SENATE BILL NO. 316—SENATORS FORD, SMITH, ATKINSON, WOODHOUSE, KIHUEN; DENIS, MANENDO, PARKS AND SEGERBLOM

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SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to voter registration. (BDR 24-652)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 3, 18) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material; is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; providing for voter preregistration by certain persons who are 17 years of age; authorizing an elector to register to vote on the day of certain elections and setting forth requirements for such registration; requiring permanent polling places to remain open for certain hours on Sundays during early voting in certain counties; extending the period during which an elector can register to vote; requiring county and city clerks to distribute sample ballots by electronic mail under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, registration for any primary, primary city, general or general city election closes on the third Tuesday before the election. Unless otherwise specified, registration for a recall or special election closes on the third Saturday before the election. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) **Sections 13 and 24** of this





bill extend the period in which a person may register to vote for a primary, primary city, general or general city election until the last day of early voting for the election, which is the Friday before the election. **Sections 13 and 24** also extend the period in which a person may register to vote for all elections except otherwise specified recall and special elections until the fourth day before the election. **Sections 9, 12, 15 and 21** of this bill make conforming changes.

Sections 3 and 18 of this bill authorize an elector to register for a primary, primary city, general or general city election on the day of the election at certain polling places designated by the county clerk or city clerk as a site for registering to vote on election day. To register to vote, an elector must appear at such a site, complete an application to register to vote and provide proof of identity and residence. Upon completion of the application, the elector is deemed registered to vote and may vote in that election only at the polling place at which he or she registered to vote. Sections 5, 7, 8 and 20 of this bill make conforming changes.

Section 2 of this bill authorizes certain persons who are 17 years of age to preregister to vote. **Sections 6 and 17** of this bill make conforming changes.

Existing law sets forth the hours for early voting at a permanent polling place by personal appearance at a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election. (NRS 293.3568, 293C.3568) **Sections 10 and 22** of this bill require that a permanent polling place in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) must remain open for at least 4 hours on any Sunday that falls within the period for early voting.

Under existing law, each county and city clerk must mail a sample ballot to each registered voter in the applicable county or city. (NRS 293.565, 293C.530) **Sections 14 and 25** of this bill require each county and city clerk to distribute a sample ballot by electronic mail to each registered voter who elects to receive sample ballots in that manner. **Sections 4, 16 and 26-31** of this bill make conforming changes.

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

Section 1. Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. Every citizen of the United States who is 17 years of age and has continuously resided in this State for 30 days or more may preregister to vote by any of the means available for a person who is entitled to vote at an election pursuant to NRS 293.485 to register to vote pursuant to this chapter. A person eligible to preregister to vote pursuant to this section is deemed to be preregistered to vote upon the submission of a completed application to preregister.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote on his or her 18th birthday and the county clerk shall issue to the person a voter registration card as described in subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after his or her 18th birthday.





3. The preregistration to vote of a person may be cancelled by any of the means and for any of the reasons for cancelling a registration pursuant to this chapter.

4. The preregistration information of a person may be updated by any of the means for updating the registration

information of a person pursuant to this chapter.

5. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations providing for preregistration to vote pursuant to this section. The regulations:

(a) Must include, without limitation, provisions to ensure that any person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section is

issued a voter registration card; and

(b) Must not require a county clerk to provide to a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section sample ballots or any other voter information provided to registered voters unless the person will be eligible to vote at the election for which the sample ballots or other information is provided.

Sec. 3. 1. Each county clerk shall:

(a) With the approval of the board of county commissioners, designate one or more polling places in the county as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of a primary election or general election.

(b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the county that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).

- (c) Post a list of the locations designated pursuant to paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The county clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.
- 2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote on the day of the primary election or general election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the county clerk of the county where the elector resides.
- 3. To register to vote on the day of the primary election or general election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and





- 1 (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as 2 described in subsections 4 and 5.
 - 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;

- (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (c) A military identification card; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signatures and a physical description or picture of the elector.
- 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residence of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;
 - (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement;
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
- (j) Any other official document which the county clerk, field registrar or other person designated by the county clerk to accept applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines, in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true residential address of the elector.
- 6. An elector who registers pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon the completion of an application to register to vote and the verification of the elector's identity and residency.
- 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section may vote in the primary or general election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote.
 - **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.097 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.097 "Sample ballot" means a document distributed by a county or city clerk upon which is **[printed]** *included* a list of the offices, candidates and ballot questions that will appear on a ballot. The term includes any such document which is **[printed by]**





prepared on a computer [.] and distributed by mail or electronic mail.

- Sec. 5. NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has the right:
 - 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

- (a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of candidates; and
- (b) Accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of candidates.
- 2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place.
 - 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.
- 4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line to vote before 7 p.m. at [his or her] a polling place at which he or she is entitled to vote before 7 p.m. and the voter has not already cast a vote in that election.
- 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another ballot in its place.
 - 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.
- 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and delivered in a timely manner.
- 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting during early voting or on election day.
- 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly, disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or a citizen who is overseas.
- 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and recounting all votes accurately.
- 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.
 - **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081 and 293.3083 and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer [to vote in this State] or a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to section 2 of this act and is subsequently deemed registered, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:
- (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board officer at the polling place:
- (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or





- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517; and
- (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county or city clerk:
- (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.
- → If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the election board officer or clerk may request additional information.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Registers to vote by mail *or preregisters to vote pursuant to section 2 of this act*, and submits with an application to register to vote:
 - (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (c) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;
- (d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
- (e) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.
- 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.





Sec. 7. NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2 and] NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

- 2. [Whenever at any election all the votes of the precinct or district, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers shall close the polls, and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.
- —3.] Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.
- [4.] 3. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this title.
 - **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any registered voters waiting to vote [,] or persons waiting to register to vote, the doors of the polling place must be closed after all such [voters] persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting must continue until those voters have voted.
- 2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the polling place and such admittance will not interfere unduly with the voting [.] or registration.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.356 If a request is made *in person* to vote early by a registered voter [in person,], including, without limitation, a registered voter who registers to vote after the beginning of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the election board shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of a polling place for early voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564 or 293.3572.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3568 1. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary or general election and extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal holidays excepted.
- 2. [The] In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the county clerk:





- (a) Shall include any Sunday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
 - **(b)** *May*:

- (1) Include any federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
- (2) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.
- 3. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the county clerk may:
- (a) Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
- (b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.
- [3.] 4. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:
 - (a) On Monday through Friday:
- (1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- (2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the county clerk so requires.
- (b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- (c) [If] In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, on any Sunday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- (d) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, if the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection [2,] 3, during such hours as the county clerk may establish.
 - **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, the county clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting which may include, without limitation, the clerk's office pursuant to NRS 293.3561.
- 2. The provisions of [subsection] subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 293.3568 do not apply to a temporary polling place. Voting at a temporary branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the county clerk.
- 3. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.
- 4. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by





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

Sec. 12. NRS 293.557 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.557 1. The county clerk may cause to be published once in each of the newspapers circulated in different parts of the county or cause to be published once in a newspaper circulated in the county:

- (a) An alphabetical listing of all registered voters, including the precinct of each voter:
- (1) Within the circulation area of each newspaper if the listing is published in each newspaper circulated in different parts of the county; or
- (2) Within the entire county if the listing is published in only one newspaper in the county; or
- (b) A statement notifying the public that the county clerk will provide an alphabetical listing of the names of all registered voters in the entire county and the precinct of each voter free of charge to any person upon request.
- 2. If the county clerk publishes the list of registered voters, the county clerk must do so:
- (a) Not less than 2 weeks before the [close of registration for any] primary election.
- (b) After each primary election and not less than 2 weeks before the [close of registration for the] ensuing general election.
- 3. The county may not pay more than 10 cents per name for six-point or seven-point type or 15 cents per name for eight-point type or larger to each newspaper publishing the list.
- 4. The list of registered voters, if published, must not be printed in type smaller than six-point.

Sec. 13. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300, registration must close at 5 p.m. on the [third Tuesday] Friday preceding any primary or general election and, except as otherwise provided by specific law, at 5 p.m. on the [third Saturday] fourth day preceding any recall or special election. [, except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.] Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, after the close of registration for an election, no person may register to vote for the election.
- 2. For a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. [during] on the next to last [2 days] day on which registration is open [.] and 5 p.m. on the last day on which registration is open. In a county whose population is less





than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. [during] on the next to last [2 days] day before registration closes if approved by the board of county commissioners.

3. For a general election:

- (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. [during] on the next to last [2 days] day on which registration is open. The office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. on the next to last day on which registration is open if approved by the board of county commissioners.
- (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which registration is open, according to the following schedule:
- (1) On [weekdays] a day other than the last day on which registration is open, until 9 p.m.; [and]
- (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays : and
- (3) On the last day on which registration is open, until 5 p.m.
- 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating:
 - (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
- (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.
- → If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest county in this State.
- (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.
- 5. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered year.
- 6. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary or general election and ending on the **[third Tuesday] Friday** preceding any primary or general election, an elector may register to vote only:
- (a) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or
- (b) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.





- 7. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.
 - Sec. 14. NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, sample ballots must include:
 - (a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;
- (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015, 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;
- (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;
- (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and
 - (e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent.
- 3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment if:
- (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment were not included;
- (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample ballot; and
- (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 4. A registered voter may elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail. If a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic mail pursuant to





the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

- 5. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the county clerk shall cause to be [mailed] distributed by mail or electronic mail, as applicable, to each registered voter in the county [a] the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:
- (a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before mailing! distributing the sample ballots; or
- (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

- [5.] 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [6,] 7, a sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Be [printed] prepared in at least 12-point type; and
- (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice **[printed]** *prepared* in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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

- [6.] 7. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- [7.] 8. The sample ballot [mailed] distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be [printed] prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.
- [8.] 9. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots [mailed] distributed to that person from the county are in large type.
- [9.] 10. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations





to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:

- (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;
- (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and
- (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his or her regularly designated polling place.
- [10.] 11. The cost of [mailing] distributing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.
 - **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.567 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.567 After the close of registration for each primary election but not later than the [Friday preceding] opening of the polls for the primary election and after the close of registration for each general election but not later than the [Friday preceding] opening of the polls for the general election, the county clerk shall ascertain by precinct and district the number of registered voters in the county and their political affiliation, if any, and shall transmit that information to the Secretary of State.
 - **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.780 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.780 1. A person who is entitled to vote shall not vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election. Any person who votes or attempts to vote twice at the same election is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 2. Notice of the provisions of subsection 1 must be given by the county or city clerk as follows:
- (a) [Printed] Stated on all sample ballots [mailed;] distributed by mail or electronic mail;
 - (b) Posted in boldface type at each polling place; and
- (c) Posted in boldface type at the office of the county or city clerk.
 - **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.800 1. A person who, for himself, herself or another person, willfully gives a false answer or answers to questions propounded to the person by the registrar or field registrar of voters relating to the information called for by the application to register to vote, or who willfully falsifies the application in any particular, or





who violates any of the provisions of the election laws of this State or knowingly encourages another person to violate those laws is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

- 2. A public officer or other person, upon whom any duty is imposed by this title, who willfully neglects his or her duty or willfully performs it in such a way as to hinder the objects and purposes of the election laws of this State, except where another penalty is provided, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 3. If the person is a public officer, his or her office is forfeited upon conviction of any offense provided for in subsection 2.
- 4. A person who causes or endeavors to cause his or her name to be registered, knowing that he or she is not an elector or will not be an elector on or before the day of the next ensuing election in the precinct or district in which he or she causes or endeavors to cause the registration to be made, and any other person who induces, aids or abets the person in the commission of either of the acts is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- 5. A field registrar or other person who provides to an elector an application to register to vote and who:
- (a) Knowingly falsifies the application or knowingly causes an application to be falsified;
- (b) Knowingly provides money or other compensation to another for a falsified application; or
- (c) Intentionally fails to submit to the county clerk a completed application,
- → is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- **Sec. 18.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
 - 1. Each city clerk shall:
- (a) With the approval of the governing body of the city, designate one or more polling places in the city as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote on the day of a primary city election or general city election.
- (b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the city that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).
- (c) Post a list of the locations designated pursuant to paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body of the city. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth





business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The city clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.

- 2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote on the day of the primary city election or general city election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the city clerk of the city where the elector resides.
- 3. To register to vote on the day of the primary city election or general city election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
- (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.
- 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;

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- (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (c) A military identification card; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signatures and a physical description or picture of the elector.
- 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residence of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
- 32 (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for 33 electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular 34 telephone or cable television;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;
 - (e) An income tax return;
 - (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement;
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
 - (j) Any other official document which the city clerk, field registrar or other person designated by the city clerk to accept applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines,





in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true residential address of the elector.

- 6. An elector who registers pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon the completion of an application to register to vote and the verification of the elector's identity and residency.
- 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section may vote in the primary city or general city election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote.
- **Sec. 19.** NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2 and] NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
- 2. [Whenever at any election all the votes of the precinct or district, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers shall close the polls and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.
- 3.] Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.
- [4.] 3. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this chapter.
- **Sec. 20.** NRS 293C.297 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.297 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any registered voters waiting to vote [,] or persons waiting to register to vote, the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those [voters] persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting must continue until those voters have voted.
- 2. The officer appointed by the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed to observe or for any other lawful purpose if there is room within the polling place and their admittance will not interfere with the voting [] or registration.
- **Sec. 21.** NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.356

 1. If a request is made *in person* to vote early by a registered voter [in person,], including, without limitation, a registered voter who registers to vote after the beginning of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the city clerk shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk's office and returned to the clerk.





- 2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568, each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in accordance with this section.
- **Sec. 22.** NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3568 1. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary city election or general city election, and extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal holidays excepted.
- 2. [The] In a city located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the city clerk:
- (a) Shall include any Sunday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
 - **(b)** *May*:

(1) Include any Sunday that falls within the period for early

voting by personal appearance.

- (2) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.
- 3. In a city located in a county whose population is less than 100,000, the city clerk may:
- (a) Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.
- (b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.
- [3.] 4. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:
 - (a) On Monday through Friday:
- (1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- (2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the city clerk so requires.
- (b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- (c) [H] In a city in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, on any Sunday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- (d) In a city in a county whose population is less than 100,000, if the city clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection [2,] 3, during such hours as the city clerk may establish.





Sec. 23. NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, the city clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

- 2. The provisions of [subsection] subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 293C.3568 do not apply to a temporary polling place. Voting at a temporary branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the city clerk.
- 3. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.
- 4. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct early voting at that location.

Sec. 24. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,

- 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300, registration must close at 5 p.m. on the [third Tuesday] Friday preceding any primary city election or general city election and , except as otherwise provided by specific law, at 5 p.m. on the [third Saturday] fourth day preceding any recall or special election. [, except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.] Except as otherwise provided in section 18 of this act, after the close of registration for an election, no person may register to vote for the election.
- 2. For a primary city election or special city election, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. [during] on the next to last [2 days] day on which registration is open [.] and 5 p.m. on the last day in which registration is open. In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. on the next to last day before registration closes if approved by the governing body of the city.
 - 3. For a general *city* election:
- (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. [during] on the next to last [2 days] day on which registration is open [.] and 5 p.m. on the last day on which registration is open. The office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. on the next to last day on which registration is open if approved by the governing body of the city.





- (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which registration is open, according to the following schedule:
- (1) On [weekdays] a day other than the last day on which registration is open, until 9 p.m.; [and]
- (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays [...]; and
- (3) On the last day on which registration is open, until 5 p.m.
- 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city indicating:
 - (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
- (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.
- If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city in this State.
- (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.
- 5. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary city election or general city election and ending on the **[third Tuesday]** *Friday* preceding any primary city election or general city election, an elector may register to vote only:
- (a) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520; or
- (b) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- 6. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.
 - **Sec. 25.** NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.530 1. A registered voter may elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail. If a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic mail pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.





- 2. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall cause to be [mailed] distributed by mail or electronic mail, as applicable, to each registered voter in the city [a] the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:
- (a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before [mailing] distributing the sample ballots; or
- (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

- [2.] 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [4,] 5, a sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Be [printed] prepared in at least 12-point type;
- (b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question, including arguments for and against the measure or question, as required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217; and
- (c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice **[printed] prepared** in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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

- [3.] 4. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.
- [4.] 5. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- [5.] 6. The sample ballot [mailed] distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be [printed] prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.
- [6.] 7. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots [mailed] distributed to that person from the city are in large type.





- [7.] 8. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:
 - (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;
- (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and
- (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at the voter's regularly designated polling place.
- [8.] 9. The cost of [mailing] distributing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.
 - Sec. 26. NRS 244A.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 244A.785 1. The board of county commissioners of a county whose population is 700,000 or more may, by ordinance, create one or more districts within the unincorporated area of the county for the support of public parks. Such a district may include territory within the boundary of an incorporated city if so provided by interlocal agreement between the county and the city.
- 2. The ordinance creating a district must specify its boundaries. The area included within the district may be contiguous or noncontiguous. The boundaries set by the ordinance are not affected by later annexations to or incorporation of a city.
- 3. The alteration of the boundaries of such a district may be initiated by:
- (a) A petition proposed unanimously by the owners of the property which is located in the proposed area which was not previously included in the district; or
- (b) A resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners on its own motion.
- → If the board of county commissioners proposes on its own motion to alter the boundaries of a district for the support of public parks, it shall, at the next primary or general election, submit to the registered voters who reside in the proposed area which was not previously included in the district, the question of whether the boundaries of the district shall be altered. If a majority of the voters approve the question, the board shall, by ordinance, alter the boundaries of the district as approved by the voters.





4. The sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 must include for the question described in subsection 3, a disclosure of any future increase or decrease in costs which may be reasonably anticipated in relation to the purposes of the district for the support of public parks and its probable effect on the district's tax rate.

Sec. 27. NRS 266.0325 is hereby amended to read as follows: 266.0325 1. At least 10 days before an election held pursuant to NRS 266.029, the county clerk or registrar of voters shall cause to be [mailed] distributed by mail or electronic mail, as applicable, to each qualified elector a sample ballot for the elector's precinct with a notice informing the elector of the location of the polling place for that precinct.

2. The sample ballot must:

- (a) Be in the form required by NRS 266.032.
- (b) Include the information required by NRS 266.032.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, be **[printed] prepared** in at least 12-point type.
- (d) Describe the area proposed to be incorporated by assessor's parcel maps, existing boundaries of subdivision or parcel maps, identifying visible ground features, extensions of the visible ground features, or by any boundary that coincides with the official boundary of the State, a county, a city, a township, a section or any combination thereof.
- (e) Contain a copy of the map or plat that was submitted with the petition pursuant to NRS 266.019 and depicts the existing dedicated streets, sewer interceptors and outfalls and their proposed extensions.
- (f) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice **[printed] prepared** in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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

- 3. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- 4. The sample ballot [mailed] distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be [printed] prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.





- 5. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots mailed to that person from the county are in large type.
 - **Sec. 28.** NRS 266.034 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 266.034 1. The costs incurred by the board of county commissioners in carrying out the provisions relating to the incorporation, including the costs incurred in certifying the petition, publishing the notices, requesting the report pursuant to NRS 266.0261, conducting the public hearing and election, including the cost of [mailing] distributing the sample ballots, and any appeal pursuant to NRS 266.0265 are a charge against the county if the proposed incorporation is not submitted to the voters or the incorporation is disapproved by the voters, and a charge against the incorporated city if the incorporation is approved by the voters.
- 2. The costs incurred by the incorporators in carrying out the provisions relating to the incorporation, including the costs incurred in preparation of the petition for incorporation, preparation of the descriptions and map of the area proposed to be incorporated and circulation of the petition are chargeable to the incorporated city if the incorporation is approved by the voters.
 - **Sec. 29.** NRS 349.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 349.015 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530, and the notice of election must contain:
 - (a) The time and places of holding the election.
- (b) The hours during the day in which the polls will be open, which must be the same as provided for general elections.
 - (c) The purposes for which the bonds are to be issued.
 - (d) A disclosure of any:
- (1) Future increase or decrease in costs which can reasonably be anticipated in relation to the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued and its probable effect on the tax rate; and
- (2) Requirement relating to the bond question which is imposed pursuant to a court order or state or federal statute and the probable consequences which will result if the bond question is not approved by the voters.
- (e) An estimate of the annual cost to operate, maintain and repair any buildings, structures or other facilities or improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds.
 - (f) The maximum amount of the bonds.
 - (g) The maximum rate of interest.
 - (h) The maximum number of years which the bonds are to run.
- 2. Any election called pursuant to NRS 349.010 to 349.070, inclusive, may be consolidated with a primary or general election.





3. If the election is consolidated with a general election, the notice of election need not set forth the places of holding the election, but may instead state that the places of holding the election will be the same as those provided for the general election.

Sec. 30. NRS 350.024 is hereby amended to read as follows:

350.024 1. The ballot question for a proposal submitted to the electors of a municipality pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 350.020 must contain the principal amount of the general obligations to be issued or incurred, the purpose of the issuance or incurrence of the general obligations and an estimate established by the governing body of:

(a) The duration of the levy of property tax that will be used to

pay the general obligations; and

- (b) The average annual increase, if any, in the amount of property taxes that an owner of a new home with a fair market value of \$100,000 will pay for debt service on the general obligations to be issued or incurred.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and the notice of election must contain:
 - (a) The time and places of holding the election.
- (b) The hours during the day in which the polls will be open, which must be the same as provided for general elections.
 - (c) The ballot question.
- (d) The maximum amount of the obligations, including the anticipated interest, separately stating the total principal, the total anticipated interest and the anticipated interest rate.
- (e) An estimate of the range of property tax rates stated in dollars and cents per \$100 of assessed value necessary to provide for debt service upon the obligations for the dates when they are to be redeemed. The municipality shall, for each such date, furnish an estimate of the assessed value of the property against which the obligations are to be issued or incurred, and the governing body shall estimate the tax rate based upon the assessed value of the property as given in the assessor's estimates.
- 3. If an operating or maintenance rate is proposed in conjunction with the question to issue obligations, the questions may be combined, but the sample ballot and notice of election must each state the tax rate required for the obligations separately from the rate proposed for operation and maintenance.
- 4. Any election called pursuant to NRS 350.020 to 350.070, inclusive, may be consolidated with a primary or general municipal election or a primary or general state election. The notice of election need not set forth the places of holding the election, but may instead





state that the places of holding the election will be the same as those provided for the election with which it is consolidated.

- 5. If the election is a special election, the clerk shall cause notice of the close of registration to be published in a newspaper printed in and having a general circulation in the municipality once in each calendar week for 2 successive calendar weeks next preceding the close of registration for the election.
 - **Sec. 31.** NRS 350.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 350.027 1. In addition to any requirements imposed pursuant to NRS 350.024, any sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and any notice of election, for an election that includes a proposal for the issuance by any municipality of any bonds or other securities, including an election that is not called pursuant to NRS 350.020 to 350.070, inclusive, must contain an estimate of the annual cost to operate, maintain and repair any buildings, structures or other facilities or improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds or other securities.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, "municipality" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 350.538.
- **Sec. 32.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.
 - **Sec. 33.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.





