ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 125–COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS)

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to laws governing elections. (BDR 24-294)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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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; revising deadlines relating to the filing of certain documents before an election; requiring a county or city clerk to verify the identity of a person filing for candidacy; providing for the filing and storage of certain documents by electronic means; revising provisions relating to pupils serving as trainees for the position of election board officer; revising provisions relating to absent ballots; authorizing a county or city clerk to designate centralized voting locations for certain elderly or disabled voters under certain circumstances; revising certain provisions relating to the hours of operation of polling places and certain government offices; providing that certain voting records will be printed on paper only in the event of an election contest or recount; making various changes to election procedures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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



- **Section 1.** NRS 293.1715 is hereby amended to read as
 - 293.1715 1. The names of the candidates for partisan office of a minor political party must not appear on the ballot for a primary
 - 2. The names of the candidates for partisan office of a minor political party must be placed on the ballot for the general election if the party has filed a certificate of existence and a list of its candidates for partisan office pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.1725 with the Secretary of State and:
 - (a) At the last preceding general election, the minor political party polled for any of its candidates for partisan office a number of votes equal to or more than 1 percent of the total number of votes cast for the offices of Representative in Congress;
 - (b) On January 1 preceding a primary election, the minor political party has been designated as the political party on the applications to register to vote of at least 1 percent of the total number of registered voters in this state; or
 - (c) Not later than the second Friday in August preceding the general election, files a petition with the Secretary of State which is signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election for the offices of Representative in Congress.
 - 3. The name of a candidate for partisan office for a minor political party other than a candidate for the office of President or Vice President of the United States must be placed on the ballot for the general election if the party has filed:
 - (a) A certificate of existence;

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- (b) A list of candidates for partisan office containing the name of the candidate pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.1725 with the Secretary of State; and
- (c) Not earlier than the first Monday in May preceding the general election and not later than 5 p.m. on the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May, a petition on behalf of the candidate with the Secretary of State containing not less than:
- (1) Two hundred fifty signatures of registered voters if the candidate is to be nominated for a statewide office; or
- 38 (2) One hundred signatures of registered voters if the candidate is to be nominated for any office except a statewide 39 40 office.
- A minor political party that places names of one or more candidates for partisan office on the ballot pursuant to this subsection may also 43 place the names of one or more candidates for partisan office on the ballot pursuant to subsection 2.



4. The name of only one candidate of each minor political party for each partisan office may appear on the ballot for a general election

- 5. A minor political party must file a copy of the petition required by paragraph (c) of subsection 2 or paragraph (c) of subsection 3 with the Secretary of State before the petition may be circulated for signatures.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.1725 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.1725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a minor political party that wishes to place its candidates for partisan office on the ballot for a general election and:
- (a) Is entitled to do so pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715;
- (b) Files a petition pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715; or

(c) Whose candidates are entitled to appear on the ballot

- pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.1715, must file with the Secretary of State a list of its candidates for partisan office not earlier than the first Monday in May preceding the election nor later than 5 p.m. on the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May. The list must be signed by the person so authorized in the certificate of existence of the minor political party before a notary public or other person authorized to take
- authorized in the certificate of existence of the minor political party before a notary public or other person authorized to take acknowledgments. The Secretary of State shall strike from the list each candidate who is not entitled to appear on the ballot pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.1715 if the minor political party is not entitled to place candidates on the ballot pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715. The list must not be amended after it is filed.
- 2. The Secretary of State shall immediately forward a certified copy of the list of candidates for partisan office of each minor political party to the filing officer with whom each candidate must file his declaration of candidacy.
- 3. Each candidate on the list must file his declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay the fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the date on which the list of candidates for partisan office of his minor political party is filed with the Secretary of State nor later than 5 p.m. on the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May.
- 4. A minor political party that wishes to place candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States on the ballot and has qualified to place the names of its candidates for partisan office on the ballot for the general election pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715 must file with the Secretary of State a certificate of nomination for these offices not later than the first Tuesday in September.



- **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.177 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary election unless the person named has filed a declaration of candidacy or an acceptance of candidacy, and paid the fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the first Monday in May of the year in which the election is to be held nor later than 5 p.m. on the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May.
- 2. A declaration of candidacy or an acceptance of candidacy required to be filed by this section must be in substantially the following form:
 - (a) For partisan office:

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- 3. A person may be a candidate under his given name and surname, a contraction or familiar form of his given name followed by his surname or the initial of his given name followed by his surname. A nickname of not more than 10 letters may be incorporated into a candidate's name. The nickname must be in quotation marks and appear immediately before the candidate's surname. A nickname must not indicate any political, economic, social or religious view or affiliation and must not be the name of any person, living or dead, whose reputation is known on a statewide, nationwide or worldwide basis, or in any other manner deceive a voter regarding the person or principles for which he is voting.
- 4. The address of a candidate which must be included in the declaration of candidacy or acceptance of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street address of the residence where he actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has been assigned. The declaration or acceptance of candidacy must not be accepted for filing if the candidate's address is listed as a post office box unless a street address has not been assigned to his residence.
- 5. Before accepting a declaration of candidacy or an acceptance of candidacy, the county clerk or filing officer, as applicable, shall require the candidate to provide identification, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other official document, indicating the candidate's current address.
- **6.** By filing the declaration or acceptance of candidacy, the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed the filing officer for the office as his agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding pursuant to NRS 293.182. Service of such process must



first be attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration or acceptance of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with the filing officer duplicate copies of the process. The filing officer shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies to the candidate at his specified address, unless the candidate has designated in writing to the filing officer a different address for that purpose, in which case the filing officer shall mail the copy to the last address so designated.

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

293.200 1. An independent candidate for partisan office must file with the appropriate filing officer:

- (a) A copy of the petition of candidacy that he intends to circulate for signatures. The copy must be filed not earlier than the January 2 preceding the date of the election and not later than 25 working days before the last day to file the petition pursuant to subsection 4. The copy must also be filed before the petition may be circulated.
 - (b) Either of the following:

- (1) A petition of candidacy signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of ballots cast in:
- (I) This state for that office at the last preceding general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a statewide office:
- (II) The county for that office at the last preceding general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a county office; or
- (III) The district for that office at the last preceding general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a district office.
- (2) A petition of candidacy signed by 250 registered voters if the candidate is a candidate for statewide office, or signed by 100 registered voters if the candidate is a candidate for any office other than a statewide office.
- 2. The petition may consist of more than one document. Each document must bear the name of the county in which it was circulated and only registered voters of that county may sign the document. If the office is not a statewide office, only the registered voters of the county, district or municipality in question may sign the document. The documents that are circulated for signature in a county must be submitted to that county clerk for verification in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, not later than 25 working days before the last day to file the petition



pursuant to subsection 4. Each person who signs the petition shall add to his signature the address of the place at which he actually resides, the date that he signs the petition and the name of the county where he is registered to vote. The person who circulates each document of the petition shall sign an affidavit attesting that the signatures on the document are genuine to the best of his knowledge and belief and were signed in his presence by persons registered to vote in that county.

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- 3. The petition of candidacy may state the principle, if any, which the person qualified represents.
- 4. Petitions of candidacy must be filed not earlier than the first Monday in May preceding the general election and not later than 5 p.m. on the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May.
- 5. No petition of candidacy may contain the name of more than one candidate for each office to be filled.
- 6. A person may not file as an independent candidate if he is proposing to run as the candidate of a political party.
- 7. The names of independent candidates must be placed on the general election ballot and must not appear on the primary election ballot.
- 8. If the candidacy of any person seeking to qualify pursuant to this section is challenged, all affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday in May. Any judicial proceeding resulting from the challenge must be set for hearing not more than 5 days after the fourth Monday in May.
 - 9. Any challenge pursuant to subsection 8 must be filed with:
- (a) The first judicial district court if the petition of candidacy was filed with the Secretary of State.
- (b) The district court for the county where the petition of candidacy was filed if the petition was filed with a county clerk.
- 10. An independent candidate for partisan office must file a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay the fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the first Monday in May of the year in which the election is held nor later than 5 p.m. on the **[third]** second Friday after the first Monday in May.
- Sec. 5. NRS 293.206 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.206 1. On or before the last day in May of every evennumbered year, the county clerk shall provide the Secretary of State and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau with a copy or *electronic file* of a map showing the boundaries of all election precincts in the county together with a word description of the boundaries of the precincts.
- 2. If the Secretary of State determines that the boundaries of an election precinct do not comply with the provisions of NRS



293.205, he must provide the county clerk with a written statement of noncompliance setting forth the reasons the precinct is not in compliance. Within 15 days after receiving the notice of noncompliance, the county clerk shall make any adjustments to the boundaries of the precinct which are required to bring the precinct into compliance with the provisions of NRS 293.205 and he shall submit a corrected *copy or electronic file of the* precinct map together with a corrected word description of the altered boundaries of the precinct to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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

Sec. 6. NRS 293.208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.208 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 3 and 5 and in NRS 293.206, no election precinct may be created, divided, abolished or consolidated, or the boundaries thereof changed, during the period between the third Wednesday in May of any year whose last digit is 6 and the time when the Legislature has been redistricted in a year whose last digit is 1, unless the creation, division, abolishment or consolidation of the precinct, or the change in boundaries thereof, is:

- (a) Ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (b) Required to meet objections to a precinct by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1971 and 1973 et seq., and any amendments thereto;
 - (c) Required to comply with subsection 2 of NRS 293.205;
 - (d) Required by the incorporation of a new city; or
- (e) Required by the creation of or change in the boundaries of a special district.

As used in this subsection, "special district" means any general improvement district or any other quasi-municipal corporation organized under the local improvement and service district laws of this state as enumerated in title 25 of NRS which is required by law to hold elections or any fire protection district which is required by law to hold elections.



2. If a city annexes an unincorporated area located in the same county as the city and adjacent to the corporate boundary, the annexed area may be included in an election precinct immediately adjacent to it.

- 3. A new election precinct may be established at any time if it lies entirely within the boundaries of any existing precinct.
- 4. If a change in the boundaries of an election precinct is made pursuant to this section during the time specified in subsection 1, the county clerk must:
- (a) Within 15 days after the change to the boundary of a precinct is established by the county clerk or ordered by a court, send to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Secretary of State a copy *or electronic file* of a map showing the new boundaries of the precinct together with a word description of the new boundaries; and
- (b) Maintain in his office an index providing the name of the precinct and describing all changes which were made, including any change in the name of the precinct and the name of any new precinct created within the boundaries of an existing precinct.
- 5. Cities of population categories two and three are exempt from the provisions of subsection 1.
 - **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.2175 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2175 1. The county clerk may appoint a pupil as a trainee for the position of election board officer. To qualify for such an appointment, the pupil must be:
- (a) A United States citizen, a resident of Nevada and a resident of the county in which he serves;
 - (b) Enrolled as a senior in high school; and
- (c) At the time of service, [enrolled in or have completed a high school course in American government in accordance with NRS 389.020; and
- (d) Performing at an academic level deemed acceptable by the principal of the pupil's high school.] at least 17 years of age.
 - 2. The county clerk may only appoint a pupil as a trainee if:
 - (a) The pupil is appointed without party affiliation;
- (b) The county clerk sends the pupil a certificate stating the date and hours *that* the pupil [, upon approval,] will act as *a* trainee;
- (c) At least 20 days before the election in which the pupil will act as *a* trainee, the principal of his high school receives the county clerk's certificate and a written request signed by his parent or guardian to be excused from school for the time specified in the certificate;
- (d) The principal of the high school approves the pupil's request; and



(e) The pupil attends the training class required by NRS 293B.260.

- 3. [The] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the county clerk may assign a trainee such duties as the county clerk deems appropriate. The county clerk shall not [require]:
- (a) Require the trainee to perform those duties later than 10 p.m. or any applicable curfew, whichever is earlier : or
- (b) Assign more than one trainee to serve as an election board officer in any one precinct.
- 4. The county clerk may compensate a trainee for his service at the same rate fixed for election board officers generally.
 - **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.227 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.227 1. Each election board consists of at least three members, one of whom must be designated chairman by the county or city clerk. The boards shall make the records of election required by this chapter.
- 2. The appointment of a trainee as set forth in NRS 293.2175 and 293C.222 may be used to determine the number of members on the election board, but under no circumstances may **[trainees comprise more than one third of the]**:
- (a) The election board of any precinct [or] include more than one trainee; or
 - **(b)** A trainee serve as chairman of the election board.
- 3. The county or city clerk shall conduct or cause to be conducted, at least 5 days before the date of the election for which the boards are appointed, a school to acquaint the chairmen with the election laws, duties of election boards, regulations of the Secretary of State and with the procedure for making the records of election and using the register for election boards. If the person appointed chairman is unable for any reason to attend the school, he shall appoint some other member of his election board to attend the school in his stead.
- 4. The board of county commissioners of any county or the city council of any city may reimburse the chairmen or their designees who attend the school for their travel expenses at a rate not exceeding 10 cents per mile.
 - 5. Each chairman shall instruct his board before election day.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.262 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.262 An absent ballot or a ballot voted by a voter who resides in a mailing precinct must be voted [on]:
 - 1. On a paper ballot [or];
 - 2. On a ballot which is voted by punching a card \square ; or
- 43 3. By any other system approved by the Secretary of State or 44 specifically authorized by law.



- **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.2955 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.2955 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at all times during which a polling place is open, the polling place must:
 - (a) Be accessible to a voter who is elderly or disabled; and
 - (b) Have at least one voting booth that is:

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- (1) Designed to allow a voter in a wheelchair to vote;
- (2) Designated for use by a voter who is elderly or disabled; and
- 10 (3) Equipped to allow a voter who is elderly or disabled to vote with the same privacy as a voter who is not elderly or disabled.
 - 2. A polling place that does not comply with the provisions of subsection 1 may be used if necessary because of a natural disaster, including, without limitation, an earthquake, flood, fire or storm.
 - 3. At each polling place, the county clerk is encouraged to:
 - (a) Post in a conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type, instructions for voting;
 - (b) Provide ballots in alternative audio and visual formats for use by a voter who is elderly or disabled; and
 - (c) Provide, in alternative audio and visual formats for use by a voter who is elderly or disabled, all materials that are:
 - (1) Related to the election; and
 - (2) Made available to a voter in printed form at the polling place.
 - 4. As an alternative to carrying out the functions described in subsection 3, if in the opinion of the county clerk the needs of voters who are elderly or disabled requiring the use of specially equipped voting devices will be best served by placing such devices at centralized voting locations, he may so provide. If the county clerk provides for the placement of specially equipped voting devices at centralized locations, a voter who is elderly or disabled and requires the use of such a device to be able to cast his ballot without assistance may cast his ballot at any centralized voting location designated by the county clerk.
 - **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.313 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.313 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.272 and 293.502, a registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the county clerk may vote an absent ballot as provided in this chapter.
 - 2. A registered voter who:
 - (a) Is at least 65 years of age; or



- (b) Has a physical disability or condition which substantially impairs his ability to go to the polling place, may request an absent ballot for all elections held during the year he requests an absent ballot. [The registered voter must include in his request a description of his physical disability or condition.]
 - 3. As used in this section, "sufficient written notice" means a:
- (a) Written request for an absent ballot which is signed by the registered voter and returned to the county clerk in person or by mail or facsimile machine;
- (b) Form prescribed by the Secretary of State which is completed and signed by the registered voter and returned to the county clerk in person or by mail or facsimile machine; or
 - (c) Form provided by the Federal Government.

- 4. A county clerk shall consider a request from a voter who has given sufficient written notice on a form provided by the Federal Government as a request for both the primary and general elections unless otherwise specified in the request.
- 5. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
 - **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.356 1. If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the county 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. If the ballot is a paper ballot , [or] a ballot which is voted by punching a card [,] or a ballot which is voted by any other system approved by the Secretary of State or specifically authorized by law, the clerk shall follow the same procedure as in the case of absent ballots received by mail.
- 2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293.3568, each county clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of his office for use by registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in accordance with this section.
 - **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3568 1. 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 holidays excepted.
 - 2. The county clerk may:
- (a) Include any Sunday or 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. 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, [from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.] during such hours as the county clerk may establish, but not less than a total of 4 hours.
- (c) If the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as he may establish.
 - **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.3608 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3608 On election day the county clerk shall:
- 1. Ensure that each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting provides a record [printed on paper] of the total number of votes recorded on the device for each candidate and for or against each measure; and
 - 2. Deliver to the central counting place:
- (a) The items sorted and counted pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3604;
- (b) The records [printed on paper] provided pursuant to subsection 1; and
- (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting.
 - **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.391 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge lists, voting receipts, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400, and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The records of voted ballots that are maintained in electronic form must be preserved by the county clerk in such a manner as the county clerk may determine to be reasonably calculated to safeguard those records. The tally lists and pollbooks collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months and all such sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after the



preservation period. A notice of the destruction must be published by the clerk in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county not less than 2 weeks before the destruction.

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- 2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk and preserved for at least the period during which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.
- 3. The pollbooks containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the board of county commissioners are subject to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the county clerk.
- 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material regarding that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, except the voted ballots.
- 5. The voted ballots deposited with the county clerk are not subject to the inspection of anyone, except in cases of contested election, and then only by the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of such judge, body or board.
 - **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:
- 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293.2955, 293.296, 293.313, subsection 1 of NRS 293.315, NRS 293.316 and 293.3165.
- 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.
- 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of an elderly or disabled person, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:
 - (a) Related to elections; and
- (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed form.
 - **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.481 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.481 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or NRS 295.121 or 295.217, every governing body of a political subdivision, public or quasi-public corporation, or other local



agency authorized by law to submit questions to the qualified electors or registered voters of a designated territory, when the governing body decides to submit a question:

- (a) At a general election, shall provide a copy of the question, including an explanation of and arguments for and against the question, to each county clerk within the designated territory on or before the third Monday in July preceding the election.
- (b) At a primary election, shall provide a copy of the question, including an explanation of and arguments for and against the question, to each county clerk within the designated territory on or before the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May preceding the election.
- (c) At any election other than a primary or general election at which the county clerk gives notice of the election or otherwise performs duties in connection therewith other than the registration of electors and the making of records of registered voters available for the election, shall provide a copy of the question, including an explanation of and arguments for and against the question, to each county clerk at least 60 days before the election.
- (d) At any city election at which the city clerk gives notice of the election or otherwise performs duties in connection therewith, shall provide a copy of the question, including an explanation of and arguments for and against the question, to the city clerk at least 60 days before the election.
- 2. A question may be submitted after the dates specified in subsection 1 if the question is expressly privileged or required to be submitted pursuant to the provisions of Article 19 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, or pursuant to the provisions of chapter 295 of NRS or any other statute except NRS 293.482, 354.59817, 354.5982, 387.3285 or 387.3287 or any statute that authorizes the governing body to issue bonds upon the approval of the voters.
- 3. A county or city clerk may charge any political subdivision, public or quasi-public corporation or other local agency which submits a question a reasonable fee sufficient to pay for the increased costs incurred in including the question, explanation and arguments on the ballot.
 - **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.518 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 39 293.518 1. At the time an elector registers to vote he must 40 indicate:
 - (a) His political party affiliation; or
 - (b) That he is not affiliated with a political party.
- 43 An elector who indicates that he is "independent" shall be deemed 44 not affiliated with a political party.



2. If an elector indicates that he is not affiliated with a political party, or that he is independent, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall list the elector's political party as nonpartisan.

- 3. If an elector indicates an affiliation with a major political party or a minor political party that has filed a certificate of existence with the Secretary of State, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall list the elector's political party as indicated by the elector.
- 4. If an elector indicates an affiliation with a minor political party that has not filed a certificate of existence with the Secretary of State, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall:
- (a) List the elector's political party as the party indicated in the application to register to vote.
- (b) When compiling data related to voter registration for the county, report the elector's political party as "other party."
- 5. If an elector does not make any of the indications described in subsection 1, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall:
 - (a) List the elector's political party as nonpartisan; and
- (b) Mail to the elector a notice setting forth that the elector has been registered to vote as a nonpartisan because the elector did not make any of the indications described in subsection 1.
 - **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, a person may register to vote by mailing an application to register to vote to the county clerk of the county in which he resides. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall make the applications available at various public places in the county. An application to register to vote may be used to correct information in the registrar of voters' register.
- 2. An application to register to vote which is mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For the purposes of this section, an application which is personally delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned by mail.
 - 3. The applicant must complete and sign the application.
- 4. The county clerk shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the application is complete.
- 5. If he determines that the application is complete, he shall, within 10 days after he receives the application, mail to the applicant:



(a) A notice informing him that he is registered to vote and a voter registration card as required by subsection 6 of NRS 293.517; or

(b) A notice informing him that the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.

The applicant shall be deemed to be registered or to have corrected the information in the register as of the date the application is postmarked or personally delivered.

- 6. [Iff Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, if the county clerk determines that the application is not complete, he shall, as soon as possible, mail a notice to the applicant informing him that additional information is required to complete the application. If the applicant provides the information requested by the county clerk within 15 days after the county clerk mails the notice, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after he receives the information, mail to the applicant:
- (a) A notice informing him that he is registered to vote and a voter registration card as required by subsection 6 of NRS 293.517; or
- (b) A notice informing him that the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.

The applicant shall be deemed to be registered or to have corrected the information in the register as of the date the application is postmarked or personally delivered. If the applicant does not provide the additional information within the prescribed period, the application is void.

7. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form for an application to register to vote by mail which must be used to register to vote by mail in this state. The application to register to vote by mail must include a notice in at least 10-point type which states:

NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to register to vote to the County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your completed application to another person to return to the County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver the application to the County Clerk, you will not be registered to vote. Please retain the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to register to vote.

8. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, the county clerk shall not register a person to vote pursuant to this section unless that person has provided all of the information required by the application.



9. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices required pursuant to subsections 5 and 6. If the postcard is returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person's current residence is other than that indicated on his application to register to vote in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530.

- 10. A person who, by mail, registers to vote pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the application to register to vote by any other person. The application must include the mailing address and signature of the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the information required by this subsection will not result in the application being deemed incomplete.
- 11. An application to register to vote must be made available to all persons, regardless of political party affiliation.
- 12. An application must not be altered or otherwise defaced after the applicant has completed and signed it. An application must be mailed or delivered in person to the office of the county clerk within 10 days after it is completed.
- 13. A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of subsection 10, 11 or 12 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 23 14. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out 24 the provisions of this section.
 - **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, registration must close at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding any primary or general election and at 9 p.m. on the third Saturday 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 at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding the day of the elections.
 - 2. The offices of the county clerk and other ex officio registrars must be open [from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the office of the county elerk must also be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.,] for at least 11 hours per day, including Saturdays, during the last days before the close of registration, according to the following schedule:
 - (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, those offices must be open during the last 3 days before registration closes.
 - (b) In all other counties, those offices must be open during the last 5 days before registration closes.
 - 3. 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 to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating the day that registration will be closed. 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.
- 4. The offices of the county clerk and other ex officio registrars may remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered year.
- **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of registration and [5 days before] the election, the county clerk shall:
- (a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer, prepare for each precinct or district a binder containing in alphabetical order the original applications to register to vote of the electors in the precinct or district. The binder constitutes the election board register.
- (b) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, have printed and placed in a binder for each precinct or district a computer listing in alphabetical order of the applications to register to vote of the electors in the precinct or district. The binder constitutes the election board register.
- 2. Each election board register must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county or city clerk to an election officer of the proper precinct or district before the opening of the polls.
 - **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, sample ballots must include:
- (a) The fiscal note, as provided pursuant to NRS 218.443 or 293.250, for each proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure:
- (b) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218.443, of each proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure, including arguments for and against it; and
 - (c) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 2. 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.
- 3. At least 10 days before any election, the county clerk shall cause to be mailed to each registered voter in the county a sample ballot for his precinct with a notice informing the voter of the location of his 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 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

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

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

- 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.
- 6. The sample ballot mailed 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 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his 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 ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his regularly designated polling place.
- 9. The cost of mailing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.
- **Sec. 23.** NRS 293B.084 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293B.084 A mechanical recording device which directly records votes electronically must:
- 1. Bear a number which identifies that mechanical recording device.
 - 2. Be equipped with a storage device which:
 - (a) Stores the ballots voted on the mechanical recording device;
- (b) Can be removed from the mechanical recording device for the purpose of transporting the ballots stored therein to a central counting place; and
 - (c) Bears the same number as the mechanical recording device.
- 3. Be designed in such a manner that voted ballots may be stored within the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to subsection 2 at the same time.
- 4. [Provide] Be capable of providing a record printed on paper of:
 - (a) Each ballot voted on the mechanical recording device; and
- (b) The total number of votes recorded on the mechanical recording device for each candidate and for or against each measure.
 - Sec. 24. NRS 293B.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293B.265 1. A member of an election board shall not serve in any election at which a mechanical voting system is used unless he has received instruction and is fully qualified to perform his duties in connection with the system.
- 2. NRS 293B.220 to [293B.280,] 293B.283, inclusive, do not prevent the appointment and service of a member of an election board to fill a vacancy in an emergency.



Sec. 25. NRS 293B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293B.400 [The]

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if a recount is demanded pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.403 or if an election is contested pursuant to NRS 293.407, the county or city clerk shall ensure that each mechanical recording device which directly [records] recorded votes electronically for the applicable election provides a record printed on paper of each ballot voted on that device. [as required by paragraph (a) of subsection 4 of NRS 293B.084 not later than 10 days after the election. The]
- 2. In carrying out the requirements of this section, the county or city clerk shall [collect]:
- (a) Print only the records required for the recount or contest; and
- (b) Collect those records and deposit them in the vaults of the county clerk pursuant to NRS 293.391.
- **Sec. 26.** NRS 293C.185 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.190, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary city election, unless the person named has filed a declaration of candidacy or an acceptance of candidacy and paid the fee established by the governing body of the city not earlier than 70 days before the primary city election and not later than 5 p.m. on the 60th day before the primary city election.
- 2. A declaration of candidacy required to be filed by this section must be in substantially the following form:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF	FOR THE
OFFICE OF	

State of Nevada

City of



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; and 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

3. A person may be a candidate under his given name and surname, a contraction or familiar form of his given name followed by his surname or the initial of his given name followed by his surname. A nickname of not more than 10 letters may be incorporated into a candidate's name. The nickname must be in quotation marks and appear immediately before the candidate's surname. A nickname must not indicate any political, economic, social or religious view or affiliation and must not be the name of any person, living or dead, whose reputation is known on a statewide, nationwide or worldwide basis, or in any other manner

voting.

4. The address of a candidate that must be included in the declaration or acceptance of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street address of the residence where he actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has been assigned. The declaration or acceptance of

deceive a voter concerning the person or principles for which he is

candidacy must not be accepted for filing if the candidate's address is listed as a post office box unless a street address has not been assigned to his residence.



5. Before accepting a declaration of candidacy or an acceptance of candidacy, the city clerk shall require the candidate to provide identification, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other official document, indicating the candidate's current address.

- 6. By filing the declaration or acceptance of candidacy, the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed the city clerk as his agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding pursuant to NRS 293C.186. Service of such process must first be attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration or acceptance of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with the city clerk duplicate copies of the process. The city clerk shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies to the candidate at his specified address, unless the candidate has designated in writing to the city clerk a different address for that purpose, in which case the city clerk shall mail the copy to the last address so designated.
- **Sec. 27.** NRS 293C.222 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.222 1. The city clerk may appoint a pupil as a trainee for the position of election board officer. To qualify for such an appointment, the pupil must be:
- (a) A United States citizen, a resident of Nevada and a resident of the city in which he serves;
 - (b) Enrolled as a senior in high school; *and*
- (c) At the time of service, [enrolled in or have completed a high school course in American government in accordance with NRS 389.020; and
- (d) Performing at an academic level deemed acceptable by the principal of the pupil's high school.] at least 17 years of age.
 - 2. The city clerk may only appoint a pupil as a trainee if:
 - (a) The pupil is appointed without party affiliation;
- (b) The city clerk sends the pupil a certificate stating the date and hours *that* the pupil [, upon approval,] will act as a trainee;
- (c) At least 20 days before the election in which the pupil will act as a trainee, the principal of his high school receives the city clerk's certificate and a written request signed by his parent or guardian to be excused from school for the time specified in the certificate;
- (d) The principal of the high school approves the pupil's request; and
- 42 (e) The pupil attends the training class required by 43 NRS 293B.260.



- 3. [The] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the city clerk may assign a trainee such duties as the city clerk deems appropriate. The city clerk shall not [require]:
- (a) Require the trainee to perform those duties later than 10 p.m., or any applicable curfew, whichever is earlier [.]; or
- (b) Assign more than one trainee to serve as an election board officer in any one precinct.
- 4. The city clerk may compensate a trainee for his service at the same rate fixed for election board officers generally.
- **Sec. 28.** NRS 293C.281 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.281 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at all times during which a polling place is open, the polling place must:
 - (a) Be accessible to a voter who is elderly or disabled; and
 - (b) Have at least one voting booth that is:

- (1) Designed to allow a voter in a wheelchair to vote;
- (2) Designated for use by a voter who is elderly or disabled; and
- (3) Equipped to allow a voter who is elderly or disabled to vote with the same privacy as a voter who is not elderly or disabled.
- 2. A polling place that does not comply with the provisions of subsection 1 may be used if necessary because of a natural disaster, including, without limitation, an earthquake, flood, fire or storm.
 - 3. At each polling place, the city clerk is encouraged to:
- (a) Post in a conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type, instructions for voting;
- (b) Provide ballots in alternative audio and visual formats for use by a voter who is elderly or disabled; and
- (c) Provide, in alternative audio and visual formats for use by a voter who is elderly or disabled, all materials that are:
 - (1) Related to the election; and
- (2) Made available to a voter in printed form at the polling place.
- 4. As an alternative to carrying out the functions described in subsection 3, if in the opinion of the city clerk the needs of voters who are elderly or disabled requiring the use of specially equipped voting devices will be best served by placing such devices at centralized voting locations, he may so provide. If the city clerk provides for the placement of specially equipped voting devices at centralized locations, a voter who is elderly or disabled and requires the use of such a device to be able to cast his ballot without assistance may cast his ballot at any centralized voting location designated by the city clerk.

- **Sec. 29.** NRS 293C.310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502 and 293C.265, a registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the city clerk may vote an absent ballot as provided in this chapter.
 - 2. A registered voter who:

- (a) Is at least 65 years of age; or
- (b) Has a physical disability or condition that substantially impairs his ability to go to the polling place,
- may request an absent ballot for all elections held during the year he requests an absent ballot. [The registered voter must include in his request a description of his physical disability or condition.]
 - 3. As used in this section, "sufficient written notice" means a:
- (a) Written request for an absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter and returned to the city clerk in person or by mail or facsimile machine;
- (b) Form prescribed by the Secretary of State that is completed and signed by the registered voter and returned to the city clerk in person or by mail or facsimile machine; or
 - (c) Form provided by the Federal Government.
- 4. A city clerk shall consider a request from a voter who has given sufficient written notice on a form provided by the Federal Government as a request for the primary city election and the general city election unless otherwise specified in the request.
- 5. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person. A person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- **Sec. 30.** NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3568 1. 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 holidays excepted.
 - 2. The city clerk may:
- (a) Include any Sunday or 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. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:



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- (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, from [10 a.m. until 6 p.m.] during such hours as the city clerk may establish, but not less than a total of 4 hours.
- (c) If the city clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as he may establish.

Sec. 31. NRS 293C.390 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.390 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge lists, voting receipts, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400, and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk. The records of voted ballots that are maintained in electronic form must be preserved by the city clerk in such a manner as the city clerk may determine to be reasonably calculated to safeguard those records. The tally lists and pollbooks collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months and all such sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after that period. A notice of the destruction must be published by the city clerk in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the city, or if no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city, not less than 2 weeks before the destruction of the materials.

- 2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk and preserved for at least the period during which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.
- 3. The pollbooks containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the governing body of the city are subject to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the city clerk.
- 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material relating to that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, except the voted ballots.



5. The voted ballots deposited with the city clerk are not subject to the inspection of any person, except in a contested election, and only by the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of the judge, body or board.

- **Sec. 32.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, registration must close at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding any primary city election or general city election and at 9 p.m. on the third Saturday 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 at 9 p.m. on the fifth Saturday preceding the day of the elections.
- 2. The offices of the city and county clerk and other ex officio registrars must be open [from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the offices of the city and county clerk must also be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.,] for at least 11 hours per day, including Saturdays, during the last days before the close of registration before a primary city election or general city election, according to the following schedule:
- (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, those offices must be open during the last 3 days before registration closes.
- (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, those offices must be open during the last 5 days before registration closes.
- 3. 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 to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city indicating the day that registration will be closed. 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.
- **Sec. 33.** NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.530 1. At least 10 days before an election, the city clerk shall cause to be mailed to each registered voter in the city a sample ballot for his precinct with a notice informing the voter of the location of his 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 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. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a sample ballot required to be mailed pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Be printed in at least 12-point type; and
- (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice printed 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 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 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.
- 5. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots mailed to that person from the city are in large type.
- 6. 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 polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his 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 ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his regularly designated polling place.
- 7. The cost of mailing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.



- **Sec. 34.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:
- 1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.281, 293C.282, 293C.310, subsection 1 of NRS 293C.312, NRS 293C.317 and 293C.318.
- 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.
- 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of an elderly or disabled person, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:
 - (a) Related to elections; and

- (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed form.
 - **Sec. 35.** NRS 295.121 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 295.121 1. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, for each *county-wide* initiative, referendum or other question to be placed on the ballot by the board , [or county clerk,] including, without limitation, pursuant to NRS 293.482, 295.115 or 295.160, the board shall, in consultation with the county clerk pursuant to subsection 4, appoint two committees. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, one committee must be composed of three persons who favor approval by the voters of the initiative, referendum or other question and the other committee must be composed of three persons who oppose approval by the voters of the initiative, referendum or other question.
- 2. If, after consulting with the county clerk pursuant to subsection 4, the board is unable to appoint three persons who are willing to serve on a committee, the board may appoint fewer than three persons to that committee, but the board must appoint at least one person to each committee appointed pursuant to this section.
- 3. With respect to a committee appointed pursuant to this section:
- (a) A person may not serve simultaneously on the committee that favors approval by the voters of an initiative, referendum or other question and the committee that opposes approval by the voters of that initiative, referendum or other question.
 - (b) Members of the committee serve without compensation.



- (c) The term of office for each member commences upon appointment and expires upon the publication of the sample ballot containing the initiative, referendum or other question.
- 4. Before the board appoints a committee pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall:
- (a) Recommend to the board persons to be appointed to the committee; and
 - (b) Consider recommending pursuant to paragraph (a):

- (1) Any person who has expressed an interest in serving on the committee; and
- (2) A person who is a member of an organization that has expressed an interest in having a member of the organization serve on the committee.
- 5. If the board of a county whose population is 100,000 or more fails to appoint a committee as required pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall appoint the committee.
 - 6. A committee appointed pursuant to this section:
 - (a) Shall elect a chairman for the committee;
- (b) Shall meet and conduct its affairs as necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section;
 - (c) May seek and consider comments from the general public;
- (d) Shall, based on whether the members were appointed to advocate or oppose approval by the voters of the initiative, referendum or other question, prepare an argument either advocating or opposing approval by the voters of the initiative, referendum or other question;
- (e) Shall prepare a rebuttal to the argument prepared by the other committee appointed pursuant to this section; and
- (f) Shall submit the argument and rebuttal prepared pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) to the county clerk not later than the date prescribed by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 7.
- 7. The county clerk of a county whose population is 100,000 or more shall provide, by rule or regulation:
- (a) The maximum permissible length of an argument or rebuttal prepared pursuant to this section; and
- (b) The date by which an argument or rebuttal prepared pursuant to this section must be submitted by the committee to the county clerk.
- 8. Upon receipt of an argument or rebuttal prepared pursuant to this section, the county clerk:
- (a) May consult with persons who are generally recognized by a national or statewide organization as having expertise in the field or area to which the initiative, referendum or other question pertains; and



(b) Shall reject each statement in the argument or rebuttal that he believes is libelous or factually inaccurate.

- Not later than 5 days after the county clerk rejects a statement pursuant to this subsection, the committee may appeal that rejection to the district attorney. The district attorney shall review the statement and the reasons for its rejection and may receive evidence, documentary or testimonial, to aid him in his decision. Not later than 3 business days after the appeal by the committee, the district attorney shall issue his decision rejecting or accepting the statement. The decision of the district attorney is a final decision for the purposes of judicial review.
- 9. The county clerk shall place in the sample ballot provided to the registered voters of the county each argument and rebuttal prepared pursuant to this section, containing all statements that were not rejected pursuant to subsection 8. The county clerk may revise the language submitted by the committee so that it is clear, concise and suitable for incorporation in the sample ballot, but shall not alter the meaning or effect without the consent of the committee.
 - 10. In a county whose population is less than 100,000:
 - (a) The board may appoint committees pursuant to this section.
- (b) If the board appoints committees pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall provide for rules or regulations pursuant to subsection 7.
- 11. The provisions of chapter 241 of NRS do not apply to any consultations, deliberations, hearings or meetings conducted pursuant to this section.
- **Sec. 36.** NRS 318.09525 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 318.09525 1. Any person residing within a district who is otherwise qualified to vote at general elections in this state may register to vote in district elections by appearing before the county clerk or registrar of voters of the county in which the district is located and completing an application to register to vote in accordance with the general election laws of this state. Registration for a district election which is not held simultaneously with a general election must close at 5 p.m. of the fifth Friday preceding the district election and registration offices must be open [from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,] for at least 11 hours per day, excluding Saturdays, during the last days before the close of registration. If a person residing within a district is otherwise registered to vote, new registration for district elections is not required.
- 2. The county clerk or registrar of voters shall, at the expense of the district, prepare and maintain a list of all registered voters residing within the district. The county clerk or registrar of voters is entitled to receive on behalf of the county the sum of 15 cents for



each registration placed on the list. All money so received must be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county.

3. Whenever a district election is required the county clerk or registrar of voters shall submit the current list, showing all persons who are registered to vote in that election, to the election officers who are charged with the duty of conducting the required election.

Sec. 37. NRS 349.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

349.017 1. If the bond question is submitted at a general election, no notice of registration of electors is required other than that required by the laws for a general election.

- 2. If the bond question is submitted at a special election, the clerk of each county shall cause to be published, at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks by two weekly insertions a week apart, the first publication to be not more than 50 days nor less than 42 days next preceding the election, in a newspaper published within the county, if any is so published, and having a general circulation therein, a notice signed by him to the effect that registration for the special election will be closed on a date designated therein, as provided in this section.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the office of the county clerk in each county of this state must be open for such a special election, from 9 a.m. to 12 m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, for the registration of any qualified elector.
- 4. The office of the county clerk must be open [from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.] for at least 11 hours per day on Monday through Saturday, with Sundays and any legal holidays excepted, during the last days of registration as provided in subsection 2 of NRS 293.560 and subsection 2 of NRS 293C.527.
- 5. The office of the county clerk must be open for registration of voters for such a special election up to but excluding the 30th day next preceding that election and during regular office hours.

Sec. 38. NRS 474.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

474.005 1. Any person residing within a county fire protection district who is otherwise qualified to vote at general elections in this state may register to vote in the biennial elections and other elections of the district by appearing before the county clerk or registrar of voters of the county in which the district is located and completing an application to register to vote in accordance with the general election laws of this state. Registration for a district election which is not held simultaneously with a general election must close at 5 p.m. of the fifth Friday preceding the district election and registration offices must be open [from a.m. to 5 p.m.,] for at least 11 hours per day, excluding Saturdays, during the last days before the close of registration. If a person



residing within a district is otherwise registered to vote, new registration for district elections is not required.

- 2. The county clerk or registrar of voters shall, at the expense of the district, prepare and maintain a list of all registered voters residing within the district. The county clerk or registrar of voters is entitled to receive on behalf of the county reimbursement for the actual costs of conducting the district's election. All money so received must be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county.
- **Sec. 39.** Section 7 of the Moapa Valley Water District Act, being chapter 477, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 218, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 991, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 7. 1. Unless otherwise required for purposes of an election to incur an indebtedness, the Registrar of Voters of Clark County shall conduct, supervise and, by ordinance, regulate all district elections in accordance, as nearly as practicable, with the general election laws of the State, including, but not limited to, laws relating to the time of opening and closing of polls, the manner of conducting the election, the canvassing, announcement and certification of results, and the preparation and disposition of ballots.
 - 2. A candidate for election to the Board shall file a declaration of candidacy with the Registrar of Voters of Clark County. The declaration of candidacy must be filed not earlier than the first Monday in May of the year in which the election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the [third] second Friday after the first Monday in May of that year. Timely filing of such a declaration is a prerequisite to election.
 - 3. Each member of the Board must be elected by a plurality of the registered voters voting in the election area which the member represents. If there are two seats upon the Board to be filled at the same election, each of which represents the same election area, the two candidates therefor receiving the highest number of votes, respectively, are elected.
 - 4. If a member of the Board is unopposed in seeking reelection, the Board may declare that member elected without a formal election, but that member must not participate in the declaration.
 - 5. If no person files candidacy for election to a particular seat upon the Board, the seat must be filled in the manner of filling a vacancy.



1 **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.337, 293B.280 and 293C.337 are hereby 2 repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

293.337 Registered voter not receiving absent ballot after application may vote in person on receipt of certificate. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit any registered voter who has applied for, but not received, an absent ballot from communicating that fact to the county clerk, receiving a certificate so stating and voting in person on election day in the manner provided by NRS 293.277.

293B.280 Testing of mechanical recording devices by members of election board. Before the polls are open for election, the members of the election board shall test every mechanical recording device by fully voting on it with an unofficial ballot.

293C.337 Registered voter not receiving absent ballot after application may vote in person on receipt of certificate. The provisions of this chapter do not prohibit any registered voter who has applied for, but not received, an absent ballot from communicating that fact to the city clerk, receiving a certificate so stating and voting in person on election day in the manner provided in NRS 293C.270.



