

SENATE BILL NO. 301—SENATORS SETTELMAYER AND HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-898)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 47, 48, 52, 54, 55, 57) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; establishing procedures for the use of mail ballots in every election; revising the deadline for counting mail ballots; requiring the Secretary of State to establish a uniform set of procedures that must be used by election officials to verify the signature of a registered voter; making the registrar of voters an elected office; repealing provisions relating to absent ballots, mailing ballots and elections affected by certain emergencies or disasters; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes a registered voter to request an absent ballot to vote at
2 an election and sets forth various requirements and procedures to be used for absent
3 ballots. (NRS 293.3088-293.340, 293C.304-293C.340) Existing law also provides
4 that a county or city clerk may designate certain election precincts as mailing
5 precincts or absent ballot mailing precincts and all registered voters who live in
6 such election precincts are mailed a mailing ballot and may vote by mailing ballot.
7 (NRS 293.343-293.355, 293C.342-293C.352) Existing law further provides that for
8 elections affected by certain disasters or emergencies, the county and city clerks are
9 required to mail each active registered voter a mail ballot and sets forth
10 requirements and procedures to be used for mail ballots. (NRS 293.88801-
11 293.8887) **Section 84** of this bill repeals these existing provisions for absent
12 ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots. **Sections 2-15 and 47-59** of this bill: (1)
13 require the county and city clerks to send each active registered voter a mail ballot
14 for all elections; (2) reenact, with certain changes, various requirements relating to



15 the preparation and distribution of mail ballots and procedures for voting, returning,
16 verifying and counting mail ballots.

17 Existing law requires absent ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots to be
18 delivered by hand or to a ballot box before the time set for the close of the polls or
19 mailed and postmarked on or before the day of the election, and received by the
20 county clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh day following the election. (NRS
21 293.317, 293.8861, 293C.319) **Sections 8 and 52** of this bill revise the existing
22 deadlines for when a mail ballot may be received to require the mail ballot to be
23 received by 5 p.m. on the day before the election, regardless of whether the ballot is
24 delivered by hand, delivered to a ballot box or mailed to the county clerk.

25 Existing law allows a voter who has failed to affix his or her signature on an
26 absent ballot, mailing ballot or mail ballot or for whom there is a reasonable
27 question of fact as to whether the signature used for the ballot matches the voter's
28 signature, to provide a signature or confirmation not later than 5 p.m. on the
29 seventh day following an election or the ninth day following an affected election.
30 (NRS 293.325, 293.355, 293.8874, 293C.325, 293C.352) **Sections 11 and 55**
31 revise this deadline to require a voter to provide a signature or confirmation by
32 5 p.m. on the day before the election.

33 **Sections 5 and 49** revise the deadline for certain voters who are required to
34 provide identification with a mail ballot from 5 p.m. on the third day following the
35 election to 5 p.m. on the day before the election.

36 **Sections 9 and 53** revise the deadline for certain persons who return the ballot
37 of a voter to require the ballot to be returned: (1) by the third day of receipt if the
38 ballot was received five or more days before the election; and (2) by 5 p.m. on
39 the day before the election, if the ballot was received four or less days before the
40 election.

41 Existing law requires the election board to complete the count of all absent
42 ballots on or before the seventh day following the election and the ninth day
43 following an affected election. (NRS 293.333, 293.8881, 293C.332) **Sections 13**
44 **and 57** revise this deadline to require the election board to complete the count of all
45 mail ballots by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the election.

46 **Sections 17, 18, 22-26, 28-38, 40-45, 60-63, 65-74, 76 and 77** of this bill make
47 conforming changes to revise references to absent ballots, mailing ballots and mail
48 ballots for affected elections.

49 Existing law requires election officials to verify the signature of a registered
50 voter: (1) on certain petitions, including a petition for initiative or referendum, a
51 petition of candidacy, a petition to qualify a major or minor political party and a
52 petition for the recall of a public officer; (2) on an absent ballot, mailing ballot or
53 mail ballot; or (3) when the registered voter applies to vote in person at a polling
54 place. (NRS 293.1276-293.1279, 293.277, 293.325, 293.355, 293.3585, 293.8874,
55 293C.270, 293C.325, 295.260) **Section 16** of this bill requires the Secretary of
56 State to prescribe a uniform set of procedures for signature verification that must be
57 used when a county clerk, city clerk, election board officer, other elections official
58 or any employee thereof is required to verify the signature of a registered voter: (1)
59 on any such petition; (2) on an absent ballot, mailing ballot or mail ballot; or (3)
60 when the registered voter applies to vote in person at a polling place. The
61 procedures must require that a natural person verify the signature and must not
62 allow for the use of a computer or machine to verify the signature.

63 **Sections 19, 20, 27, 64 and 75** of this bill make conforming changes to existing
64 provisions relating to signature verification.

65 Existing law authorizes a county having a population of 100,000 or more
66 (currently Clark County and Washoe County) to create the office of registrar of
67 voters and make appointments to the office. (NRS 244.164) **Sections 78 and 81** of
68 this bill require, instead, the registrar of voters to be elected, beginning with the



69 general election of 2022. **Sections 21, 39, 79 and 80** of this bill make conforming
70 changes related to making the registrar of voters an elected office.

71 **Section 82** of this bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to the Clark County Registrar of
72 Voters to obtain a larger central location for counting ballots for the 2022 general
73 election and to provide additional personnel to assist the Registrar of Voters in
74 carrying out his or her duties in the 2022 general election.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Mail ballot” means a mail ballot distributed to an*
5 *active registered voter pursuant to the provisions of sections 3 to*
6 *15, inclusive, of this act, or sections 47 to 59, inclusive, of this act.*

7 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*
8 *county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered*
9 *voter in the county, a mail ballot for every election. The county*
10 *clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the*
11 *mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including,*
12 *without limitation, by providing, upon request, the absent ballot in*
13 *12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.*

14 **2.** *The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any*
15 *person who registers to vote for the election pursuant to the*
16 *provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.*

17 **3.** *The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and*
18 *measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.*

19 **4.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the mail*
20 *ballot must be distributed to:*

21 (a) *Each active registered voter who:*

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

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

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

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



1 6. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail
2 ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section
3 is moot and of no effect.

4 **Sec. 4. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and
5 chapter 293D of NRS, the county clerk shall send to each active
6 registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the
7 Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created
8 by the United States Postal Service is properly placed:

9 (a) A mail ballot;

10 (b) A return envelope;

11 (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted
12 to ensure its secrecy;

13 (d) An identification envelope, if applicable; and

14 (e) Instructions.

15 2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the
16 county clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to
17 an address of the voter that is different from the address to which
18 the mail ballot is mailed.

19 3. The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-
20 class mail if the active registered voter is within the boundaries of
21 the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military
22 base.

23 4. Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter,
24 the county clerk shall record:

25 (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;

26 (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his
27 or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,
28 unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;

29 (c) The number of the mail ballot; and

30 (d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

31 **Sec. 5. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a
32 person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or
33 preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently
34 deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously
35 voted in any election for federal office in this State, the county
36 clerk must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of
37 the information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
38 293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.

39 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person
40 who:

41 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to
42 vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be
43 registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to
44 preregister or register to vote:

45 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or



1 (2) *A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,*
2 *paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including*
3 *a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but*
4 *not including a voter registration card;*

5 (b) *Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his*
6 *or her application to register to vote a driver's license number or*
7 *at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a*
8 *state or local election official has matched that information with*
9 *an existing identification record bearing the same number, name*
10 *and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;*

11 (c) *Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757,*
12 *inclusive, and at that time presents to the Department of Motor*
13 *Vehicles:*

14 (1) *A copy of a current and valid photo identification;*

15 (2) *A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,*
16 *paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including*
17 *a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but*
18 *not including a voter registration card; or*

19 (3) *A driver's license number or at least the last four digits*
20 *of his or her social security number, if a state or local election*
21 *official has matched that information with an existing*
22 *identification record bearing the same number, name and date of*
23 *birth as provided by the person in the application;*

24 (d) *Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
25 *293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee*
26 *Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;*

27 (e) *Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person*
28 *pursuant to the provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the*
29 *Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;* or

30 (f) *Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the*
31 *provisions of any other federal law.*

32 3. *If a person fails to provide the identification required*
33 *pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with*
34 *his or her mail ballot:*

35 (a) *The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and*

36 (b) *The county clerk must:*

37 (1) *Contact the person;*

38 (2) *Allow the person to provide the identification required*
39 *before 5 p.m. on the day before the election; and*

40 (3) *If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b)*
41 *of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail*
42 *ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting*
43 *board.*



1 **Sec. 6. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this*
2 *act and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the*
3 *voter must, in accordance with the instructions:*

4 (i) *Mark and fold the mail ballot;*

5 (ii) *Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the*
6 *return envelope;*

7 (iii) *Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the*
8 *space provided for the signature; and*

9 (iv) *Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized*
10 *by law.*

11 **2.** *Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS,*
12 *voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon*
13 *the mail ballot as prepared pursuant to section 4 of this act, and*
14 *no person may write in the name of an additional candidate for*
15 *any office.*

16 **3.** *If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote*
17 *in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a*
18 *polling place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to*
19 *complying with all other requirements for voting in person that*
20 *are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or*
21 *sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not*
22 *voted during the election. A person who receives a surrendered*
23 *mail ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."*

24 **Sec. 7. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, a*
25 *person shall not mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of a voter*
26 *or assist a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to the*
27 *provisions of sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this act.*

28 **2.** *At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is*
29 *at least 65 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may*
30 *mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the*
31 *voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to this section.*

32 **3.** *If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a*
33 *voter pursuant to this section, the person must:*

34 (i) *Indicate next to his or her signature that the mail ballot*
35 *has been marked and signed on behalf of the voter; and*

36 (ii) *Submit a written statement with the mail ballot that*
37 *includes the name, address and signature of the person.*

38 **4.** *If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot*
39 *pursuant to this section, the person or the voter must submit a*
40 *written statement with the mail ballot that includes the name,*
41 *address and signature of the person who provided the assistance.*

42 **Sec. 8. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and*
43 *chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for*
44 *any election, the mail ballot must be:*



1 (a) *Delivered by hand to the county clerk by not later than*
2 *5 p.m. on the day before the elections;*

3 (b) *Delivered to any ballot drop box established in the city by*
4 *not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election; or*

5 (c) *Mailed to the county clerk and received by the clerk not*
6 *later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election.*

7 2. *Each county clerk must establish at least one location in*
8 *the county for a ballot drop box where mail ballots can be*
9 *delivered by hand and collected during the period for early voting*
10 *and on election day.*

11 3. *A ballot drop box must be:*

12 (a) *Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of*
13 *sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail*
14 *ballots; and*

15 (b) *Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots*
16 *and being locked.*

17 4. *A ballot drop box must be:*

18 (a) *Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the*
19 *office of the county clerk or a polling place in the county; and*

20 (b) *Made available for use during the hours when the office of*
21 *the county clerk, or the polling place is open for business or*
22 *voting, as applicable.*

23 **Sec. 9. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at*
24 *the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or*
25 *on behalf of the voter, a person authorized by the voter may return*
26 *the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery*
27 *to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the*
28 *county, pursuant to section 8 of this act.*

29 2. *Except for an election board officer in the course of the*
30 *election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:*

31 (a) *Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a*
32 *voter's mail ballot;*

33 (b) *Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or*

34 (c) *If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and*
35 *authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by*
36 *mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless*
37 *otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:*

38 (1) *Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt,*
39 *if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter five or more*
40 *days before the day of the election; or*

41 (2) *By 5 p.m. on the day before the election, if the person*
42 *receives the mail ballot from the voter four or fewer days before*
43 *the day of the election.*



1 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is
2 *guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in*
3 *NRS 193.130.*

4 **Sec. 10.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in section 16 of*
5 *this act, the county clerk shall establish procedures for the*
6 *processing and counting of mail ballots.*

7 2. *The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1 must*
8 *not conflict with the provisions of sections 2 to 15, inclusive, of*
9 *this act.*

10 **Sec. 11.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*
11 *when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the*
12 *county clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot*
13 *record for the election, the county clerk or an employee in the*
14 *office of the county clerk shall check the signature used for the*
15 *mail ballot using the procedures established by the Secretary of*
16 *State pursuant to section 16 of this act.*

17 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if the clerk*
18 *determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*
19 *clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place*
20 *the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely*
21 *locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk*
22 *shall deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting*
23 *board to be processed and prepared for counting.*

24 3. *If the clerk determines when checking the signature used*
25 *for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature*
26 *or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail*
27 *ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether*
28 *the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*
29 *voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*
30 *clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures*
31 *to provide a signature or a confirmation that the signature used*
32 *for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail*
33 *ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a signature or a*
34 *confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the day*
35 *before the election.*

36 4. *The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed*
37 *to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the manner*
38 *required by law for the mail ballot, or for whom there is a*
39 *reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for*
40 *the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:*

41 (a) *Contact the voter;*

42 (b) *Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation*
43 *that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as*
44 *applicable; and*



1 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as
2 applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot
3 central counting board.

4 5. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 4 for
5 contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as
6 soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:

7 (a) Mail;

8 (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available
9 in the records of the clerk; and

10 (c) Electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with
11 sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.

12 **Sec. 12. 1.** The county clerk shall appoint a mail ballot
13 central counting board for the election.

14 2. The clerk shall appoint and notify voters to act as election
15 board officers for the mail ballot central counting board in such
16 numbers as the clerk determines to be required by the volume of
17 mail ballots required to be sent to each active registered voter in
18 the county, for the election. The voters appointed as election board
19 officers for the mail ballot central counting board must not all be
20 of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or
21 election or a relative of a candidate within the second degree of
22 consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as such an election
23 board officer.

24 3. The clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with
25 elections shall be deemed officers of the mail ballot central
26 counting board.

27 4. The mail ballot central counting board is under the
28 direction of the clerk.

29 **Sec. 13. 1.** The mail ballot central counting board may
30 begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of
31 the election. The board must complete the count of all mail ballots
32 on or before 11:59 p.m. on the night of the election. The counting
33 procedure must be public.

34 2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to
35 present the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside.
36 If a majority of the inspectors are of the opinion that the mail
37 ballots folded together were voted by one person, the mail ballots
38 must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be
39 written the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed
40 by an election board officer and placed in the container or ballot
41 box after the count is completed.

42 **Sec. 14.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,
43 each mail ballot central counting board shall process the mail
44 ballots in the following manner:



1 1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope,
2 must be checked as if the voter were voting in person;

3 2. If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast a
4 mail ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on
5 the mail ballot and return envelope compared, the number strip or
6 stub detached from the mail ballot and, if the numbers are the
7 same, the mail ballot must be counted;

8 3. An election board officer shall indicate in the roster
9 "Voted" by the name of the voter; and

10 4. When all mail ballots delivered to the board have been
11 voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,
12 the empty envelopes and the envelopes containing rejected mail
13 ballots must be returned to the clerk. On all envelopes containing
14 rejected mail ballots, the cause of rejection must be noted and the
15 envelope signed by an election board officer.

16 **Sec. 15.** 1. The voting results of the mail ballot vote in each
17 precinct must be certified and submitted to the county clerk, who
18 shall have the results added to the votes of the precinct that were
19 not cast by mail ballot. The returns of the mail ballot vote must be
20 reported separately from the other votes that were not cast by mail
21 ballot in the precinct unless reporting the returns separately would
22 violate the secrecy of a voter's ballot.

23 2. The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each
24 mail ballot is kept secret.

25 3. No voting results of mail ballots may be released until all
26 polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of
27 the election. Any person who disseminates to the public in any way
28 information pertaining to the count of mail ballots before all
29 polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of
30 the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.

31 **Sec. 16.** 1. The Secretary of State shall prescribe a uniform
32 set of procedures for signature verification that must be used when
33 a county clerk, city clerk, election board officer, other elections
34 official or an employee thereof is required to verify the signature
35 of a registered voter:

36 (a) On any petition that is verified pursuant to NRS 293.1276
37 to 293.1279, inclusive;

38 (b) When a registered voter applies to vote in person at any
39 polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for
40 early voting; and

41 (c) On a mail ballot.

42 2. The procedures prescribed by the Secretary of State
43 pursuant to subsection 1:

44 (a) Must require that a natural person verify the signature;
45 and



1 *(b) Must not allow for the use of a computer or machine to*
2 *verify the signature.*

3 *3. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulations*
4 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

5 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
7 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.013 to 293.121,
8 inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
9 them in those sections.

10 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.093 "Regular votes" means the votes cast by registered
12 voters, except votes cast by:

13 1. ~~[An absent]~~ *A mail* ballot;

14 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,
15 inclusive; or

16 3. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
17 inclusive.

18 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total
20 number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100
21 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare
22 the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so
23 notify the county clerks. After the notification, each of the county
24 clerks shall determine the number of registered voters who have
25 signed the documents submitted in the county clerk's county and, in
26 the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a
27 constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the
28 number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully
29 contained within the county clerk's county. This determination must
30 be completed within 9 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
31 holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding
32 a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified
33 pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109 or 306.110, within 20
34 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the
35 notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition
36 containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to
37 NRS 306.035, and within 3 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
38 holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding
39 a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified
40 pursuant to NRS 293.172 or 293.200. For the purpose of verification
41 pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall not include in his or
42 her tally of total signatures any signature included in the incorrect
43 petition district.

44 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, if more
45 than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted to a



1 county clerk, the county clerk shall examine the signatures by
2 sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of
3 signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every
4 signature which has been submitted to the county clerk is given an
5 equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must
6 include an examination of:

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

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

11 ↪ If documents were submitted to the county clerk for more than
12 one petition district wholly contained within that county, a separate
13 random sample must be performed for each petition district.

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

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

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

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

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

38 5. In determining from the records of registration the number
39 of registered voters who signed the documents, the county clerk
40 ~~[may]~~ **shall** use the ~~[signatures contained in the file of applications~~
41 ~~to register to vote. If the county clerk uses that file, the county clerk~~
42 ~~shall ensure that every application in the file is examined, including~~
43 ~~any application in his or her possession which may not yet be~~
44 ~~entered into the county clerk's records. Except as otherwise~~
45 ~~provided in subsection 6, the county clerk shall rely only on the~~



1 ~~appearance of the signature and the address and date included with~~
2 ~~each signature in making his or her determination.]~~ *procedures*
3 *established by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 16 of this*
4 *act when examining the signatures of the registered voters for*
5 *verification.*

6 6. ~~¶¶:~~

7 ~~—(a) Pursuant to NRS 293.506, a county clerk establishes a~~
8 ~~system to allow persons to register to vote by computer;~~

9 ~~—(b) A person registers to vote using the system established by~~
10 ~~the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671;~~

11 ~~—(c) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and~~
12 ~~signs his or her application to register to vote using a digital~~
13 ~~signature or an electronic signature; or~~

14 ~~—(d) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742,~~
15 ~~→ the county clerk may rely on such other indicia as prescribed by~~
16 ~~the Secretary of State in making his or her determination.~~

17 ~~—7.]~~ In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum
18 proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, when
19 the county clerk is determining the number of registered voters who
20 signed the documents from each petition district contained fully or
21 partially within the county clerk's county, he or she must use the
22 statewide voter registration list available pursuant to NRS 293.675.

23 ~~¶8.]~~ 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~¶10.]~~ 9,
24 upon completing the examination, the county clerk shall
25 immediately attach to the documents a certificate properly dated,
26 showing the result of the examination, including the tally of
27 signatures by petition district, if required, and transmit the
28 documents with the certificate to the Secretary of State. In the case
29 of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional
30 amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises
31 more than one county, the appropriate county clerks shall comply
32 with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to
33 this section to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate
34 must be filed in the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits
35 the certificate to the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify
36 the Secretary of State of the number of requests to remove a name
37 received by the county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant
38 to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a
39 statewide office, if applicable.

40 ~~¶9.]~~ 8. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk
41 which is required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.172,
42 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to
43 witness the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the
44 subject of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the
45 verification of the signatures on the petition.



~~10.1~~ 9. For any petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200, 306.035 or 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.

~~11.1~~ 10. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish further procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 20. NRS 293.1279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1279 1. If the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures filed is 90 percent or more, but less than the sum of 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient plus the total number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerks pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, if applicable, the Secretary of State shall order the county clerks to examine the signatures for verification. The county clerks shall examine the signatures for verification until they determine that 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient are valid. If the county clerks received a request to remove a name pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, if applicable, the county clerks may not determine that 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient are valid until they have removed each name as requested pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures filed in any county is 90 percent or more but less than the sum of 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to constitute 10 percent of the number of voters who voted at the last preceding general election in that county plus the total number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk in that county pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, if applicable, the Secretary of State may order the county clerk in that county to examine every signature for verification. If the county clerk received a request to remove a name pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, if applicable, the county clerk may not determine that 100 percent or more of the number of signatures of registered voters needed to constitute 10 percent of the number of voters who voted at the last preceding general election in that county



1 are valid until the county clerk has removed each name as requested
2 pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015. In the case of a petition for
3 initiative or referendum that proposes a constitutional amendment or
4 statewide measure, if the statistical sampling shows that the number
5 of valid signatures in any petition district is 90 percent or more but
6 less than the sum of 100 percent of the number of signatures of
7 registered voters required for that petition district pursuant to NRS
8 295.012 plus the total number of requests to remove a name
9 received by the county clerk or county clerks, if the petition district
10 comprises more than one county, pursuant to NRS 295.055, the
11 Secretary of State may order a county clerk to examine every
12 signature for verification.

13 3. After the receipt of such an order, the county clerk or county
14 clerks shall determine from the records of registration what number
15 of registered voters have signed the petition and, if appropriate, tally
16 those signatures by petition district. This determination must be
17 completed within 12 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
18 holidays, after the receipt of an order regarding a petition containing
19 signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS
20 293.128, 295.056, 298.109 or 306.110, or pursuant to NRS 306.035
21 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office,
22 and within 5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after
23 the receipt of an order regarding a petition containing signatures
24 which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.172 or
25 293.200. If necessary, the board of county commissioners shall
26 allow the county clerk additional assistants for examining the
27 signatures and provide for their compensation. In determining from
28 the records of registration what number of registered voters have
29 signed the petition and in determining in which petition district the
30 voters reside, the county clerk must use the statewide voter
31 registration list. The county clerk ~~may rely on the appearance of the~~
32 ~~signature~~ shall use the procedures established by the Secretary of
33 State pursuant to section 16 of this act when verifying the
34 signatures and may rely on the address and date included with each
35 signature in determining the number of registered voters that signed
36 the petition.

37 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, upon
38 completing the examination, the county clerk or county clerks shall
39 immediately attach to the documents of the petition an amended
40 certificate, properly dated, showing the result of the examination
41 and shall immediately forward the documents with the amended
42 certificate to the Secretary of State. A copy of the amended
43 certificate must be filed in the county clerk's office. In the case of a
44 petition for initiative or referendum to propose a constitutional
45 amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises



1 more than one county, the county clerks shall comply with the
2 regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section
3 to complete the amended certificate.

4 5. For any petition containing signatures which are required to
5 be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200, 306.035 or
6 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one
7 county, the county clerk shall not forward to the Secretary of State
8 the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.

9 6. Except for a petition to recall a county, district or municipal
10 officer, the petition shall be deemed filed with the Secretary of State
11 as of the date on which the Secretary of State receives certificates
12 from the county clerks showing the petition to be signed by the
13 requisite number of voters of the State.

14 7. If the amended certificates received from all county clerks
15 by the Secretary of State establish that the petition is still
16 insufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the
17 petitioners and the county clerks. If the petition is a petition to recall
18 a county, district or municipal officer, the Secretary of State shall
19 also notify the filing officer with whom the petition is to be filed.

20 8. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out
21 the provisions of this section.

22 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.186 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.186 The Secretary of State and each county clerk, or the
24 registrar of voters of the county if ~~{one was appointed}~~ *the office*
25 *has been created* pursuant to NRS 244.164, or city clerk who
26 receives from a candidate for public office a declaration of
27 candidacy shall give to the candidate:

28 1. If the candidate is a candidate for judicial office, the form
29 prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the
30 making of a financial disclosure statement;

31 2. If the candidate is not a candidate for judicial office and is
32 required to file electronically the financial disclosure statement,
33 access to the electronic form prescribed by the Secretary of State; or

34 3. If the candidate is not a candidate for judicial office, is
35 required to submit the financial disclosure statement electronically
36 and has submitted an affidavit to the Secretary of State pursuant to
37 NRS 281.572, the form prescribed by the Secretary of State,

38 ↗ accompanied by instructions on how to complete the form and
39 the time by which it must be filed.

40 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293.206 1. On or before the last day in March of every even-
42 numbered year, the county clerk shall provide the Secretary of State
43 and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau with a copy or
44 electronic file of a map showing the boundaries of all election
45 precincts in the county.



1 2. If the Secretary of State determines that the boundaries of an
2 election precinct do not comply with the provisions of NRS
3 293.205, the Secretary of State must provide the county clerk with a
4 written statement of noncompliance setting forth the reasons the
5 precinct is not in compliance. Within 15 days after receiving the
6 notice of noncompliance, the county clerk shall make any
7 adjustments to the boundaries of the precinct which are required to
8 bring the precinct into compliance with the provisions of NRS
9 293.205 and shall submit a corrected copy or electronic file of the
10 precinct map to the Secretary of State and the Director of the
11 Legislative Counsel Bureau.

12 3. If the initial or corrected election precinct map is not filed as
13 required pursuant to this section or the county clerk fails to make the
14 necessary changes to the boundaries of an election precinct pursuant
15 to subsection 2, the Secretary of State may establish appropriate
16 precinct boundaries in compliance with the provisions of NRS
17 293.205 to ~~[293.213,]~~ **293.210**, inclusive. If the Secretary of State
18 revises the map pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State
19 shall submit a copy or electronic file of the revised map to the
20 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the appropriate
21 county clerk.

22 4. As used in this section, "electronic file" includes, without
23 limitation, an electronic data file of a geographic information
24 system.

25 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.217 1. The county clerk of each county shall appoint and
27 notify registered voters to act as election board officers for the
28 various polling places in the county as provided in NRS 293.220 to
29 ~~[293.243,]~~ **293.227**, inclusive, and ~~[293.384.]~~ **section 12 of this act.**
30 The registered voters appointed as election board officers for any
31 polling place must not all be of the same political party. No
32 candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate
33 within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be
34 appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election
35 board officers are appointed, if requested by the county clerk, the
36 sheriff shall:

37 (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county
38 and for the central election board or the ~~[absent]~~ **mail** ballot central
39 counting board; or

40 (b) Deputize as a deputy sheriff for the election an election
41 board officer of each polling place in the county and for the central
42 election board or the ~~[absent]~~ **mail** ballot central counting board.
43 The deputized officer shall receive no additional compensation for
44 services rendered as a deputy sheriff during the election for which
45 the officer is deputized.



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

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

5 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of
7 NRS, the Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the
8 election laws of this State, prescribe:

9 (a) The form of all ballots, ~~absent~~ mail ballots, diagrams,
10 sample ballots, certificates, notices, declarations, applications to
11 preregister and register to vote, lists, applications, registers, rosters,
12 statements and abstracts required by the election laws of this State.

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

14 (1) A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using
15 a computer to register voters and to keep records of registration.

16 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
17 to NRS 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.

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

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

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

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

32 4. The fiscal note for, explanation of, arguments for and
33 against, and rebuttals to such arguments of each proposed
34 constitutional amendment or statewide measure must be included on
35 all sample ballots.

36 5. The condensations and explanations for constitutional
37 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or
38 referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon
39 consultation with the Attorney General. The arguments and rebuttals
40 for or against constitutional amendments and statewide measures
41 proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared in the
42 manner set forth in NRS 293.252. The fiscal notes for constitutional
43 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or
44 referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon
45 consultation with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative



1 Counsel Bureau. The condensations, explanations, arguments,
2 rebuttals and fiscal notes must be in easily understood language and
3 of reasonable length, and whenever feasible must be completed by
4 August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held. The
5 explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a
6 concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to
7 the constitutional amendment or statewide measure and a summary
8 of how the constitutional amendment or statewide measure adds to,
9 changes or repeals such existing laws. For a constitutional
10 amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates, increases
11 or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of
12 the digest must include a statement that the constitutional
13 amendment or statewide measure creates, generates, increases or
14 decreases, as applicable, public revenue.

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

18 7. A county clerk:

19 (a) May divide paper ballots into two sheets in a manner which
20 provides a clear understanding and grouping of all measures and
21 candidates.

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

24 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.2693 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.2693 If a county or city uses paper ballots, including,
26 without limitation, for ~~[absent] mail~~ ballots, ~~[and ballots voted in a~~
27 ~~mailing precinct,]~~ the county or city clerk shall provide a voter
28 education program specific to the voting system used by the county
29 or city. The voter education program must include, without
30 limitation, information concerning the effect of overvoting and the
31 procedures for correcting a vote on a ballot before it is cast and
32 counted and for obtaining a replacement ballot.

33 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and
35 in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or
36 computer to vote shall, for the first election in which the person
37 votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or
38 she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is
39 registered to vote.

40 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:

41 (a) ~~Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.343~~
42 ~~to 293.355, inclusive;~~

43 ~~—(b)~~ Is entitled to vote ~~[an absent]~~ a ballot *otherwise than in*
44 *person* pursuant to federal law ~~[, NRS 293.316]~~ or chapter 293D of
45 NRS;



1 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Is disabled;
2 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person
3 pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
4 Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;

5 ~~[(e) Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an
6 absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary
7 public or other person authorized to administer an oath;~~

8 ~~— (f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the county
9 clerk; or~~

10 ~~— (g) or~~

11 (d) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of ~~[NRS
12 293.8847]~~ *sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this act* and includes a
13 copy of the information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of
14 subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if
15 required pursuant to NRS 293.8851.

16 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283,
18 293.541 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, if a person's name
19 appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation
20 pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote and must
21 sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or
22 she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election
23 board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the
24 person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of
25 identification listed in subsection 2 ~~[(f)]~~ *using the procedures
26 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 16 of this
27 act.*

28 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of
29 identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at
30 the polling place are:

- 31 (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
32 (b) A driver's license;
33 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
34 Vehicles;
35 (d) A military identification card; or
36 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
37 agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description
38 or picture.

39 3. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by
40 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted
41 in that county in the current election.

42 **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.3625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.3625 The county clerk shall make a record of the receipt at
44 the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport
45 official ballots pursuant to NRS 293.304, ~~[293.325,]~~ 293B.330 and



1 293B.335. The record must include the numbers indicated on the
2 container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293.462.

3 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.363 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected election~~
5 ~~that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,~~
6 ~~inclusive.]~~

7 1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare
8 to count the ballots voted. The counting procedure must be public
9 and continue without adjournment until completed.

10 2. If the ballots are paper ballots, the counting board shall
11 prepare in the following manner:

12 (a) The container that holds the ballots or the ballot box must be
13 opened and the ballots contained therein counted by the counting
14 board and opened far enough to ascertain whether each ballot is
15 single. If two or more ballots are found folded together to present
16 the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside until the
17 count of the ballots is completed. If a majority of the inspectors are
18 of the opinion that the ballots folded together were voted by one
19 person, the ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon
20 which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope
21 must be signed by the counting board officers and placed in the
22 container or ballot box after the count is completed.

23 (b) If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed in
24 number the number of names as are indicated on the roster as having
25 voted, the ballots must be replaced in the container or box, and a
26 counting board officer, with his or her back turned to the container
27 or box, shall draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The
28 excess ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words
29 "Excess ballots not counted." The ballots when so marked must be
30 immediately sealed in an envelope and returned to the county clerk
31 with the other ballots rejected for any cause.

32 (c) When it has been ascertained that the number of ballots
33 agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have
34 voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy
35 between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of
36 the discrepancy must be made.

37 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected election~~
39 ~~that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,~~
40 ~~inclusive.] in section 13 of this act,~~ no counting board in any
41 precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used
42 may commence to count the votes until all ballots used or unused
43 are accounted for.



Sec. 31. NRS 293.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.387 1. As soon as the returns from all the precincts and districts in any county have been received by the board of county commissioners, the board shall meet and canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the 10th day following the election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

2. In making its canvass, the board shall:

(a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and

(b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result declared represents the true vote cast.

3. The county clerk shall, as soon as the result is declared, enter upon the records of the board an abstract of the result, which must contain the number of votes cast for each candidate. The board, after making the abstract, shall cause the county clerk to certify the abstract and, by an order made and entered in the minutes of its proceedings, to make:

(a) A copy of the certified abstract; and

(b) A mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State,

and transmit them to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th day following the election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

4. The Secretary of State shall, immediately after any primary election, compile the returns for all candidates voted for in more than one county. The Secretary of State shall make out and file in his or her office an abstract thereof, and shall certify to the county clerk of each county the name of each person nominated, and the name of the office for which the person is nominated.

Sec. 32. NRS 293.393 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.393 1. On or before the 10th day after any general election or any other election at which votes are cast for any United States Senator, Representative in Congress, member of the Legislature or any state officer who is elected statewide , ~~for, if applicable, on or before the 13th day after an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,]~~ the board of county commissioners shall open the returns of votes cast and make abstracts of the votes.

2. Abstracts of votes must be prepared in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulation.

3. The county clerk shall make out a certificate of election to each of the persons having the highest number of votes for the district, county and township offices.



1 4. Each certificate must be delivered to the person elected upon
2 application at the office of the county clerk.

3 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.462 1. Each container used to transport official ballots
5 pursuant to NRS 293.304, ~~[293.325,]~~ 293B.330 and 293B.335 must:

6 (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and

7 (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure
8 detection of any opening of the container.

9 2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for
10 identification.

11 **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a
13 county to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory
14 deadline in a particular election, the county clerk shall, as soon as
15 practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:

16 (a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in a
17 newspaper of general circulation in the county; and

18 (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered
19 voter who ~~[requested an absent voter's]~~ *received a mail* ballot for
20 the election and has not returned the *mail* ballot before the date on
21 which the notice will be transmitted.

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

24 (a) In a county whose population is 47,500 or more, on at least 3
25 successive days.

26 (b) In a county whose population is less than 47,500, at least
27 twice in successive issues of the newspaper.

28 **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.4688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.4688 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that:

30 (a) All public information that is included on the Internet
31 website required pursuant to NRS 293.4687 is accessible on a
32 mobile device; and

33 (b) A person may use a mobile device to submit any information
34 or form related to elections that a person may otherwise submit
35 electronically to the Secretary of State, including, without limitation,
36 an application to preregister or register to vote ~~[, a request for an~~
37 ~~absent ballot]~~ and a request for a military-overseas ballot.

38 2. As used in this section:

39 (a) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in
40 NRS 293D.050.

41 (b) "Mobile device" includes, without limitation, a smartphone
42 or a tablet computer.

43 **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:



1 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant
2 to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3
3 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach
4 members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions
5 of NRS 293.2955, 293.296 ~~[, 293.313, 293.316 and 293.3165.]~~ and
6 *section 3 of this act.*

7 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information
8 concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or
9 register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for
10 use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without
11 limitation, providing such information through a
12 telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is
13 deaf.

14 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a
15 person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format
16 that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:

17 (a) Related to elections; and

18 (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed
19 form.

20 **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.5002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.5002 1. The Secretary of State shall establish procedures
22 to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued
23 pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive, to:

24 (a) Preregister or register to vote; and

25 (b) Vote by ~~absent~~ *mail* ballot,

26 ↪ without revealing the confidential address of the person.

27 2. In addition to establishing appropriate procedures or
28 developing forms pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State
29 shall develop a form to allow a person for whom a fictitious address
30 has been issued to preregister or register to vote or to change the
31 address of the person's current preregistration or registration, as
32 applicable. The form must include:

33 (a) A section that contains the confidential address of the
34 person; and

35 (b) A section that contains the fictitious address of the person.

36 3. Upon receiving a completed form from a person for whom a
37 fictitious address has been issued, the Secretary of State shall:

38 (a) On the portion of the form that contains the fictitious address
39 of the person, indicate the county and precinct in which the person
40 will vote and forward this portion of the form to the appropriate
41 county clerk; and

42 (b) File the portion of the form that contains the confidential
43 address.



1 4. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any request~~
2 ~~received by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 shall be~~
3 ~~deemed a request for a permanent absent ballot.~~

4 —5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

5 (a) The Secretary of State and each county clerk shall keep the
6 portion of the form developed pursuant to subsection 2 that he or
7 she retains separate from other applications for preregistration or
8 registration.

9 (b) The county clerk shall not make the name, confidential
10 address or fictitious address of the person who has been issued a
11 fictitious address available for:

12 (1) Inspection or copying; or

13 (2) Inclusion in any list that is made available for public
14 inspection,

15 ↪ unless directed to do so by lawful order of a court of competent
16 jurisdiction.

17 **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293.502 1. An elector:

19 (a) Who complies with the requirements for registration set forth
20 in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52
21 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

22 (b) Who, not more than 60 days before an election:

23 (1) Is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States
24 or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is discharged from
25 the Armed Forces; or

26 (2) Is separated from employment outside the territorial
27 limits of the United States or is the spouse or dependent of an
28 elector who is separated from employment outside the territorial
29 limits of the United States;

30 (c) Who presents evidence of the discharge from the Armed
31 Forces or separation from employment described in paragraph (b) to
32 the county clerk; and

33 (d) Is not registered to vote at the close of registration for that
34 election,

35 ↪ must be allowed to register to vote in the election.

36 2. Such an elector must:

37 (a) Register in person; and

38 (b) Vote in the office of the county clerk unless the elector is
39 otherwise entitled to vote ~~[an absent ballot]~~ *otherwise than in*
40 *person* pursuant to federal law.

41 3. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out a
42 program of registration for such electors.



1 **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.503 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.503 1. The county clerk of each county where ~~is~~ *the*
3 *office of* registrar of voters has not been ~~appointed~~ *created*
4 pursuant to NRS 244.164:

5 (a) Is ex officio county registrar and registrar for all precincts
6 within the county.

7 (b) Shall have the custody of all books, documents and papers
8 pertaining to preregistration or registration provided for in this
9 chapter.

10 2. All books, documents and papers pertaining to
11 preregistration or registration are official records of the office of the
12 county clerk.

13 3. The county clerk shall maintain records of any program or
14 activity that is conducted within the county to ensure the accuracy
15 and currency of the registrar of voters' register for not less than 2
16 years after creation. The records must include the names and
17 addresses of any person to whom a notice is mailed pursuant to NRS
18 293.5235, 293.530, or 293.535 and whether the person responded to
19 the notice.

20 4. Any program or activity that is conducted within the county
21 for the purpose of removing the name of each person who is
22 ineligible to vote in the county from the registrar of voters' register
23 must be complete not later than 90 days before the next primary or
24 general election.

25 5. Except as otherwise provided by subsection 6, all records
26 maintained by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 3 must be
27 available for public inspection.

28 6. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115, any
29 information relating to where a person preregisters or registers to
30 vote must remain confidential and is not available for public
31 inspection. Such information may only be used by an election
32 officer for purposes related to preregistration and registration.

33 **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration
35 of a person or the registration of a voter if:

36 (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district
37 attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that
38 information in the application to preregister or register to vote
39 concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is
40 fraudulent;

41 (b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to
42 subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to
43 subsection 3; and

44 (c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory proof of
45 identity and residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.



1 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county
2 clerk shall notify the person or voter by registered or certified mail,
3 return receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to
4 subsection 1. The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation.
5 Unless the person or voter, within 15 days after the return receipt
6 has been filed in the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory
7 proof of identity and residence to the county clerk, the county clerk
8 shall cancel the person's preregistration or the voter's registration,
9 as applicable.

10 3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to
11 provide the notice required by subsection 2 to a registered voter, the
12 county clerk shall execute an affidavit of cancellation and file the
13 affidavit of cancellation with the registrar of voters' register and:

14 (a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by
15 computer, the county clerk shall attach a copy of the affidavit of
16 cancellation in the roster.

17 (b) In counties where records of registration are kept by
18 computer, the county clerk shall have the affidavit of cancellation
19 printed on the computer entry for the registration and add a copy of
20 it to the roster.

21 4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the
22 date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter
23 pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if the
24 voter furnishes:

25 (a) Official identification which contains a photograph of the
26 voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other
27 official document; and

28 (b) Satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address
29 at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with
30 the address listed on the roster.

31 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1
32 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and ~~an~~
33 ~~absent~~ *a mail* ballot ~~for a ballot voted by a voter who resides in a~~
34 ~~mailing precinct~~ is received from the voter, the ballot must be kept
35 separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter
36 presents satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and
37 residence before such ballots are counted on election day.

38 6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card
39 does not provide proof of the:

40 (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or

41 (b) Residence or identity of a person.

42 **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.5837 1. Through the Thursday preceding the day of the
44 election, an elector may register to vote in the county or city, as
45 applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an



1 application to register to vote by computer using the system
2 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671
3 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection
4 2 to vote in person.

5 2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote
6 pursuant to this section, the elector may vote only in person:

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

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

11 (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 ~~+~~
12 ~~293.8834~~ or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in
13 which the elector is eligible to vote; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (a) A military identification card;

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

37 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

38 (d) A paycheck;

39 (e) An income tax return;

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

42 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

43 (h) A property tax statement; or

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that
16 polling place; and

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

20 **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course
22 of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not:

23 (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere
24 with the conduct of the election.

25 (b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of
26 the voter, other than ~~an absent ballot, mailing ballot,~~ a mail ballot
27 or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with
28 his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

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

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

33 (e) Show his or her ballot to another person, after voting, so as
34 to reveal any of his or her votes on the ballot, other than on his or
35 her ~~absent ballot, mailing ballot,~~ mail ballot or military-overseas
36 ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her
37 authorization pursuant to this title.

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

40 (g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other
41 than ~~an absent ballot, mailing ballot,~~ a mail ballot or military-
42 overseas ballot when permitted pursuant to this title.

43 (h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface,
44 damage or destroy ~~an absent ballot, mailing ballot,~~ a mail ballot or



1 military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with
2 his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

3 2. A voter shall not:

4 (a) Accept a ballot from another person, other than an election
5 board officer in the course of the election board officer's official
6 duties or a person who sends, transmits, distributes or delivers ~~{an~~
7 ~~absent ballot, mailing ballot,}~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas
8 ballot to the voter when permitted pursuant to this title.

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

12 (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may
13 afterward be identified as the one that he or she voted, other than
14 any such mark that is permitted to be placed on ~~{an absent ballot,~~
15 ~~mailing ballot,}~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by
16 or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to
17 this title.

18 3. Any person who violates any provision of this section is
19 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
20 NRS 193.130.

21 **Sec. 43.** NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293B.130 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting
23 system is to be used, the county clerk shall prepare or cause to be
24 prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material
25 suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be
26 employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the
27 computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

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

29 (b) All unlawful votes, including, but not limited to, overvotes
30 or, in a primary election, votes cast for a candidate of a major
31 political party other than the party, if any, of the registration of the
32 voter must not be counted.

33 (c) If the election is:

34 (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or

35 (2) A general election,

36 ↪ the total votes, other than ~~{absentee votes and votes in a mailing~~
37 ~~precinct,}~~ mail ballots, must be accumulated by precinct.

38 (d) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by
39 appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered which lacks a code
40 identifying the precinct in which it was voted and, in a primary
41 election, identifying the major political party of the voter.

42 2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the
43 accuracy certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of
44 NRS 293B.140.



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

4 **Sec. 44.** NRS 293B.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293B.360 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of
6 votes cast at any election conducted under a mechanical voting
7 system, the county clerk shall create a computer program and
8 processing accuracy board, and may create:

9 (a) A central ballot inspection board;

10 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ *A mail* ballot ~~[mailing-precinct]~~ inspection
11 board;

12 (c) A ballot duplicating board;

13 (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

14 (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the county
15 clerk deems necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.

16 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county
17 clerk may determine the number of members to constitute any
18 board. The county clerk shall make any appointments from among
19 competent persons who are registered voters in this State. The
20 members of each board must represent all political parties as equally
21 as possible. The same person may be appointed to more than one
22 board but must meet the particular qualifications for each board to
23 which he or she is appointed.

24 3. If the county clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the
25 county clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The
26 members of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same
27 political party.

28 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the
29 pleasure of the county clerk.

30 **Sec. 45.** NRS 293B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 293B.380 1. The ballot processing and packaging board must
32 be composed of persons who are qualified in the use of the data
33 processing equipment to be operated for the voting count.

34 2. The board shall:

35 (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting
36 area where the computers are located during the period when ballots
37 are being processed if those members do not interfere with the
38 processing of the ballots.

39 (b) Receive ballots and maintain groupings of them by precinct.

40 (c) Before each counting of the ballots or computer run begins,
41 validate the testing material with the counting program.

42 (d) Maintain a log showing the sequence in which the ballots of
43 each precinct are processed, as a measure to ensure that the ballots
44 of all precincts are processed.



1 (e) After each counting of the ballots, again verify the testing
2 material with the counting program to substantiate that there has
3 been no substitution or irregularity.

4 (f) Record an explanation of any irregularity that occurs in the
5 processing.

6 (g) If the election is:

7 (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or

8 (2) A general election,

9 ↪ ensure that a list is compiled indicating the total votes, other than
10 ~~absentee votes and votes in a mailing precinct,~~ *mail ballots*, which
11 each candidate accumulated in each precinct.

12 (h) Collect all returns, programs, testing materials, ballots and
13 other items used in the election at the computer center and package
14 and deliver the items to the county clerk for sealing and storage.

15 **Sec. 46.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
16 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 47 to 59, inclusive, of this
17 act.

18 **Sec. 47. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*
19 *city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered*
20 *voter in the city a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk shall*
21 *make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by*
22 *a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation,*
23 *by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a*
24 *person who is elderly or disabled.*

25 *2. The city clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any*
26 *person who registers to vote for the election pursuant to the*
27 *provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.*

28 *3. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and*
29 *measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.*

30 *4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the mail*
31 *ballot must be distributed to:*

32 (a) *Each active registered voter who:*

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

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

37 (b) *Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-*
38 *overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
39 *293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee*
40 *Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time*
41 *required by those provisions.*

42 *5. In the case of a special election where no candidate for*
43 *federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be*
44 *distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days*
45 *before the special election.*



1 6. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail
2 ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section
3 is moot and of no effect.

4 **Sec. 48.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2
5 and chapter 293D of NRS, the city clerk shall send to each active
6 registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the
7 Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created
8 by the United States Postal Service is properly placed:

9 (a) A mail ballot;

10 (b) A return envelope;

11 (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted
12 to ensure its secrecy;

13 (d) An identification envelope, if applicable; and

14 (e) Instructions.

15 2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the
16 city clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an
17 address of the voter that is different from the address to which the
18 mail ballot is mailed.

19 3. The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-
20 class mail if the active registered voter is within the boundaries of
21 the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military
22 base.

23 4. Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter,
24 the city clerk shall record:

25 (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;

26 (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his
27 or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,
28 unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;

29 (c) The number of the mail ballot; and

30 (d) Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.

31 **Sec. 49.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if
32 a person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or
33 preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently
34 deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously
35 voted in any election for federal office in this State, the city clerk
36 must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the
37 information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
38 293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.

39 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person
40 who:

41 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to
42 vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be
43 registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to
44 preregister or register to vote:

45 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or



1 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,
2 paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including
3 a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but
4 not including a voter registration card;

5 (b) Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his
6 or her application to register to vote a driver's license number or
7 at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a
8 state or local election official has matched that information with
9 an existing identification record bearing the same number, name
10 and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;

11 (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757,
12 inclusive, and at that time presents to the Department of Motor
13 Vehicles:

14 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification;

15 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,
16 paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including
17 a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but
18 not including a voter registration card; or

19 (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits
20 of his or her social security number, if a state or local election
21 official has matched that information with an existing
22 identification record bearing the same number, name and date of
23 birth as provided by the person in the application;

24 (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter
25 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
26 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

27 (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person
28 pursuant to the provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the
29 Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

30 (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the
31 provisions of any other federal law.

32 3. If a person fails to provide the identification required
33 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with
34 his or her mail ballot:

35 (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and

36 (b) The city clerk must:

37 (1) Contact the person;

38 (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required
39 before 5 p.m. on the day before the election; and

40 (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b)
41 of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail
42 ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting
43 board.



1 **Sec. 50. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in section 51 of*
2 *this act and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot,*
3 *the voter must, in accordance with the instructions:*

4 (a) *Mark and fold the mail ballot;*

5 (b) *Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the*
6 *return envelope;*

7 (c) *Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the*
8 *space provided for the signature; and*

9 (d) *Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized*
10 *by law.*

11 **2.** *Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS,*
12 *voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon*
13 *the mail ballot as prepared pursuant to section 47 of this act, and*
14 *no person may write in the name of an additional candidate for*
15 *any office.*

16 **3.** *If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote*
17 *in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a*
18 *polling place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to*
19 *complying with all other requirements for voting in person that*
20 *are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or*
21 *sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not*
22 *voted during the election. A person who receives a surrendered*
23 *mail ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."*

24 **Sec. 51. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, a*
25 *person shall not mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of a voter*
26 *or assist a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to the*
27 *provisions of sections 47 to 59, inclusive, of this act.*

28 **2.** *At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is*
29 *at least 65 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may*
30 *mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the*
31 *voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to this section.*

32 **3.** *If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a*
33 *voter pursuant to this section, the person must:*

34 (a) *Indicate next to his or her signature that the mail ballot*
35 *has been marked and signed on behalf of the voter; and*

36 (b) *Submit a written statement with the mail ballot that*
37 *includes the name, address and signature of the person.*

38 **4.** *If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot*
39 *pursuant to this section, the person or the voter must submit a*
40 *written statement with the mail ballot that includes the name,*
41 *address and signature of the person who provided the assistance.*

42 **Sec. 52. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2*
43 *and chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted*
44 *for any election, the mail ballot must be:*



1 (a) *Delivered by hand to the city clerk by not later than 5 p.m.*
2 *on the day before the election;*

3 (b) *Delivered to any ballot drop box established in the city by*
4 *not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election; or*

5 (c) *Mailed to the city clerk and received by the clerk not later*
6 *than 5 p.m. on the day before the election.*

7 2. *Each city clerk must establish at least one location in the*
8 *city for a ballot drop box where mail ballots can be delivered by*
9 *hand and collected during the period for early voting and on*
10 *election day.*

11 3. *A ballot drop box must be:*

12 (a) *Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of*
13 *sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail*
14 *ballots; and*

15 (b) *Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots*
16 *and being locked.*

17 4. *A ballot drop box must be:*

18 (a) *Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the*
19 *office of the city clerk, or a polling place in the city; and*

20 (b) *Made available for use during the hours when the office of*
21 *the city clerk, or the polling place is open for business or voting, as*
22 *applicable.*

23 **Sec. 53.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at*
24 *the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or*
25 *on behalf of the voter, a person authorized by the voter may return*
26 *the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery*
27 *to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the county,*
28 *pursuant to section 52 of this act.*

29 2. *Except for an election board officer in the course of the*
30 *election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:*

31 (a) *Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a*
32 *voter's mail ballot;*

33 (b) *Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or*

34 (c) *If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and*
35 *authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by*
36 *mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless*
37 *otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:*

38 (1) *Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt,*
39 *if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter five or more*
40 *days before the day of the election; or*

41 (2) *By 5 p.m. on the day before the election, if the person*
42 *receives the mail ballot from the voter four or fewer days before*
43 *the day of the election.*



1 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is
2 *guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in*
3 *NRS 193.130.*

4 **Sec. 54.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in section 16 of*
5 *this act, the city clerk shall establish procedures for the processing*
6 *and counting of mail ballots.*

7 2. *The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1 must*
8 *not conflict with the provisions of sections 47 to 59, inclusive, of*
9 *this act.*

10 **Sec. 55.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*
11 *when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the city*
12 *clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot record*
13 *for the election, the city clerk or an employee in the office of the*
14 *city clerk shall check the signature used for the mail ballot using*
15 *the procedures established by the Secretary of State pursuant to*
16 *section 16 of this act.*

17 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if the clerk*
18 *determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*
19 *clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place*
20 *the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely*
21 *locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk*
22 *shall deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting*
23 *board to be processed and prepared for counting.*

24 3. *If the clerk determines when checking the signature used*
25 *for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature*
26 *or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail*
27 *ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether*
28 *the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*
29 *voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*
30 *clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures*
31 *to provide a signature or a confirmation that the signature used*
32 *for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail*
33 *ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a signature or a*
34 *confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the day*
35 *before the election.*

36 4. *The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed*
37 *to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the manner*
38 *required by law for the mail ballot, or for whom there is a*
39 *reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for*
40 *the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:*

41 (a) *Contact the voter;*

42 (b) *Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation*
43 *that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as*
44 *applicable; and*



1 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as
2 applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot
3 central counting board.

4 5. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 4 for
5 contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as
6 soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:

7 (a) Mail;

8 (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available
9 in the records of the clerk; and

10 (c) Electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with
11 sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.

12 **Sec. 56. 1.** The city clerk shall appoint a mail ballot central
13 counting board for the election.

14 2. The clerk shall appoint and notify voters to act as election
15 board officers for the mail ballot central counting board in such
16 numbers as the clerk determines to be required by the volume of
17 mail ballots required to be sent to each active registered voter in
18 the city for the election. The voters appointed as election board
19 officers for the mail ballot central counting board must not all be
20 of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or
21 election or a relative of a candidate within the second degree of
22 consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as such an election
23 board officer.

24 3. The clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with
25 elections shall be deemed officers of the mail ballot central
26 counting board.

27 4. The mail ballot central counting board is under the
28 direction of the clerk.

29 **Sec. 57. 1.** The mail ballot central counting board may
30 begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of
31 the election. The board must complete the count of all mail ballots
32 on or before 11:59 p.m. on the night of the election. The counting
33 procedure must be public.

34 2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to
35 present the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside.
36 If a majority of the inspectors are of the opinion that the mail
37 ballots folded together were voted by one person, the mail ballots
38 must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be
39 written the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed
40 by an election board officer and placed in the container or ballot
41 box after the count is completed.

42 **Sec. 58.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,
43 each mail ballot central counting board shall process the mail
44 ballots in the following manner:



1 *1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope,*
2 *must be checked as if the voter were voting in person;*

3 *2. If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast a*
4 *mail ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on*
5 *the mail ballot and return envelope compared, the number strip or*
6 *stub detached from the mail ballot and, if the numbers are the*
7 *same, the mail ballot must be counted;*

8 *3. An election board officer shall indicate in the roster*
9 *"Voted" by the name of the voter; and*

10 *4. When all mail ballots delivered to the board have been*
11 *voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*
12 *the empty envelopes and the envelopes containing rejected mail*
13 *ballots must be returned to the clerk. On all envelopes containing*
14 *rejected mail ballots, the cause of rejection must be noted and the*
15 *envelope signed by an election board officer.*

16 **Sec. 59.** *1. The voting results of the mail ballot vote in each*
17 *precinct must be certified and submitted to the city clerk, who shall*
18 *have the results added to the votes of the precinct that were not*
19 *cast by mail ballot. The returns of the mail ballot vote must be*
20 *reported separately from the other votes that were not cast by mail*
21 *ballot in the precinct unless reporting the returns separately would*
22 *violate the secrecy of a voter's ballot.*

23 *2. The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each*
24 *mail ballot is kept secret.*

25 *3. No voting results of mail ballots may be released until all*
26 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*
27 *the election. Any person who disseminates to the public in any way*
28 *information pertaining to the count of mail ballots before all*
29 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*
30 *the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

31 **Sec. 60.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2~~
33 ~~and~~ NRS 293.5817 ~~and sections 47 to 59, inclusive, of this act,~~
34 the conduct of any city election is under the control of the governing
35 body of the city, and it shall, by ordinance, provide for the holding
36 of the election, appoint the necessary election officers and election
37 boards and do all other things required to carry the election into
38 effect.

39 ~~2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.112, the] The~~
40 ~~governing body of the city [shall] may~~ provide for ~~[-~~

41 ~~—(a) Absent ballots to be voted in a city election pursuant to NRS~~
42 ~~293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive, except for the provisions of NRS~~
43 ~~293C.327 and 293C.328 unless the governing body of the city~~
44 ~~provides for the applicability of those provisions pursuant to~~
45 ~~paragraph (b); and~~



1 ~~—(b) The~~ *the* conduct of ~~[-~~

2 ~~—(1) Early~~ *early* voting by personal appearance in a city
3 election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and
4 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive. ~~[-~~

5 ~~—(2) Voting by absent ballot in person in a city election~~
6 ~~pursuant to NRS 293C.327 and 293C.328; or~~

7 ~~—(3) Both early voting by personal appearance as described in~~
8 ~~subparagraph (1) and voting by absent ballot in person as described~~
9 ~~in subparagraph (2).]~~

10 **Sec. 61.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city
12 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail *in accordance*
13 *with the provisions of sections 47 to 59, inclusive, of this act* if:

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

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

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

19 (2) One office or ballot question.

20 2. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,
21 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, ~~[293C.304 to 293C.340,~~
22 ~~inclusive.]~~ and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an
23 election conducted pursuant to this section.

24 ~~[3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this~~
25 ~~section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been~~
26 ~~designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.]~~

27 **Sec. 62.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered
29 voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places
30 and precincts in the city as provided in NRS 293.225, 293.227,
31 293C.227 to ~~[293C.245,]~~ *293C.228*, inclusive, and ~~[293C.382.]~~
32 *section 56 of this act*. No candidate for nomination or election or a
33 relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity
34 or affinity may be appointed as an election board officer.
35 Immediately after election board officers are appointed, if requested
36 by the city clerk, the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall:

37 (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for
38 the central election board ~~[or]~~ *and* the ~~[absent]~~ *mail* ballot central
39 counting board; or

40 (b) Deputize, as an officer for the election, an election board
41 officer for each polling place and for the central election board ~~[or]~~
42 *and* the ~~[absent]~~ *mail* ballot central counting board. The deputized
43 officer may not receive any additional compensation for the services
44 he or she provides as an officer during the election for which the
45 officer is deputized.



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

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

5 **Sec. 63.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293C.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2
7 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by
8 mail or computer to vote shall, for the first city election in which the
9 person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless
10 he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is
11 registered to vote.

12 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:

13 (a) ~~Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS~~
14 ~~293C.342 to 293C.352, inclusive;~~

15 ~~—(b) Is entitled to vote [an absent ballot] otherwise than in~~
16 ~~person pursuant to federal law [, NRS 293C.317] or chapter 293D~~
17 ~~of NRS;~~

18 ~~[(e)] (b)~~ Is disabled;

19 ~~[(d)] (c)~~ Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person
20 pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
21 Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;

22 ~~[(e) Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an~~
23 ~~absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary~~
24 ~~public or other person authorized to administer an oath;~~

25 ~~—(f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the city~~
26 ~~clerk;] or~~

27 ~~[(g)] (d)~~ Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of ~~[NRS~~
28 ~~293.8847] section 47 of this act~~ and includes a copy of the
29 information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of
30 NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant
31 to ~~[NRS 293.8851.] section 49 of this act.~~

32 **Sec. 64.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772
34 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, if a person's name appears in
35 the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS
36 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her
37 name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to
38 vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer
39 with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application
40 to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in
41 subsection 2 ~~[] using the procedures established by the Secretary~~
42 ~~of State pursuant to section 16 of this act.~~

43 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a
44 voter at the polling place are:

45 (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;



- 1 (b) A driver's license;
- 2 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
- 3 Vehicles;
- 4 (d) A military identification card; or
- 5 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
- 6 agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description
- 7 or picture.

8 3. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the
9 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in
10 that city in the current election.

11 **Sec. 65.** NRS 293C.302 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293C.302 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a city
13 to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory period in an
14 election, the city clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving
15 notice of the decision of the court:

16 (a) Cause notice of the extended period to be published in a
17 newspaper of general circulation in the city or if no newspaper is of
18 general circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation
19 in the nearest city; and

20 (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered
21 voter who ~~requested an absent voter's~~ *received a mail* ballot for
22 the election and has not returned the *mail* ballot before the date on
23 which the notice will be transmitted.

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

26 (a) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, on at least 3
27 successive days.

28 (b) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, at least twice
29 in successive issues of the newspaper.

30 **Sec. 66.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as
31 follows:

32 293C.3564 1. The city clerk in a city providing for early
33 voting pursuant to ~~subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of~~ subsection
34 2 of NRS 293C.110 shall establish at least one permanent polling
35 place for early voting by personal appearance in the city at the
36 locations selected pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

37 2. Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance
38 may do so at any polling place for early voting.

39 **Sec. 67.** NRS 293C.3615 is hereby amended to read as
40 follows:

41 293C.3615 The city clerk shall make a record of the receipt at
42 the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport
43 official ballots pursuant to NRS 293C.295, ~~293C.325,~~ 293C.630
44 and 293C.635. The record must include the numbers indicated on
45 the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293C.700.



1 **Sec. 68.** NRS 293C.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293C.362 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~
3 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~
4 ~~293.8887, inclusive:]~~

5 1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare
6 to count the ballots voted. The counting procedure must be public
7 and continue without adjournment until completed.

8 2. If the ballots are paper ballots, the counting board shall
9 prepare in the following manner:

10 (a) The container that holds the ballots or the ballot box must be
11 opened and the ballots contained therein counted by the counting
12 board and opened far enough to determine whether each ballot is
13 single. If two or more ballots are found folded together to present
14 the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside until the
15 count of the ballots is completed. If a majority of the inspectors are
16 of the opinion that the ballots folded together were voted by one
17 person, the ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon
18 which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope
19 must be signed by the counting board officers and placed in the
20 container or ballot box after the count is completed.

21 (b) If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed the
22 number of names as are indicated on the roster as having voted, the
23 ballots must be replaced in the container or box and a counting
24 board officer shall, with his or her back turned to the container or
25 box, draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The excess
26 ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words "Excess
27 ballots not counted." The ballots when so marked must be
28 immediately sealed in an envelope and returned to the city clerk
29 with the other ballots rejected for any cause.

30 (c) When it has been determined that the number of ballots
31 agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have
32 voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy
33 between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of
34 the discrepancy must be made.

35 **Sec. 69.** NRS 293C.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293C.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected~~
37 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~
38 ~~293.8887, inclusive,]~~ *in section 57 of this act*, a counting board in
39 any precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used
40 may not begin to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are
41 accounted for.

42 **Sec. 70.** NRS 293C.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293C.387 1. The election returns from a special election,
44 primary city election or general city election must be filed with the
45 city clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault



1 designated by the city clerk. No person may handle, inspect or in
2 any manner interfere with the returns until they are canvassed by the
3 mayor and the governing body of the city.

4 2. After the governing body of a city receives the returns from
5 all the precincts and districts in the city, it shall meet with the mayor
6 to canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before
7 the 10th day following the election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day~~
8 ~~following an affected election that is subject to the provisions of~~
9 ~~NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

10 3. In completing the canvass of the returns, the governing body
11 of the city and the mayor shall:

12 (a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and

13 (b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so
14 that the result declared represents the true vote cast.

15 4. After the canvass is completed, the governing body of the
16 city and mayor shall declare the result of the canvass.

17 5. The city clerk shall enter upon the records of the governing
18 body of the city an abstract of the result. The abstract must be
19 prepared in the manner prescribed by regulations adopted by the
20 Secretary of State and must contain the number of votes cast for
21 each candidate.

22 6. After the abstract is entered, the:

23 (a) City clerk shall seal the election returns, maintain them in a
24 vault for at least 22 months and give no person access to them
25 during that period, unless access is ordered by a court of competent
26 jurisdiction or by the governing body of the city.

27 (b) Governing body of the city shall, by an order made and
28 entered in the minutes of its proceedings, cause the city clerk to:

29 (1) Certify the abstract;

30 (2) Make a copy of the certified abstract;

31 (3) Make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance
32 with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State;

33 (4) Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the
34 mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State on or
35 before the 10th day following the election ; ~~for, if applicable, the~~
36 ~~13th day following an affected election that is subject to the~~
37 ~~provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;]~~ and

38 (5) Transmit on paper or by electronic means to each public
39 library in the city, or post on a website maintained by the city or the
40 city clerk on the Internet or its successor, if any, a copy of the
41 certified abstract within 30 days after the election.

42 7. After the abstract of the results from a:

43 (a) Primary city election has been certified, the city clerk shall
44 certify the name of each person nominated and the name of the
45 office for which the person is nominated.



1 (b) General city election has been certified, the city clerk shall:

2 (1) Issue under his or her hand and official seal to each
3 person elected a certificate of election; and

4 (2) Deliver the certificate to the persons elected upon their
5 application at the office of the city clerk.

6 8. The officers elected to the governing body of the city qualify
7 and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first
8 regular meeting of that body next succeeding that in which the
9 canvass of returns was made pursuant to subsection 2.

10 **Sec. 71.** NRS 293C.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293C.640 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of
12 votes cast at an election conducted under a mechanical voting
13 system, the city clerk shall create a computer program and
14 processing accuracy board, and may create:

15 (a) A central ballot inspection board;

16 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ A mail ballot ~~[mailing-precinct]~~ inspection
17 board;

18 (c) A ballot duplicating board;

19 (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

20 (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the city
21 clerk deems necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.

22 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the city clerk
23 may determine the number of members to constitute any board. The
24 city clerk shall make any appointments from among competent
25 persons who are registered voters in this State. The same person
26 may be appointed to more than one board but must meet the
27 qualifications for each board to which he or she is appointed.

28 3. If the city clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the city
29 clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The members
30 of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same political
31 party.

32 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the
33 pleasure of the city clerk.

34 **Sec. 72.** NRS 293C.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293C.700 1. Each container used to transport official ballots
36 pursuant to NRS 293C.295, ~~[293C.325,]~~ 293C.630 and 293C.635
37 must:

38 (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and

39 (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure
40 detection of any opening of the container.

41 2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for
42 identification.

43 **Sec. 73.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:



1 1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided
2 pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify
3 the public, through means designed to reach members of the public
4 who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.281,
5 293C.282, ~~293C.310, 293C.317 and 293C.318.~~ and section 47 of
6 *this act*.

7 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information
8 concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or
9 register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for
10 use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without
11 limitation, providing such information through a
12 telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is
13 deaf.

14 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a
15 person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format
16 that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:

17 (a) Related to elections; and

18 (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed
19 form.

20 **Sec. 74.** NRS 293D.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293D.300 1. A covered voter who is registered to vote in this
22 State may apply for a military-overseas ballot by submitting a
23 federal postcard application, as prescribed under section 101(b)(2)
24 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52
25 U.S.C. § 20301(b)(2), or the application's electronic equivalent, if
26 the federal postcard application is received by the appropriate local
27 elections official by the seventh day before the election.

28 2. A covered voter who is not registered to vote in this State
29 may use the federal postcard application or the application's
30 electronic equivalent simultaneously to apply to register to vote
31 pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and to apply for a military-overseas
32 ballot, if the federal postcard application is received by the
33 appropriate local elections official by the seventh day before
34 the election. If the federal postcard application is received after the
35 seventh day before the election, it must be treated as an application
36 to register to vote for subsequent elections.

37 3. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the system of
38 approved electronic transmission described in subsection 2 of NRS
39 293D.200 is capable of accepting the submission of:

40 (a) Both a federal postcard application and any other approved
41 electronic military-overseas ballot application sent to the appropriate
42 local elections official; and

43 (b) A digital signature or an electronic signature of a covered
44 voter on the documents described in paragraph (a).



1 4. A covered voter may use approved electronic transmission
2 or any other method approved by the Secretary of State to apply for
3 a military-overseas ballot.

4 5. A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying the
5 federal write-in absentee ballot, as prescribed under section 103 of
6 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52
7 U.S.C. § 20303, as an application for a military-overseas ballot
8 simultaneously with the submission of the federal write-in absentee
9 ballot, if the declaration is received by the appropriate local
10 elections official by the seventh day before the election.

11 6. To receive the benefits of this chapter, a covered voter must
12 inform the appropriate local elections official that he or she is a
13 covered voter. Methods of informing the appropriate local elections
14 official that a person is a covered voter include, without limitation:

15 (a) The use of a federal postcard application or federal write-in
16 absentee ballot;

17 (b) The use of an overseas address on an approved voting
18 registration application or ballot application; and

19 (c) The inclusion on an application to register to vote or an
20 application for a military-overseas ballot of other information
21 sufficient to identify that the person is a covered voter.

22 7. This chapter does not prohibit a covered voter from
23 ~~applying for an absent~~ *voting a mail* ballot pursuant to the
24 provisions of chapter 293 or 293C of NRS or voting in person.

25 **Sec. 75.** NRS 295.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 295.260 1. If the total number of signatures on the petition is
27 500 or less, the county or city clerk shall examine every signature on
28 the petition for verification ~~and~~ *using the procedures established by*
29 *the Secretary of State pursuant to section 16 of this act.*

30 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the total
31 number of signatures on the petition is more than 500, the county or
32 city clerk shall examine the signatures only by sampling them at
33 random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be
34 verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which
35 has been submitted to the county or city clerk is given an equal
36 opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include
37 an examination of at least 500, or 5 percent, of the signatures,
38 whichever is greater. If the examination of the random sample
39 shows that the number of valid signatures is less than 90 percent of
40 the number of signatures of registered voters needed to certify the
41 petition sufficient, the petition must be certified insufficient
42 pursuant to subsection 5. If the examination of the random sample
43 shows that the number of valid signatures is 90 percent or more but
44 less than 100 percent of the number of signatures of registered
45 voters needed to certify the petition sufficient, the county or city



1 clerk shall continue to examine the signatures for verification until
2 he or she has:

3 (a) Determined that 100 percent of the number of signatures of
4 registered voters needed to certify the petition sufficient are valid; or

5 (b) Examined every signature for verification.

6 3. In determining from the records of registration the number
7 of registered voters who have signed the petition, ~~{and in examining
8 the signatures on the petition for verification,}~~ the county or city
9 clerk may use any file or list of registered voters maintained by his
10 or her office or facsimiles of the signatures of voters. If the county
11 or city clerk uses the file of applications to register to vote, he or she
12 shall ensure that every application in the file is examined, including
13 any application in his or her possession which may not yet be
14 entered into his or her records. ~~{The county or city clerk may rely on
15 the appearance of the signature, and the address and date included
16 with each signature, in making the determination. Notwithstanding
17 the provisions of this subsection, a petition must not be certified
18 insufficient for lack of the required number of valid signatures if, in
19 the absence of other proof of disqualification, any signature on the
20 face thereof does not exactly correspond with the signature
21 appearing on the file or list of registered voters used by the county
22 or city clerk and the identity of the signer can be ascertained from
23 the face of the petition.}~~ *In examining the signatures for
24 verification, the county or city clerk shall use the procedures
25 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 16 of this
26 act.*

27 4. If necessary, the board of county commissioners or the
28 governing body of the city shall allow the county or city clerk
29 additional assistants for examining the signatures and provide for
30 their compensation.

31 5. If, pursuant to the examination of signatures for verification
32 as required by this section, the number of valid signatures is:

33 (a) One hundred percent or more of the number of signatures of
34 registered voters needed to certify the petition sufficient, the petition
35 must be certified sufficient.

36 (b) Less than 100 percent of the number of signatures of
37 registered voters needed to certify the petition sufficient, the petition
38 must be certified insufficient.

39 **Sec. 76.** NRS 298.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 298.250 1. If a former resident of the State of Nevada
41 otherwise qualified to vote in another state in any election for
42 President and Vice President of the United States has commenced
43 his or her residence in the other state after the 30th day next
44 preceding that election and for this reason does not satisfy the



1 requirements for registration in the other state, the former resident
2 may vote for President and Vice President only in that election:

3 (a) In person in the county of the State of Nevada which was his
4 or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified
5 to vote there; or

6 (b) By ~~absent~~ *mail* ballot in the county of the State of Nevada
7 which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is
8 otherwise qualified to vote there and complies with the applicable
9 requirements of ~~[NRS 293.3088 to 293.340, inclusive.]~~ *sections 2 to*
10 *15, inclusive, of this act.*

11 2. The Secretary of State may, in a manner consistent with the
12 election laws of this State, adopt regulations to effectuate the
13 purposes of this section.

14 **Sec. 77.** NRS 306.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 306.040 1. Upon determining that the number of signatures
16 on a petition to recall is sufficient pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to
17 293.1279, inclusive, the Secretary of State shall notify the county
18 clerk, the filing officer and the public officer who is the subject of
19 the petition.

20 2. A person who signs a petition to recall may request the filing
21 officer to strike the person's name from the petition on or before the
22 date that is the later of:

23 (a) Ten days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after
24 the verification of signatures is complete; or

25 (b) The date a complaint is filed pursuant to subsection 6.

26 3. If the filing officer receives a request pursuant to subsection
27 2, the filing officer must strike the name of the person from the
28 petition. If the filing officer receives a sufficient number of requests
29 to strike names from the petition such that the petition no longer
30 contains enough valid signatures, the filing officer shall not issue a
31 call for a special election, and a special election must not be held to
32 recall the public officer who is the subject of the petition.

33 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, not sooner
34 than 20 days and not later than 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and
35 holidays excluded, after the Secretary of State completes the
36 notification required by subsection 1, if a complaint is not filed
37 pursuant to subsection 6, the filing officer shall issue a call for a
38 special election in the jurisdiction in which the public officer who is
39 the subject of the petition was elected to determine whether the
40 people will recall the public officer.

41 5. The call for a special election pursuant to subsection 4 or 7
42 must include, without limitation:

43 (a) The last day on which a person may register to vote in order
44 to qualify to vote in the special election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or
45 293C.527; *and*



1 (b) The last day on which a petition to nominate other
2 candidates for the office may be filed. ~~}; and~~

3 ~~—(c) Whether any person is entitled to vote in the special election~~
4 ~~in a mailing precinct or an absent ballot mailing precinct pursuant to~~
5 ~~NRS 293.343 to 293.355, inclusive, or 293C.342 to 293C.352,~~
6 ~~inclusive.]~~

7 6. The legal sufficiency of the petition, including without
8 limitation, the validity of signatures on the petition, may be
9 challenged by filing a complaint in district court not later than 15
10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the Secretary
11 of State completes the notification required by subsection 1. All
12 affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed
13 with the complaint. The court shall set the matter for hearing not
14 later than 30 days after the complaint is filed and shall give priority
15 to such a complaint over all other matters pending with the court,
16 except for criminal proceedings.

17 7. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, if the court determines
18 that the petition is legally sufficient, it shall order the filing officer
19 to issue a call for a special election in the jurisdiction in which the
20 public officer who is the subject of the petition was elected to
21 determine whether the people will recall the public officer. If the
22 court determines that the petition is not legally sufficient, it shall
23 order the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding
24 the petition.

25 **Sec. 78.** NRS 244.164 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 244.164 1. In each county having a population of 100,000 or
27 more, the board of county commissioners may create the office of
28 registrar of voters ~~};~~ *as an elected office*, prescribe the
29 qualifications, duties and compensation of that office. ~~[and make~~
30 ~~appointments to that office.]~~

31 2. *The registrar of voters shall be elected by the qualified*
32 *electors of the county, beginning at the general election*
33 *immediately following the creation of the office of registrar of*
34 *voters. The term of office of a registrar of voters is 4 years and*
35 *begins on the first Monday in January following the general*
36 *election.*

37 3. The registrar of voters ~~}; upon appointment as provided in~~
38 ~~subsection 1,]~~ shall assume all of the powers and duties vested in
39 and imposed upon the county clerk of the county with respect to
40 elections, except the duties imposed by virtue of NRS 293.393 to
41 make out and deliver certificates of election.

42 **Sec. 79.** NRS 245.043 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 245.043 1. As used in this section:

44 (a) "County" includes Carson City.



(b) "County commissioner" includes the Mayor and supervisors of Carson City.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, NRS 244.164 and by any special law, the elected officers of the counties of this State are entitled to receive, for the appropriate fiscal year, annual salaries in the base amounts specified in the following table commencing on July 1 of the fiscal year. The annual salaries are in full payment for all services required by law to be performed by such officers. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fees and commissions collected by such officers in the performance of their duties must be paid into the county treasury each month without deduction of any nature.

ANNUAL SALARIES

Class	County	District Attorney	Sheriff	County Clerk	County Assessor	County Recorder	County Treasurer	Public Administrator
1	Clark							
	FY 2015-2016	\$187,563	\$161,692	\$109,757	\$109,757	\$109,757	\$109,757	\$109,757
	FY 2016-2017	193,190	166,543	113,050	113,050	113,050	113,050	113,050
	FY 2017-2018	198,986	171,540	116,441	116,441	116,441	116,441	116,441
	FY 2018-2019	204,955	176,685	119,934	119,934	119,934	119,934	119,934
2	Washoe							
	FY 2015-2016	165,573	133,234	100,610	100,610	100,610	100,610	100,610
	FY 2016-2017	170,540	137,231	103,629	103,629	103,629	103,629	103,629
	FY 2017-2018	175,656	141,348	106,738	106,738	106,738	106,738	106,738
	FY 2018-2019	180,926	145,588	109,940	109,940	109,940	109,940	109,940
3	Carson City							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Churchill							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Douglas							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Elko							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Humboldt							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----



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	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Lyon							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
	Nye							
	FY 2015-2016	118,872	98,567	78,293	78,293	78,293	78,293	-----
	FY 2016-2017	122,438	101,524	80,642	80,642	80,642	80,642	-----
	FY 2017-2018	126,112	104,570	83,061	83,061	83,061	83,061	-----
	FY 2018-2019	129,895	107,707	85,553	85,553	85,553	85,553	-----
4	Lander							
	FY 2015-2016	112,268	88,711	65,305	65,305	65,305	65,305	-----
	FY 2016-2017	115,636	91,372	67,264	67,264	67,264	67,264	-----
	FY 2017-2018	119,105	94,113	69,282	69,282	69,282	69,282	-----
	FY 2018-2019	122,678	96,937	71,361	71,361	71,361	71,361	-----
	Storey							
	FY 2015-2016	112,268	88,711	65,305	65,305	65,305	65,305	-----
	FY 2016-2017	115,636	91,372	67,264	67,264	67,264	67,264	-----
	FY 2017-2018	119,105	94,113	69,282	69,282	69,282	69,282	-----
	FY 2018-2019	122,678	96,937	71,361	71,361	71,361	71,361	-----
	White Pine							
	FY 2015-2016	112,268	88,711	65,305	65,305	65,305	65,305	-----
	FY 2016-2017	115,636	91,372	67,264	67,264	67,264	67,264	-----
	FY 2017-2018	119,105	94,113	69,282	69,282	69,282	69,282	-----
	FY 2018-2019	122,678	96,937	71,361	71,361	71,361	71,361	-----
5	Eureka							
	FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537	-----
	FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293	-----
	FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102	-----
	FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965	-----
	Lincoln							
	FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537	-----
	FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293	-----
	FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102	-----
	FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965	-----
	Mineral							
	FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537	-----
	FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293	-----
	FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102	-----
	FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965	-----
	Pershing							
	FY 2015-2016	99,060	70,968	58,537	58,537	58,537	58,537	-----
	FY 2016-2017	102,033	73,097	60,293	60,293	60,293	60,293	-----
	FY 2017-2018	105,093	75,290	62,102	62,102	62,102	62,102	-----
	FY 2018-2019	108,246	77,549	63,965	63,965	63,965	63,965	-----
6	Esmeralda							
	FY 2015-2016	78,657	63,083	51,220	51,220	51,220	-----	-----
	FY 2016-2017	81,017	64,976	52,756	52,756	52,756	-----	-----
	FY 2017-2018	83,447	66,926	54,339	54,339	54,339	-----	-----
	FY 2018-2019	85,951	68,933	55,969	55,969	55,969	-----	-----



1 ↪ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the annual salaries
2 set forth in this subsection for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 are effective
3 for that fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

4 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the annual
5 salary for county commissioners commencing on July 1 of the fiscal
6 year is:

7 (a) For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, 103.00 percent;

8 (b) For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, 106.09 percent;

9 (c) For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 109.273 percent; and

10 (d) For Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and each fiscal year thereafter,
11 112.551 percent,

12 ↪ of the amount of the annual salary for the county commissioners
13 of that county that was in effect on January 1, 2015.

14 4. Any elected officer or county commissioner who is entitled
15 to a salary pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 may elect not to receive any
16 part of the salary to which he or she is entitled pursuant to
17 subsection 2 or 3, as applicable.

18 5. The increased annual salaries for all elected county officers
19 provided for in subsections 2 and 3 for a fiscal year must not be paid
20 in a fiscal year if the board of county commissioners determines that
21 sufficient financial resources are not available to pay increased
22 annual salaries in that fiscal year and the annual salaries paid for
23 those officers in the immediately preceding fiscal year must
24 continue to be paid. If increased annual salaries are paid in a
25 subsequent fiscal year:

26 (a) Those increased annual salaries must be in the amounts
27 provided for in subsections 2 and 3 starting with the first fiscal year
28 in which increased salaries were not paid because sufficient
29 financial resources were not available.

30 (b) An elected county officer is not entitled to any retroactive
31 payment of the salary increase for any previous fiscal year in which
32 increased annual salaries were not paid.

33 **Sec. 80.** NRS 281.574 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 281.574 1. A list of each public officer who is required to file
35 a financial disclosure statement must be submitted electronically to
36 the Secretary of State, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State,
37 on or before December 1 of each year by:

38 (a) Each county clerk for all public officers of the county and
39 other local governments within the county other than cities;

40 (b) Each city clerk for all public officers of the city;

41 (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for all public
42 officers of the Legislative Branch; and

43 (d) The Director of the Department of Administration for all
44 public officers of the Executive Branch.



1 2. Each county clerk, or the registrar of voters of the county if
2 ~~one was appointed~~ *the office has been created* pursuant to NRS
3 244.164, and each city clerk shall submit electronically to the
4 Secretary of State, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, a
5 list of each candidate who filed a declaration of candidacy with that
6 officer within 10 days after the last day to qualify as a candidate for
7 the applicable office.

8 **Sec. 81.** 1. If on January 1, 2022, a board of county
9 commissioners has created the office of registrar of voters pursuant
10 to NRS 244.164, as that provision existed on December 31, 2021,
11 the person appointed as a registrar of voters may continue in office
12 until his or her successor is elected and qualified at the general
13 election held in November 2022.

14 2. Nothing in this section prohibits a person who is a registrar
15 of voters on January 1, 2022, from becoming a candidate for the
16 office of registrar of voters at the general election held in November
17 2022.

18 **Sec. 82.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
19 General Fund to the Clark County Registrar of Voters the sum of
20 \$5,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the purposes of obtaining
21 a larger space for counting ballots and for the hiring of additional
22 staff to allow the Clark County Registrar of Voters to carry out his
23 or her duties for the 2022 general election.

24 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
25 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
26 2023, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or by any
27 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
28 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
29 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
30 after September 15, 2023, by either the entity to which the money
31 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
32 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
33 Fund on or before September 15, 2023.

34 **Sec. 83.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
35 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
36 provisions of this act.

37 **Sec. 84.** NRS 293.013, 293.015, 293.213, 293.230, 293.235,
38 293.243, 293.262, 293.3088, 293.309, 293.3095, 293.310, 293.313,
39 293.315, 293.316, 293.3165, 293.317, 293.320, 293.323, 293.325,
40 293.329, 293.330, 293.333, 293.335, 293.340, 293.343, 293.345,
41 293.350, 293.352, 293.353 293.355, 293.3673, 293.384, 293.385,
42 293.8801, 293.8804, 293.8807, 293.8811, 293.8814, 293.8817,
43 293.8821, 293.8824, 293.8827, 293.8831, 293.8834, 293.8837,
44 293.8841, 293.8844, 293.8847, 293.8851, 293.8854, 293.8857,
45 293.8861, 293.8864, 293.8871, 293.8874, 293.8877, 293.8881,



1 293.8884, 293.8887, 293B.370, 293C.230, 293C.240, 293C.245,
2 293C.256, 293C.304, 293C.305, 293C.306, 293C.307, 293C.310,
3 293C.312, 293C.317, 293C.318, 293C.319, 293C.320, 293C.322,
4 293C.325, 293C.327, 293C.328, 293C.329, 293C.330, 293C.332,
5 293C.335, 293C.340, 293C.342, 293C.345, 293C.347, 293C.349,
6 293C.350, 293C.352, 293C.368, 293C.382, 293C.385 and 293C.650
7 are hereby repealed.

8 **Sec. 85.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
9 approval.

10 2. Sections 1 to 84, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

14 (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

293.013 “Absent ballot” defined.

293.015 “Absent voter” defined.

293.213 Mailing precincts; absent ballot mailing precincts.

**293.230 Appointment of single central election board for
mailing precincts.**

**293.235 Appointment and duties of absent ballot central
counting board; no central election board if absent ballot
central counting board appointed.**

**293.243 Number of officers on absent ballot central
counting board; appointment of deputy sheriff; absent ballot
central counting board under direction of county clerk.**

**293.262 Absent ballot or ballot voted in mailing precinct:
Methods in which ballot is to be voted.**

293.3088 “Sufficient written notice” defined.

**293.309 Absent ballots: Preparation; reasonable
accommodations for use by persons who are elderly or disabled;
time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal actions which
would prevent distribution.**

293.3095 Distribution of forms to request absent ballots.

**293.310 Request and receipt of absent ballot allows voting
only by absent ballot; exception; county clerk to notify election
board if absent ballot issued.**

**293.313 General procedure to request absent ballot;
elections to which request applies; fraud or coercion in
obtaining absent ballot prohibited; penalty.**



293.315 Request for absent ballot available for public inspection; immunity of county clerk for allowing such inspection.

293.316 Specialized procedure to request absent ballot because of illness, disability or absence under certain circumstances; requirements for issuing, voting and returning such absent ballot.

293.3165 Specialized procedure to request absent ballot for all elections at which registered voter is eligible to vote; requirements for issuing, voting and returning such absent ballot.

293.317 Procedure for timely returning absent ballot; treatment of absent ballot when postmark cannot be determined.

293.320 County clerk to determine if person requesting absent ballot is registered voter.

293.323 Delivery of absent ballot and voting supplies; return of absent ballot; recordation of certain information by county clerk; regulations.

293.325 Duties of county clerk upon return of absent ballots: Procedure for checking signature; safeguarding and delivery of absent ballots for counting; procedure for contacting voter to remedy certain defects in returned absent ballot.

293.329 Unlawful to mark and sign absent ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign absent ballot; exceptions.

293.330 Procedure for voting by absent ballot; procedure for voting in person after absent ballot requested; persons authorized to return absent ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of absent ballot; penalty.

293.333 Procedure for depositing absent ballots in ballot box; period for counting of absent ballots.

293.335 Empty envelopes and rejected absent ballots to be returned to county clerk.

293.340 Duty of county clerk to provide ballot box for each ballot listing if absent ballot central counting board appointed; deposit of voted ballots.

293.343 Eligibility of certain voters to vote in mailing precincts; effect of county clerk designating precinct as mailing precinct; designation of polling places where voters in mailing precincts may vote in person.

293.345 Distribution of mailing ballots; notice of designated polling places where voters in mailing precincts may vote in person; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.



293.350 Enrollment of eligible voter's name; procedure for mailing of ballot and voting supplies by county clerk.

293.352 Unlawful to mark and sign mailing ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign mailing ballot; exceptions.

293.353 Procedure for voting by mailing ballot; procedure for voting in person after receipt of mailing ballot; persons authorized to return mailing ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of mailing ballot; penalty.

293.355 Duties of county clerk upon return or voting in person of mailing ballots; applicability of procedures governing absent ballots.

293.3673 Errors in information on certain form not grounds for rejection of absent ballot.

293.383 Posting of copies of result of votes cast.

293.384 Initial withdrawal of absent ballots from ballot boxes; verification of proper number of absent ballots; procedure for counting.

293.385 Withdrawal of absent ballots from ballot boxes after initial withdrawal; verification of proper number and counting of absent ballots; reporting results of count; disseminating information about count before polls close prohibited; penalty.

293.8801 Legislative findings and declaration.

293.8804 Definitions.

293.8807 "Active registered voter" or "voter" defined.

293.8811 "Affected election" or "election" defined.

293.8814 "Mail ballot" defined.

293.8817 "Vote center" defined.

293.8821 Certain elections deemed affected elections; authority of Governor to order that certain elections deemed affected elections.

293.8824 Provisions governing affected elections supersede and preempt conflicting elections provisions; applicability of nonconflicting elections provisions and military-overseas absentee voting acts.

293.8827 Rules of interpretation; intended public purposes of provisions governing affected elections.

293.8831 Early voting by personal appearance; establishment of polling places for early voting within Indian reservations or colonies.

293.8834 Establishment of polling places as vote centers.



293.8837 Voter registration during certain periods preceding and on election day; establishment of polling places for election precincts.

293.8841 Establishment of polling places within Indian reservations or colonies and within residential developments exclusively for elderly persons.

293.8844 Preparation and distribution of mail ballots and supporting materials; ballot contents; time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.

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