

### **Informational Statement**

The information required by NRS 233B.066 is provided below:

**1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.**

NRS 293.124 provides the Secretary of State, as the Chief Officer of Elections for the State of Nevada, the authority to adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of title 24 of NRS. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to codify standards and procedures for various election functions. Specifically requiring a county and city clerk to confirm that polling places in the county or city will comply with certain accessibility requirements; requiring a county clerk to publish certain information relating to certain offices for which candidates are to be nominated at a primary election; revising certain requirements governing certain plans submitted by a county or city clerk relating to the conduct of an election; extending, under certain circumstances, the deadline for a voter who votes by provisional ballot to provide the required identification; establishing a deadline for the submission by the county or city clerk of a list containing certain information relating to ballot drop boxes; revising provisions relating to a plan for ballot drop boxes that are tampered with or rendered inaccessible; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of the public response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

The Office of the Secretary of State solicited comment on the proposed amendment by posting a notice with links to the full text of the proposed amendment to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices website, Secretary of State's website, and Nevada Public Notice website as well as posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations pursuant to NRS 233B. The notices were also distributed through the agencies 'eNotifier' application which sent them to approximately 815 individual email addresses.

All 17 county clerks and registrars were given a copy of all notices and proposed text along with the guidance to distribute to anyone who may be interested.

A workshop was held regarding this regulation on February 2, 2024 and the adoption hearing was held on February 14, 2024. The notices, proposed text, and link to the video of the workshop and adoption hearing are posted at the following website:

<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/elections-regulations>

Written comments received prior to each adoption hearing are available upon request.

There was limited public response about this unique regulation. Comments received generally called for the elimination of all proposed regulations including this one.

**3. The number of persons who: (1) Attended each hearing; (2) Testified at each hearing; and (3) Submitted to the agency written statements.**

Workshop date: February 2, 2024

- (a) Number in attendance: 14
- (b) Number testifying: 14
- (c) Written statements submitted: 47

Adoption Hearing date: February 14, 2024

- (a) Number in attendance: 4
- (b) Number testifying: 2
- (c) Written statements submitted: 6

- 4. For each person identified in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (c), the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing: (1) Name; (2) Telephone number; (3) Business address; (4) Business telephone number; (5) Electronic mail address; and (6) Name of entity or organization represented.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet for details.

- 5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Written comments were not solicited from businesses as the proposed regulation does not affect businesses.

- 6. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

Comments generally called for the regulation to not be moved forward or were questions about the process. Other suggestions conflicted with existing laws. Ultimately it was adopted without change because it provides due dates for plans that had no previous due dates and that will help ensure transparency for the public while clarifying expectations for the county and city election officials.

- 7. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include: (1) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and (2) Both immediate and long-term effects.**

These regulations do not create an economic effect on either Nevada businesses or the public. These regulations relate to the conduct of Nevada elections and, as such, do not create an adverse or beneficial economic impact in either the immediate or long-term.

- 8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

There is no anticipated cost related to the enforcement of the proposed regulation.

- 9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other regulations of another state or government agency.

- 10. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

This regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity.

**11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.

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