members provides for the*
12 *use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such*
13 *provision must be in accordance with the election laws of*
14 *this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.*

15 **Sec. 72.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of Carson City, being
16 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 306, is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
19 *systems.*

20 1. The Board ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide for the use of
21 mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting-or]~~ counting the votes
22 ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law-or]~~ *the election*
23 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
24 State.

25 2. *If the Board provides for the use of mechanical or*
26 *other devices for voting, such provision must be in*
27 *accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
28 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*

29 **Sec. 73.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Elko,
30 being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter
31 51, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 464, is hereby amended to read
32 as follows:

33 Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
34 *systems.*

35 1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide for the use of
36 mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting-or]~~ counting votes
37 ~~[that is not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law-or]~~ *the*
38 *election laws of this State and any* regulations of the
39 Secretary of State.

40 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
41 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
42 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
43 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*



1 **Sec. 74.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,
2 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 417, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 5.090 ~~{Voting—machines.}~~ *Mechanical voting*
5 *systems.*

6 1. The City Council ~~{may}~~ *shall* provide for the use of
7 mechanical or other devices for ~~{voting or}~~ counting the votes
8 ~~{not inconsistent}~~ *in accordance* with ~~{law or}~~ *the election*
9 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
10 State.

11 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
12 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
13 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
14 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*

15 **Sec. 75.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,
16 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1416, is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 5.090 ~~{Voting—machines.}~~ *Mechanical voting*
19 *systems.*

20 1. The City Council ~~{may}~~ *shall* provide for the use of
21 mechanical or other devices for ~~{voting or for}~~ counting the
22 votes ~~{, or both, which are not inconsistent}~~ *in accordance*
23 with the ~~{law or the}~~ *election laws of this State and any*
24 regulations of the Secretary of State.

25 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
26 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
27 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
28 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*

29 **Sec. 76.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite,
30 being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1887, is hereby
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Sec. 5.090 ~~{Voting—machines.}~~ *Mechanical voting*
33 *systems.*

34 1. The City Council ~~{may}~~ *shall* provide for the use of
35 mechanical or other devices for ~~{voting or}~~ counting the votes
36 ~~{not inconsistent}~~ *in accordance* with ~~{law or}~~ *the election*
37 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
38 State.

39 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
40 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
41 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
42 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*



1 **Sec. 77.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Reno,
2 being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1979, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
5 *systems.*

6 1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide for the use of
7 mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting-or]~~ counting the votes
8 ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law-or]~~ *the election*
9 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
10 State.

11 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
12 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
13 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
14 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*

15 **Sec. 78.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
16 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, at page 737, is hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
19 *systems.*

20 1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide for the use of
21 mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting-or]~~ counting the votes
22 ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law-or]~~ *the election*
23 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
24 State.

25 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
26 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
27 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
28 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*

29 **Sec. 79.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Wells,
30 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 470, is hereby
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
33 *systems.*

34 1. The Board of Council Members ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide
35 for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting-or]~~
36 counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law~~
37 ~~or]~~ *the election laws of this State and any* regulations of the
38 Secretary of State.

39 2. *If the Board of Council Members provides for the*
40 *use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such*
41 *provision must be in accordance with the election laws of*
42 *this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.*



1 **Sec. 80.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Yerington,
2 being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 913, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting—machines.]~~ *Mechanical voting*
5 *systems.*

6 1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ *shall* provide for the use of
7 mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes
8 ~~[not inconsistent]~~ *in accordance* with ~~[law or]~~ *the election*
9 *laws of this State and any* regulations of the Secretary of
10 State.

11 2. *If the City Council provides for the use of*
12 *mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must*
13 *be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any*
14 *regulations of the Secretary of State.*

15 **Sec. 81.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
16 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
17 provisions of this act.

18 **Sec. 82.** 1. This section and section 81 of this act become
19 effective upon passage and approval.

20 2. Sections 1 to 80, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

24 (b) On July 1, 2025, for all other purposes.



