SENATE BILL NO. 405—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-1090)

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

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

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring, with certain exceptions, proof of identity for voting in person; requiring the Vehicles. Department of Motor under circumstances, to issue a voter identification card at no charge; eliminating the requirement that a county or city clerk send a mail ballot to each registered voter; authorizing a voter to request a mail ballot; establishing procedures relating to requesting a mail ballot; revising provisions relating to mail ballots; requiring a voter to include certain personal identifying information with his or her mail ballot; revising the deadline by which a mail ballot must be received; establishing certain requirements for a person who returns a mail ballot on behalf of a voter; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, that a person provide certain information to vote in person which may include, depending on the circumstances, proof of residency and identity, answering questions covering the voter's personal data or providing additional personal data. (NRS 293.2725, 293.277, 293.285, 293.287, 293.303, 293.3075, 293.3081, 293.3082, 293.3085, 293.3585, 293.541, 293C.270, 293C.272, 293C.275, 293C.277, 293C.292, 293C.3035, 293C.3585) **Sections 18-22, 25, 30, 57-60, 62 and 64** of this bill require, with certain exceptions, that a person provide one of the forms of proof of





identity specified in **section 2** of this bill to vote in person. **Section 2** sets forth the acceptable forms of proof of identity, which include, without limitation: (1) certain government-issued documents or identity cards that show a recognizable photograph of the person to whom the document or card is issued; and (2) certain documentation from an administrator of certain health care facilities that are licensed by the State. **Section 23** of this bill requires the Secretary of State and each county and city clerk to ensure that instructions concerning the proof of identity required to vote are posted at each polling place. **Sections 9, 12, 29, 33-42, 47, 50** and **63** of this bill make various conforming changes to existing provisions to reflect the requirement to provide proof of identity to vote in person.

Sections 3 and 4 of this bill require: (1) the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a voter identification card, free of charge, to a registered voter who does not possess one of the acceptable forms of proof of identity and who is experiencing financial hardship; and (2) the registered voter to submit certain information with an application for the identification card. Section 5 of this bill requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations relating to the issuance of such a voter identification card.

Existing law requires a voter who votes by mail ballot to affix his or her signature on the return envelope of the mail ballot for the county clerk or city clerk to check the signature to verify the identity of the voter. (NRS 293.269917, 293.269927, 293C.26316, 293C.26327) Sections 13 and 51 of this bill also require a voter who votes by mail ballot to write on the return envelope: (1) the last four digits of his or her social security number; or (2) his or her driver's license number or identification card number. Sections 16 and 55 of this bill require the county or city clerk, as applicable, to verify that the identifying numbers written on the return envelope match the information of the voter in the records of the county clerk or city clerk. Sections 11 and 49 of this bill require the return envelope sent with a mail ballot to include a flap to cover the identifying numbers of the voter.

Sections 24 and 61 of this bill provide that a person applying to vote whose identity has been challenged must furnish proof of identity in response to such a challenge.

Section 26 of this bill authorizes, under certain circumstances, a person who fails to provide proof of identity when voting in person to cast a provisional ballot. **Section 27** of this bill makes conforming changes to the information that must be provided by a person who casts a provisional ballot. **Section 28** of this bill provides that the provisional ballot of such a voter must be counted if the person provides proof of identity to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day.

Existing law requires the county and city clerks to distribute a mail ballot to each active registered voter for every election. (NRS 293.269911-293.269937, 293C.263-293C.26337) **Sections 6, 7, 44 and 45** of this bill instead require a mail ballot to be distributed only upon request by the registered voter. **Sections 10, 11, 13, 31, 32, 48, 49, 51, 54, 56 and 65** make conforming changes to various provisions governing mail ballots to reflect that such mail ballots must be requested.

Existing law requires that a mail ballot that is mailed to a county or city clerk be postmarked on or before the day of the election and received by 5 p.m. on the fourth day following the election. (NRS 293.269921, 293.269923, 293C.26321, 293C.26323) **Sections 14, 15, 52 and 53** of this bill revise this deadline to instead require that a mail ballot that is mailed to a county or city clerk be received on or before the time set for closing of the polls on the day of the election.

Existing law provides that a person authorized by a voter may return a mail ballot on behalf of the voter. (NRS 293.269923, 293C.26323) **Sections 15 and 53** instead provide that, with certain exceptions, a person authorized by a voter to return a mail ballot: (1) must submit an affidavit; (2) may not return more than 30



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Section 1. Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. "Proof of identity" means:

(a) A document or identity card that:

- (1) Is issued by this State, the United States or a federally recognized Indian tribe;
- (2) Shows the name, signature and a recognizable photograph of the person to whom the document or identity card is issued; and
- (3) If the document or identity card is issued by this State other than a voter identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 3 of this act, bears an expiration date that is not before the date of the election for which the document or identity card is offered as proof of identity; or
- (b) A document provided by the administrator of a licensed medical facility or licensed facility for the dependent to a resident of the facility attesting to the person's identity and that he or she is a resident of the facility.
 - 2. As used in this section:
- (a) "Facility for the dependent" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0045.
- (b) "Medical facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0151.
- Sec. 3. 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue a voter identification card at no charge to a person who:
 - (a) Is a registered voter of this State;
- (b) Does not possess a form of proof of identity described in section 2 of this act;
- (c) Attests that he or she is experiencing a financial hardship; and
 - (d) Submits an application pursuant to section 4 of this act.
- 2. A voter identification card issued by the Department pursuant to this section:
- (a) Is valid for as long as the person is registered to vote and resides at the address set forth on the card; and
- (b) Must contain the name, address, date of birth, sex, height, weight, eye color, photograph and signature of the person to whom it is issued.





- Sec. 4. 1. A person who wishes to obtain a voter identification card at no charge pursuant to section 3 of this act must submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles:
- (a) An application in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State;
- (b) Proof that the applicant is a registered voter of this State; and
- (c) An attestation that he or she is experiencing financial hardship.
- 2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not require a person who submits an application pursuant to this section to provide proof of financial hardship.
- Sec. 5. 1. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of this act.
- 2. Before adopting any regulation relating to the issuance of a voter identification card by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Sec. 6. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, NRS 293.272 and 293.502 and chapter 293D of NRS, a registered voter may request a mail ballot if, before 5 p.m. on the 14th calendar day preceding the election, the registered voter provides sufficient written notice to the county clerk in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State. A registered voter is not required to show cause to request a mail ballot.
- 2. A registered voter with a disability may use the system for approved electronic transmission established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293D.200 to request a mail ballot in accordance with NRS 293.269951.
- 3. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request a mail ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person fraudulently to request a mail ballot in the name of another person. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- Sec. 7. A county clerk shall not mail a mail ballot requested by a registered voter if, after the request is submitted:
- 1. The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530; or
- 2. The county clerk cancels the registration of the person pursuant to NRS 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540.
 - **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.016 to 293.121,





inclusive, *and section 2 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

- **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.177 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165 and 293.166, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary election unless the person named has filed a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than:
- (a) For a candidate for judicial office, the first Monday in January of the year in which the election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in January; and
- (b) For all other candidates, the first Monday in March of the year in which the election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.
- 2. A declaration of candidacy required to be filed pursuant to this chapter must be in substantially the following form:
 - (a) For partisan office:

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For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the Party nomination for the office of, I, the undersigned, do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at, in the City or Town of, County of, State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in the State, district, county, township, city or other area prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close of filing of declarations of candidacy for this office; that my telephone number is, and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is; that I am registered as a member of the Party; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that I have not, in violation of the provisions of NRS 293.176, changed the designation of my political party or political party affiliation





on an official application to register to vote in any state since December 31 before the closing filing date for this election; that I generally believe in and intend to support the concepts found in the principles and policies of that political party in the coming election; that if nominated as a candidate of the
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(Signature of candidate for office)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of the month of of the year
Notary Public or other person authorized to administer an oath
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(Designation of name)	
(Signature of candidate for office)	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of the month of of the year	
Notary Public or other person authorized to administer an oath	

3. The address of a candidate which must be included in the declaration of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street address of the residence where the candidate actually, as opposed to





constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has been assigned. The declaration of candidacy must not be accepted for filing if the candidate fails to comply with the following provisions of this subsection or, if applicable, the provisions of subsection 4:

- (a) The candidate shall not list the candidate's address as a post office box unless a street address has not been assigned to his or her residence; and
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the candidate shall present to the filing officer:
- (1) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate and the candidate's residential address; or
- (2) A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the candidate's name and residential address, but not including a voter registration card.
- 4. If the candidate executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury stating that the candidate is unable to present to the filing officer the proof of residency required by subsection 3 because a street address has not been assigned to the candidate's residence or because the rural or remote location of the candidate's residence makes it impracticable to present the proof of residency required by subsection 3, the candidate shall present to the filing officer:
- (a) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate; and
- (b) Alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that the filing officer determines is sufficient to verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations establishing the forms of alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that the filing officer may accept to verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050.
- 5. The filing officer shall retain a copy of the *documents and* proof of [identity and] residency provided by the candidate pursuant to subsection 3 or 4. Such a copy:
 - (a) May not be withheld from the public; and
- (b) Must not contain the social security number, driver's license or identification card number or account number of the candidate.
- 6. By filing the declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed the filing officer for the office as his or her agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding





pursuant to NRS 293.182. Service of such process must first be attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with the filing officer duplicate copies of the process. The filing officer shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies to the candidate at the specified address, unless the candidate has designated in writing to the filing officer a different address for that purpose, in which case the filing officer shall mail the copy to the last address so designated.

- 7. If the filing officer receives credible evidence indicating that a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her civil rights restored, the filing officer:
- (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the candidate has had his or her civil rights restored; and
- (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from such investigation to the Attorney General, if the filing officer is the Secretary of State, or to the district attorney, if the filing officer is a person other than the Secretary of State.
- 8. The receipt of information by the Attorney General or district attorney pursuant to subsection 7 must be treated as a challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 293.182 to which the provisions of NRS 293.2045 apply.
- 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.269911 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269911 1. [Except as otherwise provided in this section, the] The county clerk shall prepare [and distribute to each active] a mail ballot for the use of registered [voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election.] voters who have requested mail ballots. The county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.
- 2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election.





- 3. The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:
- (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or
- (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.
- —4.] The mail ballot *for each voter* must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.
 - [5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the]
- 3. A mail ballot must be [distributed] prepared and ready for distribution to:
 - (a) Each [active] registered voter who:
- (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election; and
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph [(e),] (b), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before [the] a primary election [.], presidential preference primary election or general election.
- (b) [Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.
- (e)] Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.
- [6.] 4. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail [ballot] ballots must be distributed [to each active registered voter] not later than 15 days before the special election.
- [7.] 5. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.
- **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.269913 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269913 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2, NRS 293.269911 and] chapter 293D of NRS, if the request for a mail ballot is made by mail or approved electronic transmission, the county clerk shall, as soon as the mail ballot for the precinct or district in which the voter resides has been prepared pursuant to NRS 293.269911, send to [each active] the registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service is properly placed:





(a) A mail ballot;

- (b) A return envelope [;], which must include, without limitation, a flap to cover the identifying number of the voter written on the return envelope pursuant to NRS 293.269917;
- (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted to ensure its secrecy; and
 - (d) Instructions.
- 2. [In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the county clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an address of the voter that is different from the address to which the mail ballot is mailed.
- 3.] The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-class mail if the [active] registered voter is within the boundaries of the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military base.
- [4.] 3. Before sending a mail ballot to [an active] a registered voter, the county clerk shall record:
 - (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;
- (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any, unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;
 - (c) The number of the mail ballot; and
 - (d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.
- **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.269915 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269915 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously voted in any election for federal office in this State, the county clerk must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to preregister or register to vote:
- (1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification;] his or her proof of identity; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card;
- (b) Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his or her application to register to vote a driver's license number or at





least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;

(c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, and at that time presents to the automatic voter

registration agency:

(1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification;] his or her proof of identity;

- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card; or
- (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;
- (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
- (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the provisions of any other federal law.
- 3. If a person fails to provide the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her mail ballot:
 - (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and
 - (b) The county clerk must:
 - (1) Contact the person;
- (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required before 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election; and
- (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting board.
- **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.269917 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269917 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269919 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the voter must, in accordance with the instructions:
 - (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;
- (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the return envelope;





- (c) [Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space provided for the signature; and] Write in the space provided on the return envelope:
- (1) The last four digits of his or her social security number; or
- (2) His or her driver's license number or identification card number;
- (d) Close the attached flap over the identifying number written on the return envelope; and
- (e) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized by law.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon the mail ballot as prepared pursuant to NRS 293.269911, and no person may write in the name of an additional candidate for any office.
- 3. [If] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if a mail ballot has been [sent to] requested by a voter who applies to vote in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to complying with all other requirements for voting in person that are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not voted during the election. A person who receives a surrendered mail ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."
- 4. If a registered voter who has requested a mail ballot applies to vote in person at the office of the county clerk or a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and the voter does not have the mail ballot to deliver or surrender, the voter must be issued a ballot to vote in person if the voter:
 - (a) Provides proof of identity;
 - (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and
- (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not voted during the election.
- **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.269921 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269921 1. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter 293D of NRS, in] *In* order for a mail ballot to be counted for any election, the mail ballot must be:
- (a) Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by hand to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the county pursuant to this section; or
 - (b) Mailed to the county clerk [, and:
 - (1) Postmarked on or before the day of the election; and





- (2) Received] and received by the clerk [not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth day following] before the time set for closing of the polls on the day of the election.
- 2. [If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on the third day following the election and the date of the postmark cannot be determined, the mail ballot shall be deemed to have been postmarked on or before the day of the election.
- —3.] Each county clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every polling place in the county, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting. A county clerk may establish a ballot drop box at any other location in the county where mail ballots can be delivered by hand and collected during the period for early voting and on election day. No person other than a clerk may establish a drop box for mail ballots.
 - [4.] 3. A ballot drop box must be:
- (a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail ballots; and
- (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots and being locked.
 - [5.] 4. A ballot drop box must be:
- (a) Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the office of the county clerk or a polling place in the county; and
- (b) Made available for use during the hours when the office of the county clerk, or the polling place, is open for business or voting, as applicable.
- **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.269923 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269923 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, [at the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or on behalf of the voter, a] it is unlawful for any person [authorized by the voter may] to return [the] a mail ballot [on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the county, pursuant to NRS 293.269921.] other than the voter or, at the request of the voter, a person authorized by the voter. A person who is authorized to return a mail ballot on behalf of a voter:
- (a) Shall, under penalty of perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by the county clerk that the person is authorized by the voter who requested the mail ballot to return the mail ballot and the date on which the voter provided such authorization to the person;
- (b) Shall not return more than 30 mail ballots for any election; and
- (c) Shall, after the election, submit to the Secretary of State a report in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State that





includes, without limitation, each voter on whose behalf the person returned a mail ballot.

- 2. Except for an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:
- (a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a voter's mail ballot;
 - (b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or
- (c) If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless otherwise authorized by the voter [, by]:
 - (1) **By** mail:

 (I) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days before the last day of the period for early voting; or

(II) Before the deadline established by the United States Postal Service for the mail ballot to be delivered before the time set for closing of the polls on the day of the election, if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the last day of the period for early voting; or

(2) By personal delivery:

[(1)] (1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days before the day of the election; or

- [(2)] (II) Before the [deadline established by the United States Postal Service for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of the election or before] time set for closing of the polls [close] on the day of the election, [as applicable to the type of delivery,] if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the election.
- 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection *1 or* 2 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 4. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of subsection 1.
- **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.269927 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.269927 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the county clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk shall [check the signature used for the mail ballot by electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3.] verify that the last four digits of the social security number or the driver's license number or identification card





number, as applicable, written on the return envelope match the information of the voter in the records of the county clerk.

- 2. [To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic means:
- (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the signature used for the mail ballot and compare the digital image with the signatures of the voter from his or her application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote available in the records of the county clerk.
- (b) If the electronic device does not match the signature of the voter, the signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3.
- 3. To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the county clerk shall use the following procedure:
- (a) The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the mail ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.
- (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.
- 4. For purposes of subsection 3:
- (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.
- (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if:
- (1) The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for the first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk; or
- (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature used for the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.
- 5.] Except as otherwise provided in subsection [6,] 3, if the clerk determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place





the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed and prepared for counting.

- [6.] 3. If the clerk determines when checking the [signature] identifying number used for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her [signature] identifying number or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail ballot, [or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter,] but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide [a signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable.] an identifying number. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide [a signature or a confirmation, as applicable.] an identifying number, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election.
- [7.] 4. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to affix his or her [signature] identifying number or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail ballot [, or for whom there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter.] in order to:
 - (a) Contact the voter:

- (b) Allow the voter to provide [a signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable;] an identifying number; and
- (c) After [a signature or a confirmation] an identifying number is provided, [as applicable,] ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting board.
- [8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the county clerk covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the county clerk, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the county clerk with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- -9.] 5. The procedures established pursuant to subsection [7] 4 for contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:
 - (a) Mail;





- (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in the records of the clerk; and
- (c) Electronic means, which may include, without limitation, electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.
 - **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or computer to vote shall, for the first election in which the person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is registered to vote.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to federal law or chapter 293D of NRS;
 - (b) Is disabled;

- (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; [or]
- (d) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.269913 and includes a copy of the information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant to NRS 293.269915 [.]
- (e) Requests and receives a mail ballot in person at the office of the county clerk and shows proof of identity at the time of making such request.
- **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081, 293.3083 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer or is registered to vote by an automatic voter registration agency, or a person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:
- (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board officer at the polling place:
- (1) [A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address;] *Proof of identity;* or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card; and
- (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county or city clerk:





- (1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows] his or her [physical address;] proof of identity; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card.
- → If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the election board officer or clerk may request additional information.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with an application to preregister or register to vote:
- (1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification;] his or her proof of identity; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, and at that time presents to the automatic voter registration agency:
- (1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification;] his or her proof of identity;
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card; or
- (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (d) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;





- (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
- (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.
- 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.
- **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, 293.541, 293.57691 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote
 - (a) Present proof of identity; and
- (b) Sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. [The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.]
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place are:
- (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
- 26 (b) A driver's license;

and must [sign]:

- (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- 29 (d) A military identification card; or
 - (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.
 - 3.] The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
 - **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.283 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by NRS 293.277, the voter must [be identified by:
 - (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
 - (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or





- (e) Providing] present the election board officer with his or her proof of [identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.
- **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.285 [1.] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:
- [(a)] 1. A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and
 - [(b)] 2. The election board officer shall:
 - (1) (a) Announce the name of the registered voter;
- [(2)] (b) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;
- [(3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277;]
- (c) Require the registered voter to present proof of identity; and [(4)] (d) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- [2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to preregister or register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.
 - Sec. 22. NRS 293.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.287 1. A registered voter applying to vote at any primary election or presidential preference primary election shall give his or her name and political affiliation, if any, to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name and political affiliation [...] and require that the registered voter present proof of identity.
- 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by any registered voter upon:
 - (a) Any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293.303;





- (b) The ground that the person applying does not belong to the political party designated upon the roster; or
- (c) The ground that the roster does not show that the person designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong.
- 3. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner provided by NRS 293.303.
- 4. A registered voter who has designated on his or her application to register to vote an affiliation with a minor political party may vote a nonpartisan ballot at the primary election.
 - **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:
 - 1. A sample ballot;

- 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of the polling place;
- 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive;
- 4. Instructions concerning the proof of identity required to vote at the polling place;
- 5. Instructions concerning the identification required for persons who registered by mail or computer and are first-time voters for federal office in this State;
- [5.] 6. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to persons with disabilities;
- [6.] 7. General information concerning federal and state laws which prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and
- [7.] 8. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.
 - **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:
- (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.
- (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.
- 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:





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

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

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

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

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

→ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by

the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under penalty of perjury.

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

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

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

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

7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the





purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.

- 8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person [:
- (a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or
- (b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who:
- (1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and
- (2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] furnishes proof of identity.
 - 9. The election board officers shall:
 - (a) Record on the challenge list:
 - (1) The name of the challenged person;
- (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and
 - (3) The result of the challenge; and
- (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.
 - Sec. 25. NRS 293.3075 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3075 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Determine [that] whether the person is a registered voter in the county and has not already voted in that county in the current election:
- (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and
- (c) [Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.] Require the registered voter to present proof of identity.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;





- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4.] The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- [5.] 3. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- [6.] 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the *registered* voter;
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.
- [7.] 5. A *registered* voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.
 - **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.3081 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3081 A person at a polling place may cast a provisional ballot in an election pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, if the person complies with the applicable provisions of NRS 293.3082 and:
- 1. Declares that he or she has registered to vote and is eligible to vote at that election in that jurisdiction, but [his or her]:
- (a) The name of the person does not appear on a voter registration list as a voter eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction [or an];
- (b) An election official asserts that the person is not eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction; or
 - (c) The person fails to present proof of identity;
- 2. Applies by mail or computer, on or after January 1, 2003, to register to vote and has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State and fails to provide [the identification]





required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725] proof of identity to the election board officer at the polling place; or

- 3. Declares that he or she is entitled to vote after the polling place would normally close as a result of a court order or other order extending the time established for the closing of polls pursuant to a law of this State in effect 10 days before the date of the election.
 - **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.3082 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3082 1. Before a person may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3081, the person must complete a written affirmation on a form provided by an election board officer, as prescribed by the Secretary of State, at the polling place which includes:
 - (a) The name of the person casting the provisional ballot;
 - (b) The reason for casting the provisional ballot;
- (c) A statement in which the person casting the provisional ballot affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a registered voter in the jurisdiction and is eligible to vote in the election;
 - (d) The date and type of election;
 - (e) The signature of the person casting the provisional ballot;
 - (f) The signature of the election board officer;
- (g) A unique affirmation identification number assigned to the person casting the provisional ballot;
- (h) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293.3081:
- (1) An indication by the person as to whether or not he or she provided the required identification at the time the person applied to register to vote;
- (2) The address of the person as listed on the application to register to vote;
- (3) Information concerning the place, manner and approximate date on which the person applied to register to vote;
- (4) Any other information that the person believes may be useful in verifying that the person has registered to vote; and
- (5) A statement informing the voter that if the voter does not provide [identification] proof of identity at the time the voter casts the provisional ballot, the required [identification] proof of identity must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted;
- (i) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.3081:
- (1) The address of the person as listed on the application to register to vote;





- (2) The voter registration number, if any, issued to the person; and
- (3) A statement informing the voter that the required [identification] proof of identity must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted; and
- (j) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081, the voter registration number, if any, issued to the person.
- 2. After a person completes a written affirmation pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) The election board officer shall provide the person with a receipt that includes the unique affirmation identification number described in subsection 1 and that explains how the person may use the free access system established pursuant to NRS 293.3086 to ascertain whether the person's vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the reason why the vote was not counted;
- (b) The voter's name and applicable information must be entered into the roster in a manner which indicates that the voter cast a provisional ballot; and
- (c) The election board officer shall issue a provisional ballot to the person to vote.
 - **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.3085 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3085 1. Following each election, a canvass of the provisional ballots cast in the election must be conducted pursuant to NRS 293.387 and, if appropriate, pursuant to NRS 293C.387.
 - 2. The county and city clerk shall not:
- (a) Include any provisional ballot in the unofficial results reported on election night; or
- (b) Open any envelope containing a provisional ballot before 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a provisional ballot must be counted if:
- (a) The county or city clerk determines that the person who cast the provisional ballot was registered to vote in the election, eligible to vote in the election and issued the appropriate ballot for the address at which the person resides;
- (b) A voter who failed to provide required identification at the polling place or with his or her mailed ballot provides the required identification to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day [;], including, if applicable, his or her proof of identity; or
- (c) A court order has not been issued by 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day directing that provisional ballots cast





pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081 not be counted, and the provisional ballot was cast pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081.

4. A provisional ballot must not be counted if the county or city clerk determines that the person who cast the provisional ballot cast the wrong ballot for the address at which the person resides.

Sec. 29. NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.356 If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the election board shall, *except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of a polling place for early voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564, 293.3572, 293.3575 or 298.690.

Sec. 30. NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:

- (a) Determine [that] whether the person is a registered voter in the county.
- (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
- (c) [Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.] Require the registered voter to present proof of identity.
- (d) Verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4.] The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.





- [5.] 3. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable, must contain:
- (a) The *registered* voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the *registered* voter's signature;
- (b) The *registered* voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
 - (c) The date of voting early in person.

- [6.] 4. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- [7.] 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the *registered* voter:
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.
- [8.] 6. A *registered* voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.
- [9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.]
 - **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.4688 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.4688 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that:
- (a) All public information that is included on the Internet website required pursuant to NRS 293.4687 is accessible on a mobile device; and
- (b) A person may use a mobile device to submit any information or form related to elections that a person may otherwise submit electronically to the Secretary of State, including, without limitation, an application to preregister or register to vote, *a request for a mail ballot* and a request for a military-overseas ballot.
 - 2. As used in this section:
- (a) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.050.
- (b) "Mobile device" includes, without limitation, a smartphone or a tablet computer.
 - **Sec. 32.** NRS 293.5002 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5002 1. The Secretary of Štate shall establish procedures to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive, to:





- (a) Preregister or register to vote; and
- (b) Vote by mail ballot,

- → without revealing the confidential address of the person.
- 2. In addition to establishing appropriate procedures or developing forms pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State shall develop a form to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued to preregister or register to vote or to change the address of the person's current preregistration or registration, as applicable. The form must include:
- (a) A section that contains the confidential address of the person; and
 - (b) A section that contains the fictitious address of the person.
- 3. Upon receiving a completed form from a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued, the Secretary of State shall:
- (a) On the portion of the form that contains the fictitious address of the person, indicate the county and precinct in which the person will vote and forward this portion of the form to the appropriate county clerk; and
- (b) File the portion of the form that contains the confidential address.
 - 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:
- (a) Any request received by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 shall be deemed a request for a permanent mail ballot.
- (b) The Secretary of State and each county clerk shall keep the portion of the form developed pursuant to subsection 2 that he or she retains separate from other applications for preregistration or registration.
- [(b)] (c) The Secretary of State or a county or city clerk shall not make the name, confidential address, fictitious address, telephone number or electronic mail address of the person who has been issued a fictitious address available for:
 - (1) Inspection or copying; or
- (2) Inclusion in any list that is made available for public inspection,
- inless directed to do so by lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.505 1. All justices of the peace, except those located in county seats, are ex officio field registrars to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
- 2. The county clerk shall appoint at least one registered voter to serve as a field registrar of voters who, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5055, shall preregister and register voters within the county for which the field registrar is appointed. Except as





otherwise provided in subsection 1, a candidate for any office may not be appointed or serve as a field registrar. A field registrar serves at the pleasure of the county clerk and shall perform such duties as the county clerk may direct. The county clerk shall not knowingly appoint any person as a field registrar who has been convicted of a felony involving theft or fraud. The Secretary of State may bring an action against a county clerk to collect a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each person who is appointed as a field registrar in violation of this subsection. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

- 3. A field registrar shall demand of any person who applies for preregistration or registration all information required by the application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable, and shall administer all oaths required by this chapter.
- 4. When a field registrar has in his or her possession five or more completed applications to preregister or register to vote, the field registrar shall forward them to the county clerk, but in no case may the field registrar hold any number of them for more than 10 days.
- 5. Each field registrar shall forward to the county clerk all completed applications in his or her possession immediately after the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable. Within 5 days after the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable, a field registrar shall return all unused applications in his or her possession to the county clerk. If all of the unused applications are not returned to the county clerk, the field registrar shall account for the unreturned applications.
- 6. Each field registrar shall submit to the county clerk a list of the serial numbers of the completed applications to preregister or register to vote and the names of the electors on those applications. The serial numbers must be listed in numerical order.
- 7. Each field registrar shall post notices sent to him or her by the county clerk for posting in accordance with the election laws of this State.
- 8. A field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or person assisting a voter pursuant to NRS 293.5235 shall not:
 - (a) Delegate any of his or her duties to another person; or
- (b) Refuse to preregister or register a person on account of that person's political party affiliation.
- 9. A person shall not hold himself or herself out to be or attempt to exercise the duties of a field registrar unless the person has been so appointed.





- 10. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or person assisting another person pursuant to NRS 293.5235 shall not:
- (a) Solicit a vote for or against a particular question or candidate;
- (b) Speak to a person on the subject of marking his or her ballot for or against a particular question or candidate; or
- (c) Distribute any petition or other material concerning a candidate or question which will be on the ballot for the ensuing election,
- → while preregistering or registering the person.
- 11. When the county clerk receives applications to preregister or register to vote from a field registrar, the county clerk shall issue a receipt to the field registrar. The receipt must include:
 - (a) The number of persons preregistered or registered; and
 - (b) The political party of the persons preregistered or registered.
- 12. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or person assisting another person pursuant to NRS 293.5235 shall not:
 - (a) Knowingly:

- (1) Register a person who is not a qualified elector or a person who has filed a false or misleading application to register to vote; or
- (2) Preregister a person who does not meet the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855; or
- (b) Preregister or register a person who fails to provide satisfactory [proof] evidence of [identification] his or her identity and the address at which the person actually resides.
- 13. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency, person assisting another person pursuant to NRS 293.5235 or any other person providing a form for the application to preregister or register to vote to an elector for the purpose of preregistering or registering to vote:
- (a) If the person who assists another person with completing the form for the application to preregister or register to vote retains the form, shall enter his or her name on the duplicate copy or receipt retained by the person upon completion of the form; and
- (b) Shall not alter, deface or destroy an application to preregister or register to vote that has been signed by a person except to correct information contained in the application after receiving notice from the person that a change in or addition to the information is required.
- 14. If a field registrar violates any of the provisions of this section, the county clerk shall immediately suspend the field registrar and notify the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred.





- 15. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsection 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
 - **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or register to vote, and providing [proof] evidence of residence and identity [:] in accordance with this subsection;
- (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5727 or chapter 293D of NRS;
- (d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar pursuant to NRS 293.5237;
- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or
- (f) By any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.
- The county clerk shall require a person to submit official identification as **[proof]** evidence of residence and identity **[,]** in accordance with this subsection, such as a driver's license or other official document, before preregistering or registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to provide **[proof]** evidence of residence and identity, the applicant must provide **[proof]** evidence of residence and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide **[proof]** evidence of the residence or identity of a person.
- 2. In addition to the methods for registering to vote described in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote pursuant to:
 - (a) NRS 293.269951, if applicable;
 - (b) NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive; or
 - (c) NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, the application to preregister or register to





vote must be signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person preregistering or the elector registering.

- 4. Each person or elector who is or has been married must be preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her spouse.
- 5. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered and changes his or her name must complete a new application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector may obtain a new application:
 - (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
- (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or register to vote;
 - (d) At any voter registration agency; or
- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish [proof] evidence of his or her identity and subsequent change of name.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8 and NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, an elector who registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.
- 7. After the county clerk determines that the application to register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration card to the voter.
- 8. If a person or an elector submits an application to preregister or register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to the application if the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is not eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, as applicable. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall immediately notify the person or elector, as applicable, and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days





after the district attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:

- (a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and
 - (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application.
- 9. If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the application pursuant to subsection 8, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant, unless the applicant is preregistered to vote and does not currently meet the requirements to be issued a voter registration card pursuant to NRS 293.4855.
 - **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration of a person or the registration of a voter if:
- (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that information in the application to preregister or register to vote concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is fraudulent:
- (b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to subsection 3; and
- (c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory **[proof]** *evidence* of identity and residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk shall notify the person or voter by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to subsection 1. The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation. Unless the person or voter, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory [proof] evidence of identity and residence to the county clerk, the county clerk shall cancel the person's preregistration or the voter's registration, as applicable.
- 3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to provide the notice required by subsection 2 to a registered voter, the county clerk shall execute an affidavit of cancellation and attach a copy of the affidavit of cancellation in the roster.
- 4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if the voter furnishes:





- (a) [Official identification which contains a photograph of the voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other official document;] **Proof of identity**; and
- (b) Satisfactory [identification that contains proof] evidence of the address at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with the address listed on the roster.
- 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and a mail ballot is received from the voter, the mail ballot must be kept separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter presents satisfactory [proof] evidence to the county clerk of identity and residence before such ballots are counted on election day.
- 6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card does not provide **[proof]** evidence of the:
 - (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or
 - (b) Residence or identity of a person.
 - **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.5768 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5768 1. The following agencies are automatic voter registration agencies:
 - (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (b) The Department of Health and Human Services;
- (c) Any agency designated by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to receive applications for Medicaid;
- (d) The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange created by NRS 695I.200;
- (e) Any agency that has been designated by the Governor as an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to NRS 293.57682; and
- (f) Any agency of an Indian tribe that has been designated by the Governor to be an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to NRS 293.57684.
- 2. If, in the normal course of business, an automatic voter registration agency collects sufficient information that demonstrates a person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, **[proof]** *evidence* of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth, the provisions of NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, apply to the automatic voter registration agency when a person submits any of the following:
- (a) An application for the issuance or renewal of or change of address for any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (b) An application for Medicaid through the system established by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 422.2703;
- (c) An application for health insurance through the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange; and





- (d) An application for any service or assistance from an automatic voter registration agency described in paragraph (e) or (f) of subsection 1.
 - 3. An automatic voter registration agency shall not:
- (a) Request any additional information for purposes of voter registration that is not required in the normal course of business; and
- (b) Transmit any information about a person using the system established pursuant to NRS 293.57686 if the person did not provide the agency in the normal course of business sufficient information that demonstrates the person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth.
- **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.57682 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.57682 1. The Governor may designate any agency in the Executive Department of the State Government not described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 293.5768 as an automatic voter registration agency if the agency collects in the regular course of business from a person applying to the agency to receive any service or assistance sufficient information that demonstrates a person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth.
- 2. Upon the designation of an agency as an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to subsection 1:
 - (a) The Governor shall notify the Secretary of State; and
- (b) The Secretary of State and the automatic voter registration agency shall comply with the provisions of NRS 293.57686.
- **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.57684 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.57684 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the Governor for approval to allow an agency of the tribe to become an automatic voter registration agency in order to submit voter registration information of tribal members to the Secretary of State and the appropriate county clerk for the purpose of registering tribal members to vote or updating the voter registration information of tribal members for the purpose of correcting the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530.
- 2. If the Governor finds that the tribal agency collects in the regular course of business from a person applying to the agency to receive any service or assistance sufficient information that demonstrates the person is qualified to vote pursuant to





NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth:

- (a) The Governor shall designate the tribal agency as an automatic voter registration agency; and
- (b) The Secretary of State and the Indian tribe shall comply with the provisions of NRS 293.57686.
- **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.57691 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.57691 1. A county clerk shall not reject as an application to register to vote the information received from an automatic voter registration agency solely on the basis that the information does not contain an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person who is applying to vote or update his or her voter registration information on the statewide voter registration list.
- 2. If the county clerk does not receive an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person from the automatic voter registration agency, the county clerk must obtain the person's signature or an electronic facsimile of the person's signature through one of the following methods:
- (a) Through the notice provided by the county clerk to the person pursuant to NRS 293.57693, if the notice is returned to the county clerk by the person and the returned notice includes the person's signature;
- (b) Requesting an electronic facsimile of the person's signature from the Department of Motor Vehicles or another state agency;
- (c) Requesting the person to submit an electronic facsimile of the person's signature through a method approved by the Secretary of State; or
- (d) Requesting the person to sign a paper or electronic form the first time the person applies to vote in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting by personal appearance. A signature provided by a person pursuant to this paragraph must be compared to [one of the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place set forth in NRS 293.277] the signature on the person's proof of identity before the person is allowed to vote in person.
- 3. In addition to the requirements of this section and NRS 293.2725, a person who is registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, must provide an affirmation signed under penalty of perjury that the person is eligible to vote the first time a person votes in person or by mail ballot if the person has not already provided such an affirmation to the county clerk.





Sec. 40. NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5837 1. An elector may register to vote in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection 2 to vote in person.

- 2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this section less than 14 days before the election, the elector may vote only in person:
- (a) During the period for early voting, at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote; or
 - (b) On the day of the election, at:

- (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote; or
 - (2) The polling place for his or her election precinct.
- 3. To vote in person, an elector who submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this section must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place described in subsection 2:
- (b) Inform an election board officer that, before appearing at the polling place, the elector submitted an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; and
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as **[proof]** *evidence* of the elector's identity and residency.
- 4. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;
 - (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;





(g) A motor vehicle registration;

- (h) A property tax statement; or
- (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 5. Subject to final verification, if an elector submits an application to register to vote and appears at a polling place to vote in person pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the elector submitted the application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 and that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
 - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.
 - **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- 2. To register to vote in person during the period for early voting, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:
 - (1) A paper application; or
- (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- → If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by





the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as **[proof]** *evidence* of the elector's identity and residency.

- 3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service:
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;

- (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement; or
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
 - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.
 - **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- 2. To register to vote on the day of the election, an elector must:





- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:
 - (1) A paper application; or
- (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- → If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as **[proof]** *evidence* of the elector's identity and residency.
- 3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service:
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
- (d) A paycheck;

- (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement; or
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
 - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;





- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
 - (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.
 - **Sec. 43.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 44 and 45 of this act.
 - Sec. 44. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, NRS 293.502 and 293C.265 and chapter 293D of NRS, a registered voter may request a mail ballot if, before 5 p.m. on the 14th calendar day preceding the election, the registered voter provides sufficient written notice to the city clerk in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State. A registered voter is not required to show cause to request a mail ballot.
- 2. A registered voter with a disability may use the system for approved electronic transmission established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293D.200 to request a mail ballot in accordance with NRS 293.269951.
- 3. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request a mail ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person fraudulently to request a mail ballot in the name of another person. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- Sec. 45. A city clerk shall not mail a mail ballot requested by a registered voter if, after the request is submitted:
- 1. The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530: or
- 2. The county clerk cancels the registration of the person pursuant to NRS 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540.
 - **Sec. 46.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail in accordance with the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive, *and sections 44 to 45 of this act* if:
 - (a) The election is a special election; or
- (b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the ballot includes only:
- (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered voters of only one ward; or
 - (2) One office or ballot question.
- 2. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.





Sec. 47. NRS 293C.185 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.190, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary or general city election unless the person named has, in accordance with NRS 293C.145 or 293C.175, as applicable, timely filed a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee established by the governing body of the city.

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

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





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- 3. The address of a candidate that must be included in the declaration of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street address of the residence where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has been assigned. The declaration of candidacy must not be accepted for filing if the candidate fails to comply with the following provisions of this subsection or, if applicable, the provisions of subsection 4:
- (a) The candidate shall not list the candidate's address as a post office box unless a street address has not been assigned to the residence; and
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the candidate shall present to the filing officer:
- (1) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate and the candidate's residential address; or
- (2) A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the candidate's name and residential address, but not including a voter registration card.
- 4. If the candidate executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury stating that the candidate is unable to present to the filing officer the proof of residency required by subsection 3 because a street address has not been assigned to the candidate's residence or because the rural or remote location of the candidate's residence makes it impracticable to present the proof of residency required by subsection 3, the candidate shall present to the filing officer:





- (a) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate; and
- (b) Alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that the filing officer determines is sufficient to verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations establishing the forms of alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that the filing officer may accept to verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050.
- 5. The filing officer shall retain a copy of the **[proof]** *evidence* of identity and residency provided by the candidate pursuant to subsection 3 or 4. Such a copy:
 - (a) May not be withheld from the public; and
- (b) Must not contain the social security number, driver's license or identification card number or account number of the candidate.
- 6. By filing the declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed the city clerk as his or her agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding pursuant to NRS 293C.186. Service of such process must first be attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with the city clerk duplicate copies of the process. The city clerk shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies to the candidate at the specified address, unless the candidate has designated in writing to the city clerk a different address for that purpose, in which case the city clerk shall mail the copy to the last address so designated.
- 7. If the city clerk receives credible evidence indicating that a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her civil rights restored, the city clerk:
- (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the candidate has had his or her civil rights restored; and
- (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from such investigation to the city attorney.
- 8. The receipt of information by the city attorney pursuant to subsection 7 must be treated as a challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 293C.186 to which the provisions of NRS 293.2045 apply.
- 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.





- Sec. 48. NRS 293C.263 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.263 1. [Except as otherwise provided in this section, the] The city clerk shall prepare [and distribute to each active] a mail ballot for the use of registered [voter in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election.] voters who have requested mail ballots. The city clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.
- 2. The [city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the city clerk which must be received by the city clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election.
- 3. The city clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:
- (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or
- (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.
- 4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must be [distributed] prepared and ready for distribution to:
 - (a) Each [active] registered voter who:
- (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election; and
- (2) [Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides] Resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before [the] a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.
- (b) [Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.
- (e) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.
- [6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be





distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days before the special election.

- 7.] 3. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is most and of no effect.
- **Sec. 49.** NRS 293C.26312 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.26312 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2, NRS 293C.263 and] chapter 293D of NRS, if the request for a mail ballot is made by mail or approved electronic transmission, the city clerk shall, as soon as the mail ballot for the precinct or district in which the voter resides has been prepared pursuant to NRS 293C.263, send to [each active] the registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service is properly placed:
 - (a) A mail ballot;

- (b) A return envelope [;], which must include, without limitation, a flap to cover any identifying number of the voter written on the return envelope pursuant to NRS 293C.26316;
- (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted to ensure its secrecy; and
 - (d) Instructions.
- 2. [In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the city clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an address of the voter that is different from the address to which the mail ballot is mailed.
- —3.] The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-class mail if the [active] registered voter is within the boundaries of the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military base.
- [4.] 3. Before sending a mail ballot to [an active] a registered voter, the city clerk shall record:
 - (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;
- (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any, unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;
 - (c) The number of the mail ballot; and
 - (d) Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.
- **Sec. 50.** NRS 293C.26314 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.26314 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously voted in any election for federal office in this State, the city clerk





must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.

- 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to preregister or register to vote:
- (1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification;] his or her proof of identity; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card;
- (b) Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his or her application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, and at that time presents to the automatic voter registration agency:
- (1) A copy of [a current and valid photo identification;] his or her proof of identity;
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card; or
- (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;
- (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
- (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the provisions of any other federal law.
- 3. If a person fails to provide the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her mail ballot:





- (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and
- (b) The city clerk must:

- (1) Contact the person;
- (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required before 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election; and
- (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting board.
- **Sec. 51.** NRS 293C.26316 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.26316 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.26318 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the voter must, in accordance with the instructions:
 - (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;
- (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the return envelope;
- (c) [Affix his or her signature] Write in the space provided on the return envelope [in the space provided for the signature; and]:
- (1) The last four digits of his or her social security number; or
- (2) His or her driver's license number or identification card number;
- (d) Close the attached flap over the identifying number written on the return envelope; and
- (e) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized by law.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon the mail ballot as prepared pursuant to NRS 293C.263, and no person may write in the name of an additional candidate for any office.
- 3. [Iff Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if a mail ballot has been [sent to] requested by a voter who applies to vote in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to complying with all other requirements for voting in person that are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not voted during the election. A person who receives a surrendered mail ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."
- 4. If a registered voter who has requested a mail ballot by mail applies to vote in person at the office of the city clerk or a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and the voter does not have the mail ballot to deliver or surrender, the voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:
 - (a) Provides proof of identity;





- (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and
- (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not voted during the election.
- **Sec. 52.** NRS 293C.26321 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.26321 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2 and] chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for any election, the mail ballot must be:
- (a) Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by hand to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the city, pursuant to this section; or
 - (b) Mailed to the city clerk \vdash and \vdash
 - (1) Postmarked on or before the day of the election; and
- (2) Received received by the clerk [not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth day following] before the time set for the closing of the polls on the day of the election.
- 2. [If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on the third day following the election and the date of the postmark cannot be determined, the mail ballot shall be deemed to have been postmarked on or before the day of the election.
- 3.] Each city clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every polling place in the city, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting. A city clerk may establish a drop box at any other location in the city where mail ballots can be delivered by hand and collected during the period for early voting and on election day. No person other than a clerk may establish a drop box for mail ballots.
 - [4.] 3. A ballot drop box must be:
- (a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail ballots; and
- (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots and being locked.
 - [5.] 4. A ballot drop box must be:
- (a) Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the office of the city clerk, or a polling place in the city; and
- (b) Made available for use during the hours when the office of the city clerk, or the polling place, is open for business or voting, as applicable.
- **Sec. 53.** NRS 293C.26323 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293C.26323 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, [at the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or on behalf of the voter, a] it is unlawful for any person to return a mail ballot other than the voter or, at the request of the voter, a





person authorized by the voter. [may] A person who is authorized to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter [by mail or personal delivery to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the city, pursuant to NRS 293C.26321.]:

- (a) Shall, under penalty of perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by the city clerk that the person is authorized by the voter who requested the mail ballot to return the mail ballot and the date on which the voter provided such authorization to the person;
- (b) Shall not return more than 30 mail ballots for any election; and
- (c) Shall, after the election, submit to the Secretary of State a report in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State that includes, without limitation, each voter on whose behalf the person returned a mail ballot.
- 2. Except for an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:
- (a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a voter's mail ballot;
 - (b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or
- (c) If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless otherwise authorized by the voter, [by]:
 - (1) $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ mail:

- (I) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days before the last day of the period for early voting; or
- (II) Before the deadline established by the United States Postal Service for the mail ballot to be delivered before the time set for closing of the polls on the day of the election, if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the last day of the period for early voting; or
 - (2) By personal delivery:
- [(1)] (1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days before the day of the election; or
- [(2)] (II) Before the [deadline established by the United States Postal Service for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of the election or before] time set for closing of the polls [close] on the day of the election, [as applicable to the type of delivery,] if the person receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the election.





- 3. A person who violates any provision of subsection *1 or* 2 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 4. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of subsection 1.
- **Sec. 54.** NRS 293C.26325 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.26325 1. The city clerk shall establish procedures for the processing and counting of mail ballots.
 - 2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) May authorize mail ballots to be processed, verified and counted by computer or other electronic means; and
- (b) Must not conflict with the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive [...], and sections 44 and 45 of this act.
- **Sec. 55.** NRS 293C.26327 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.26327 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the city clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk shall [check the signature used for the mail ballot by electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3.] verify that the last four digits of the social security number or the driver's license number or identification card number, as applicable, written on the return envelope match the information of the voter in the records of the city clerk.
- 2. [To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic means:
- (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the signature used for the mail ballot and electronically compare the digital image with the signatures of the voter from his or her application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote available in the records of the city clerk.
- (b) If the electronic device does not match the signature of the voter, the signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3.
- 3. To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the city clerk shall use the following procedure:
- (a) The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the mail ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.
- (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk





shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.

4. For purposes of subsection 3:

- (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.
- (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if:
- (1) The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for the first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk; or
- (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature used for the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter available in the records of the clerk.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if] If the clerk determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed and prepared for counting.
- [6.] 3. If the clerk determines when checking the [signature] identifying number used for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her [signature] identifying number or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail ballot, [or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter,] but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide [a signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable.] an identifying number. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide [a signature or a confirmation, as applicable.] an identifying number, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election.
- [7.] 4. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to affix his or her [signature] identifying number or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail ballot, [or for





whom there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter,] in order to:

(a) Contact the voter;

- (b) Allow the voter to provide [a signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable;] an identifying number; and
- (c) After [a signature or a confirmation] an identifying number is provided, [as applicable,] ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting board.
- [8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the city clerk covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the city clerk, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the city clerk with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 9.] 5. The procedures established pursuant to subsection [7] 4 for contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:
 - (a) Mail:
- (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in the records of the clerk; and
- (c) Electronic means, which may include, without limitation, electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.
 - **Sec. 56.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or computer to vote shall, for the first city election in which the person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is registered to vote.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to federal law or chapter 293D of NRS;
 - (b) Is disabled;
- (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; [or]
- (d) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.26312 and includes a copy of the information required





pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant to NRS 293C.26314 [...]; *or*

(e) Requests a mail ballot in person at the office of the city clerk and shows proof of identity at the time of making such request.

Sec. 57. NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must [sign]:

- (a) Present proof of identity; and
- (b) Sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, the signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.]
- 2. [The forms of identification that may be used to identify a voter at the polling place are:
- (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
 - (b) A driver's license;

- (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles:
- (d) A military identification card; or
- (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.
- 3.] The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
 - **Sec. 58.** NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.272 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by NRS 293C.270, the voter must **be identified by:**
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing] present the election board officer with his or her proof of [identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.





- **Sec. 59.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.275 [1.] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272:
- [(a)] 1. A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

(b) 2. The election board officer shall:

- (1) (a) Announce the name of the registered voter;
- [(2)] (b) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;
- [(3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270;]
- (c) Require the registered voter to present proof of identity; and [(4)] (d) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- [2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.]
 - **Sec. 60.** NRS 293C.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.277 1. A registered voter who applies to vote at an election must give his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name of the *registered* voter [.] and require the registered voter to present proof of identity.
- 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by a registered voter upon any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293C.292. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner provided in NRS 293C.292.
 - **Sec. 61.** NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.292

 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:
- (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct or district upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election; or





- (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.
- 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:
- (a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster";
- (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person previously voted a ballot for the election, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or questions included on this ballot for this election"; or
- (c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is not the person he or she claims to be, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this roster." → The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under penalty of perjury.
- 3. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged" by the person's name.
- 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293C.295.
- 5. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue him or her a ballot.
- 6. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.
- 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person [:
- (a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or





- (b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who:
 - (1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and
 - (2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] furnishes proof of identity.
 - 8. The election board officers shall:
 - (a) Record on the challenge list:

- (1) The name of the challenged person;
- (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and
 - (3) The result of the challenge; and
- (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.
- **Sec. 62.** NRS 293C.3035 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3035 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Determine **[that]** whether the person is a registered voter in the city and has not already voted in that city in the current election;
- (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and
- (c) [Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.] Require the registered voter to present proof of identity.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.





- 4.] The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- [5.] 3. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- [6.] 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the *registered* voter;
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.
- [7.] 5. A *registered* voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- **Sec. 63.** NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.356

 1. If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the city clerk shall, *except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk's office and returned to the clerk.
- 2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568, each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in accordance with this section.
- **Sec. 64.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:
- (a) Determine [that] whether the person is a registered voter in the county.
- (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
- (c) [Verify the signature of] Require the registered voter [in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.] to present proof of identity.
- (d) Verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.





- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- —4.] The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- [5.] 3. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable, must contain:
- (a) The *registered* voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the *registered* voter's signature;
- (b) The *registered* voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
 - (c) The date of voting early in person.
- [6.] 4. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- [7.] 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the *registered* voter;
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.
- [8.] 6. A *registered* voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- [9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.]





Sec. 65. NRS 298.250 is hereby amended to read as follows: 298.250 1. If a former resident of the State of Nevada otherwise qualified to vote in another state in any election for President and Vice President of the United States has commenced his or her residence in the other state after the 30th day next preceding that election and for this reason does not satisfy the requirements for registration in the other state, the former resident may vote for President and Vice President only in that election:

- (a) In person in the county of the State of Nevada which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified to vote there; or
- (b) By mail ballot in the county of the State of Nevada which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified to vote there and complies with the applicable requirements of NRS 293.269911 to 293.269937, inclusive [...], and sections 6 and 7 of this act.
- 2. The Secretary of State may, in a manner consistent with the election laws of this State, adopt regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.
- **Sec. 66.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.
 - 2. Sections 1 to 65, inclusive, of this act become effective:
- (a) Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
 - (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.





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