

SENATE BILL NO. 74—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.
(BDR 24-482)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 6, 26, 28)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing, under certain circumstances, any registered voter to use the system of approved electronic transmission; revising eligibility to be a candidate of a major political party; setting forth the form of a declaration of candidacy for certain candidates; revising the methods for paying candidate filing fees; revising the information required to be contained in election notices; revising provisions relating to election boards; revising provisions relating to when certain candidates may be declared elected at a primary election; revising provisions relating to ballots and standards for counting votes; revising provisions relating to an application to preregister or register to vote; revising provisions relating to the designation of persons who are not affiliated with a political party; revising provisions relating to updating voter registration information; requiring the Secretary of State to adopt a cyber-incident response plan; authorizing certain elderly persons to request that certain personal information be kept confidential; revising the deadline by which a withdrawal of candidacy must be presented by certain candidates; revising provisions relating campaign contributions for certain special elections; making various other changes relating to elections; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish a system of approved
2 electronic transmission through which: (1) certain military and overseas electors
3 and voters; (2) certain electors and registered voters with a disability; or (3) certain
4 electors and registered voters who are tribal members may register to vote, request
5 a ballot and cast a ballot. (NRS 293.269951, 293D.200) **Sections 1 and 28** of this
6 bill require the Secretary of State to allow any registered voter to use the system of
7 approved electronic transmission to apply for and cast a ballot if the registered
8 voter: (1) does not have access to his or her mail ballot; and (2) is unable to go to
9 the polls because of an illness or disability resulting in confinement, hospitalization,
10 serious illness or is suddenly called away from home. **Sections 16 and 35** of this
11 bill authorize the county and city clerks to notify the public of the provisions of
12 **sections 1 and 28**.

13 **Section 2** of this bill removes the prohibition for a person to be a candidate of a
14 major political party for partisan office if the person has changed certain
15 information on an application to register to vote in a state other than this State
16 during the time beginning on December 31 preceding the closing filing date for an
17 election and ending on the date of the election. (NRS 293.176)

18 Existing law requires an independent candidate for partisan office to file a
19 declaration of candidacy. (NRS 293.200) Existing law further sets forth the form
20 for a declaration of candidacy for all candidates for partisan office. (NRS 293.177)
21 **Section 3** of this bill sets forth the form for the declaration of candidacy for an
22 independent candidate for partisan office. **Section 5** of this bill makes conforming
23 changes to clarify that the declaration of candidacy for an independent candidate
24 must be in the form set forth in **section 3**.

25 Existing law sets forth certain fees for filing a declaration of candidacy and
26 provides that the fee for filing a declaration of candidacy may be paid by cash,
27 cashier's check or certified check. (NRS 293.193) **Section 4** of this bill: (1)
28 provides that such a fee may also be paid by credit card; (2) revises the description
29 of certain offices; and (3) reorganizes existing fees set forth in other provisions of
30 existing law in to this schedule of fees.

31 Existing law requires a county clerk, immediately upon receipt of the certified
32 list of candidates for judicial and nonjudicial office, to publish a notice of primary
33 election or general election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once
34 a week for 2 successive weeks and requires such notice to contain: (1) the date of
35 the election; (2) the location of the polling places; and (3) the hours during which
36 the polling places will be open for voting. (NRS 293.203) **Section 6** of this bill
37 requires such notice to additionally contain: (1) the names of the candidates; and (2)
38 the office for which each candidate is running and, if the office is partisan, the party
39 under which the candidate is running. **Section 39** of this bill similarly requires the
40 names of the qualified candidates who will be on the ballot at the presidential
41 preference primary election and the major political party with which each candidate
42 is affiliated to be included on such notice for a presidential preference primary
43 election. (NRS 298.670)

44 Existing law authorizes a county clerk to appoint a pupil as a trainee for the
45 position of election board officer and sets forth the qualifications for such an
46 appointment, including a requirement that the pupil is appointed without party
47 affiliation. (NRS 293.2175, 293C.222) **Sections 7 and 31** of this bill clarify that a
48 pupil may be appointed as a trainee regardless of his or her affiliation with a
49 political party, including any designation of party affiliation on the pupil's
50 application to preregister or register to vote.

51 Existing law provides that members of election boards continue to serve as
52 such from the day before the day of the election until the time for filing contests of
53 the election has expired. (NRS 293.225) **Section 8** of this bill provides instead that
54 members continue to serve as such from the day of appointment.



55 Existing law provides that, in certain circumstances, if one candidate receives a
56 majority of the votes cast in a primary election for certain nonpartisan offices, the
57 candidate must be declared elected and the candidate's name must not be placed on
58 the ballot. (NRS 293.260, 293C.175; Carson City Charter § 5.010; Henderson City
59 Charter § 5.010; Las Vegas City Charter § 5.010; North Las Vegas City Charter §
60 5.020; Sparks City Charter § 5.020) **Sections 9, 29 and 42-46** of this bill provide
61 that for the purposes of determining the majority of the votes cast in the primary
62 election for an office for which voters may select more than one candidate, each
63 ballot upon which a voter marked a valid choice for one or more candidates for that
64 office shall be deemed to be one vote cast in the primary election for that office.

65 Existing law provides that every ballot upon which appears the names of
66 candidates for any statewide office or for President or Vice President of the United
67 States must contain an additional line with a square in which the voter may select
68 "None of these candidates." (NRS 293.269) **Section 10** of this bill provides instead
69 that the additional line on such a ballot must contain a space in which the voter may
70 select "None of these candidates."

71 Existing law: (1) authorizes the mail ballot central counting board to begin
72 counting mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election; (2) requires the
73 counting board to prepare to count the ballots when the polls are closed; and (3)
74 establishes certain requirements for counting paper ballots. (NRS 293.269931,
75 293.363, 293C.26331, 293C.362) **Sections 12 and 33** of this bill: (1) clarify that
76 the mail ballot central counting board may begin counting mail ballots before the
77 polls are closed; and (2) remove requirements for counting paper ballots.

78 Existing law: (1) sets forth certain standards for counting votes; (2) requires the
79 Secretary of State to adopt regulations establishing uniform, statewide standards for
80 counting a vote; and (3) authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt regulations
81 establishing additional uniform statewide standards. (NRS 293.3677, 293C.369)
82 **Sections 13 and 34** of this bill authorize the Secretary of State to establish uniform
83 thresholds for determining whether writing or a mark must be counted as a vote.

84 Existing law requires each county clerk to conduct a risk-limiting audit of the
85 results of an election. (NRS 293.394) **Section 15** of this bill renames such audits to
86 "election accuracy audits." Existing law provides that certain election materials,
87 including the voted, rejected and spoiled ballots, must be sealed and deposited in
88 the vaults of the county clerk. (NRS 293.391) **Section 14** of this bill provides that
89 such election materials are subject to inspection for the purposes of an election
90 accuracy audit.

91 Existing law provides that the deadline to register to vote at a voter registration
92 agency, the Department of Motor Vehicles or an automatic voter registration
93 agency is the last day to register to vote by mail. Existing law requires a county
94 clerk to accept any application which is completed by the last day to register to vote
95 by mail if the county clerk receives the application not later than 5 days after that
96 date. (NRS 293.504, 293.5727, 293.57688) **Sections 17, 22 and 23** of this bill
97 require a voter registration agency, the Department of Motor Vehicles and an
98 automatic voter registration agency to notify a voter who registers to vote after this
99 deadline that in order to vote in the upcoming election, the voter must register to
100 vote by computer or at a polling place or polling place for early voting.

101 Existing law requires: (1) a person at the time he or she preregisters to vote or
102 an elector at the time he or she registers to vote, to indicate his or her political party
103 affiliation or that he or she is not affiliated with a party; and (2) if a person or
104 elector indicates that he or she is not affiliated with a political party or fails to
105 indicate as such, the county clerk or field registrar to list the person's or elector's
106 political party as nonpartisan. (NRS 293.518) **Section 18** of this bill instead
107 requires the county clerk or field registrar to list such a person's or elector's
108 political party as "no political party."



109 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to prescribe the form for
110 applications to preregister or register to vote. (NRS 293.5235) **Section 19** of this
111 bill requires an application to preregister or register to vote to include an option for
112 a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot. **Sections 11 and 32** of this bill make
113 conforming changes to provide that a county clerk and city clerk shall not distribute
114 a mail ballot to a person who has elected not to receive a mail ballot.

115 Existing federal law sets forth certain requirements for the removal of a voter
116 from the official list of eligible voters which prohibit a state from removing the
117 name of a registered voter unless the voter: (1) confirms a change of residence
118 outside of the registrar's jurisdiction in writing; or (2) fails to respond to a notice
119 sent to his or her residence and has not voted or appeared to vote for a period of
120 time after a notice has been mailed to his or her residence. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)
121 **Sections 20, 21 and 25** of this bill require a county clerk to mail a notice and
122 conduct any correction or removal of a registered voter in accordance with existing
123 federal law.

124 Existing law: (1) authorizes a voter to update his or her voter registration
125 information after the close of registration for an election; and (2) requires the
126 county or city clerk to authorize a voter to update his or her voter registration
127 information by the use of a paper application or the computer system established by
128 the Secretary of State. (NRS 293.5832) **Section 24** of this bill authorizes the county
129 or city clerk to also authorize an additional method for updating such voter
130 registration information at a polling place during early voting by personal
131 appearance and on election day. **Section 24** further: (1) requires the county or city
132 clerk to send a mail ballot to such a voter if the voter updates the information 14 or
133 more days before the election; and (2) provides that a voter who updates
134 information less than 14 days before the election may vote only in person in that
135 election only at a polling place. Finally, **section 24** clarifies that all other provisions
136 of law relating to voting in person or by mail still apply to a registered voter who
137 updates his or her voter registration information after the close of voter registration
138 for the election.

139 Existing law prohibits a person from being preregistered or registered to vote in
140 more than one county at a time. (NRS 293.810) **Section 25** instead prohibits a
141 person from being preregistered or registered to vote in more than one state at a
142 time.

143 Existing law requires a county or city clerk or other election official to
144 immediately notify the Secretary of State if the clerk or official identifies or is
145 informed of a confirmed attack or attempted attack on the security of an
146 information system used by the clerk or official. (NRS 293.875) **Section 26** of this
147 bill requires the Secretary of State to adopt by regulation a cyber-incident response
148 plan for elections. **Section 26** also requires a county or city clerk or other election
149 official to notify the Secretary of State of any cyber-incident or attempted cyber-
150 incident on the security of an information system used by the county or city clerk or
151 other election official in accordance with the cyber-incident response plan.

152 Existing law authorizes certain persons, including a spouse, domestic partner or
153 minor child of such a person, to request that personal information contained in the
154 records of the Secretary of State, a county or city clerk, a county recorder or a
155 county assessor be kept confidential. (NRS 247.540, 250.140, 293.908) **Sections**
156 **27, 40 and 41** of this bill additionally authorize the elderly dependent of such a
157 person to request that such information be kept confidential.

158 Existing law provides that a withdrawal of candidacy must be presented: (1) for
159 a candidate for city office, to the city clerk within 2 days after the last day for filing
160 for candidacy; and (2) for all other candidates, to the county clerk within 7 days
161 after the last day for filing. (NRS 293.202, 293C.195) **Section 30** of this bill
162 requires a withdrawal of candidacy by a candidate for a city office to be presented
163 within 7 days, consistent with the requirement for all other candidates.



164 Existing law sets forth certain limits on making or committing to make any
165 contributions to a candidate for office, except for a federal office, and provides that
166 no contribution made, committed or accepted for a primary election or general
167 election affects the limitation on contributions for a special election to recall a
168 public officer. (NRS 294A.100) **Section 36** of this bill also provides that no
169 contribution made, committed or accepted for a special election other than a special
170 election to recall a public officer affects the limitation on contributions for a special
171 election to recall a public officer.

172 Existing federal law requires a certificate of ascertainment of appointment of
173 presidential electors to be issued and transmitted to the Archivist of the United
174 States not later than 6 days before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors,
175 which is the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December. (3 U.S.C. §§
176 5, 7) **Section 37** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to transmit the certificate
177 of ascertainment to the Archivist.

178 Existing law requires a person who is a qualified candidate to be a major
179 political party's nominee for President of the United States who wants to appear on
180 the ballot for a presidential preference primary election to file with the Secretary of
181 State a declaration of candidacy in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
182 (NRS 298.660) **Section 38** of this bill sets forth the form for the declaration of
183 candidacy for such a candidate and provides that any person who knowingly and
184 willfully files a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement in
185 violation is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

186 **Section 48** of this bill repeals certain provisions that: (1) prohibit a counting
187 board from commencing to count the votes until all ballots are accounted for; (2)
188 provide for a recount at a hearing of any contest; and (3) require the county clerk to
189 transmit the number of registered voters in the county and their political affiliation
190 to the Secretary of State before certain elections. **Section 48** also repeals a
191 provision that deems certain registered voters who move after the close of voter
192 registration to retain their prior residence.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Secretary of State shall allow any registered voter to*
4 *use the system of approved electronic transmission established*
5 *pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to apply for and cast a ballot in every*
6 *election where the system of approved electronic transmission is*
7 *available to a covered voter to apply for and cast a military-*
8 *overseas ballot if the registered voter does not have access to his or*
9 *her mail ballot and is unable to go to the polls because:*

10 *(a) Of an illness or disability resulting in confinement in a*
11 *hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home; or*

12 *(b) The registered voter is suddenly hospitalized, becomes*
13 *seriously ill or is called away from home.*

14 *2. The deadlines for a registered voter to use the system of*
15 *approved electronic transmission pursuant to subsection 1 to apply*
16 *for and cast a ballot are the same as the deadlines set forth in*



1 *NRS 293D.310 and 293D.400 for a covered voter to apply for and*
2 *cast a military-overseas ballot.*

3 *3. Upon receipt of an application and ballot cast by a*
4 *registered voter in accordance with subsection 1 using the system*
5 *of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS*
6 *293D.200, the local elections official shall affix, mark or otherwise*
7 *acknowledge receipt of the application and ballot by means of a*
8 *time stamp on the application.*

9 *4. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the registered voter*
10 *may provide his or her digital signature or electronic signature on*
11 *any document or other material that is necessary for the registered*
12 *voter to request and cast a ballot.*

13 *5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content*
14 *of a declaration for use by a registered voter who does not have*
15 *access to his or her mail ballot and is unable to go to the polls to*
16 *swear or affirm specific representations pertaining to identity,*
17 *eligibility to vote, status as a registered voter and timely and proper*
18 *completion of a ballot.*

19 *6. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the duties of the*
20 *county clerk upon receipt of a ballot sent by a registered voter*
21 *using the system of approved electronic transmission pursuant to*
22 *this section, including, without limitation, the procedures to be*
23 *used in accepting, handling and counting the ballot.*

24 *7. The Secretary of State shall make available to a registered*
25 *voter using the system of approved electronic transmission*
26 *pursuant to this section information regarding instructions on*
27 *using the system for approved electronic transmission to apply for*
28 *and cast a ballot.*

29 *8. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulations*
30 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

31 *9. As used in this section:*

32 *(a) "Covered voter" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
33 *NRS 293D.030.*

34 *(b) "Digital signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
35 *NRS 720.060.*

36 *(c) "Electronic signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
37 *NRS 719.100.*

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

40 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.176 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293.176 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, no
42 person may be a candidate of a major political party for partisan
43 office in any election if the person has changed:

44 (a) The designation of his or her political party affiliation; or



1 (b) His or her designation of political party from nonpartisan to
2 a designation of a political party affiliation,
3 ↪ on an application to register to vote in the State of Nevada ~~for in~~
4 ~~any other state~~ during the time beginning on December 31
5 preceding the closing filing date for that election and ending on the
6 date of that election whether or not the person's previous
7 registration was still effective at the time of the change in party
8 designation.

9 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to any person
10 who is a candidate of a political party that is not organized pursuant
11 to NRS 293.171 on the December 31 next preceding the closing
12 filing date for the election.

13 **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.177 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165
15 and 293.166, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a
16 primary election unless the person named has filed a declaration of
17 candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee
18 required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than:

19 (a) For a candidate for judicial office, the first Monday in
20 January of the year in which the election is to be held and not later
21 than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in January;
22 and

23 (b) For all other candidates, the first Monday in March of the
24 year in which the election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on
25 the second Friday after the first Monday in March.

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

28 (a) For partisan office:

30 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR THE
31 OFFICE OF

32
33 State of Nevada

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35 County of

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37 For the purpose of having my name placed on the official
38 ballot as a candidate for the Party nomination for
39 the office of, I, the undersigned, do swear or
40 affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to
41 constructively, reside at, in the City or Town of,
42 County of, State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed
43 to constructive, residence in the State, district, county,
44 township, city or other area prescribed by law to which the
45 office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately



1 preceding the date of the close of filing of declarations of
 2 candidacy for this office; that my telephone number is
 3, and the address at which I receive mail, if different
 4 than my residence, is; that I am registered as a member
 5 of the Party; that I am a qualified elector pursuant
 6 to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of
 7 Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a
 8 felony, my civil rights have been restored; that I have not, in
 9 violation of the provisions of NRS 293.176, changed the
 10 designation of my political party or political party affiliation
 11 on an official application to register to vote in any state since
 12 December 31 before the closing filing date for this election;
 13 that I generally believe in and intend to support the concepts
 14 found in the principles and policies of that political party in
 15 the coming election; that if nominated as a candidate of the
 16 Party at the ensuing election, I will accept that
 17 nomination and not withdraw; that I will not knowingly
 18 violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting
 19 corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in
 20 this State; that I will qualify for the office if elected thereto,
 21 including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation
 22 prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State
 23 concerning the number of years or terms for which a person
 24 may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and
 25 willfully filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a
 26 false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor
 27 and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from
 28 entering upon the duties of the office; and that I understand
 29 that my name will appear on all ballots as designated in this
 30 declaration.

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 33 (Designation of name)

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 36 (Signature of candidate for office)

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 38 Subscribed and sworn to before me
 39 this day of the month of of the year

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 42 Notary Public or other person
 43 authorized to administer an oath
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45 (b) *For an independent candidate for partisan office:*



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR THE
OFFICE OF

State of Nevada

County of

For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot at the general election as an independent 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, 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 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 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 the office; and that I understand that my name will appear on all ballots as designated in this declaration.

.....
(Designation of name)

.....
(Signature of candidate for office)



*Subscribed and sworn to before me
this day of the month of of the year*

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*Notary Public or other person
authorized to administer an oath*

(c) For nonpartisan office:

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR THE
OFFICE OF

State of Nevada

County of

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, 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 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 nonpartisan 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



1 the office; and that I understand that my name will appear on
2 all ballots as designated in this declaration.

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5 (Designation of name)

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8 (Signature of candidate for office)

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10 Subscribed and sworn to before me
11 this day of the month of of the year

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14 Notary Public or other person
15 authorized to administer an oath

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17 3. The address of a candidate which must be included in the
18 declaration of candidacy pursuant to subsection 2 must be the street
19 address of the residence where the candidate actually, as opposed to
20 constructively, resides in accordance with NRS 281.050, if one has
21 been assigned. The declaration of candidacy must not be accepted
22 for filing if the candidate fails to comply with the following
23 provisions of this subsection or, if applicable, the provisions of
24 subsection 4:

25 (a) The candidate shall not list the candidate's address as a post
26 office box unless a street address has not been assigned to his or her
27 residence; and

28 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the candidate
29 shall present to the filing officer:

30 (1) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a
31 governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate
32 and the candidate's residential address; or

33 (2) A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or
34 document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which
35 indicates the candidate's name and residential address, but not
36 including a voter registration card.

37 4. If the candidate executes an oath or affirmation under
38 penalty of perjury stating that the candidate is unable to present to
39 the filing officer the proof of residency required by subsection 3
40 because a street address has not been assigned to the candidate's
41 residence or because the rural or remote location of the candidate's
42 residence makes it impracticable to present the proof of residency
43 required by subsection 3, the candidate shall present to the filing
44 officer:



1 (a) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by a
2 governmental agency that contains a photograph of the candidate;
3 and

4 (b) Alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that
5 the filing officer determines is sufficient to verify where the
6 candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in
7 accordance with NRS 281.050. The Secretary of State may adopt
8 regulations establishing the forms of alternative proof of the
9 candidate's residential address that the filing officer may accept to
10 verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively,
11 resides in accordance with NRS 281.050.

12 5. The filing officer shall retain a copy of the proof of identity
13 and residency provided by the candidate pursuant to subsection 3 or
14 4. Such a copy:

15 (a) May not be withheld from the public; and

16 (b) Must not contain the social security number, driver's license
17 or identification card number or account number of the candidate.

18 6. By filing the declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall be
19 deemed to have appointed the filing officer for the office as his or
20 her agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding
21 pursuant to NRS 293.182. Service of such process must first be
22 attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in
23 the declaration of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at
24 that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and
25 leaving with the filing officer duplicate copies of the process. The
26 filing officer shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail,
27 one of the copies to the candidate at the specified address, unless the
28 candidate has designated in writing to the filing officer a different
29 address for that purpose, in which case the filing officer shall mail
30 the copy to the last address so designated.

31 7. If the filing officer receives credible evidence indicating that
32 a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her
33 civil rights restored, the filing officer:

34 (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the
35 candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the
36 candidate has had his or her civil rights restored; and

37 (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from
38 such investigation to the Attorney General, if the filing officer is the
39 Secretary of State, or to the district attorney, if the filing officer is a
40 person other than the Secretary of State.

41 8. The receipt of information by the Attorney General or
42 district attorney pursuant to subsection 7 must be treated as a
43 challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS
44 293.182 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. 4. NRS 293.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.193 1. Fees as listed in this section for filing declarations of candidacy must be paid to the filing officer by cash, *credit card*, cashier's check or certified check.

9	United States Senator	\$500
10	Representative in Congress	300
11	Governor.....	300
12	Justice of the Supreme Court.....	300
13	[Any state office, other than Governor or justice	
14	of the Supreme Court.....	200]
15	<i>Independent candidate for the office of</i>	
16	<i>President of the United States.....</i>	<i>250</i>
17	<i>Lieutenant Governor.....</i>	<i>200</i>
18	<i>Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State</i>	
19	<i>Controller or Attorney General.....</i>	<i>200</i>
20	<i>Judge of the Court of Appeals.....</i>	<i>200</i>
21	<i>Member of the State Board of Education.....</i>	<i>200</i>
22	District judge.....	150
23	Justice of the peace.....	100
24	Any county office.....	100
25	State Senator.....	100
26	Assemblyman or Assemblywoman.....	100
27	<i>Trustee of a county school district, hospital or</i>	
28	<i>hospital district.....</i>	<i>30</i>
29	Any <i>other</i> district office other than district judge.....	30
30	Constable or other town or township office.....	30
31	<i>Member of the Board of Regents of the</i>	
32	<i>University of Nevada.....</i>	<i>0</i>
33	<i>Any other office which receives no</i>	
34	<i>compensation.....</i>	<i>0</i>

For the purposes of this subsection, trustee of a county school district, hospital or hospital district is not a county office.

2. No filing fee may be required from a candidate for an office the holder of which receives no compensation.

3. The county clerk shall pay to the county treasurer all filing fees received from candidates. The county treasurer shall deposit the money to the credit of the general fund of the county.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.194, a filing fee paid pursuant to this section is not refundable.



1 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293.200 1. An independent candidate for partisan office must
3 file with the appropriate filing officer as set forth in NRS 293.185:

4 (a) A copy of the petition of candidacy that he or she intends to
5 subsequently circulate for signatures. The copy must be filed not
6 earlier than the January 2 preceding the date of the election and not
7 later than 10 working days before the last day to file the petition
8 pursuant to subsection 4. The copy of the petition must be filed with
9 the appropriate filing officer before the petition may be circulated
10 for signatures.

11 (b) Either of the following:

12 (1) A petition of candidacy signed by a number of registered
13 voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of ballots cast
14 in:

15 (I) This State for that office at the last preceding general
16 election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a
17 statewide office;

18 (II) The county for that office at the last preceding general
19 election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a
20 county office; or

21 (III) The district for that office at the last preceding
22 general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the
23 office is a district office.

24 (2) A petition of candidacy signed by 250 registered voters if
25 the candidate is a candidate for statewide office, or signed by 100
26 registered voters if the candidate is a candidate for any office other
27 than a statewide office.

28 2. The petition may consist of more than one document. Each
29 document must bear the name of the county in which it was
30 circulated, and only registered voters of that county may sign the
31 document. If the office is not a statewide office, only the registered
32 voters of the county, district or municipality in question may sign
33 the document. The documents that are circulated for signature in a
34 county must be submitted to that county clerk for verification in the
35 manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, not
36 later than 10 working days before the last day to file the petition
37 pursuant to subsection 4. Each person who signs the petition shall
38 add to his or her signature the address of the place at which the
39 person actually resides, the date that he or she signs the petition and
40 the name of the county where he or she is registered to vote. The
41 person who circulates each document of the petition shall sign an
42 affidavit attesting that the signatures on the document are genuine to
43 the best of his or her knowledge and belief and were signed in his or
44 her presence by persons registered to vote in that county.



1 3. The petition of candidacy may state the principle, if any,
2 which the person qualified represents.

3 4. Petitions of candidacy must be filed not earlier than the first
4 Monday in March preceding the general election and not later than 5
5 p.m. on the third Friday in June.

6 5. No petition of candidacy may contain the name of more than
7 one candidate for each office to be filled.

8 6. A person may not file as an independent candidate if he or
9 she is proposing to run as the candidate of a political party.

10 7. The names of independent candidates must be placed on the
11 general election ballot and must not appear on the primary election
12 ballot.

13 8. If the sufficiency of the petition of the candidacy of any
14 person seeking to qualify pursuant to this section is challenged, all
15 affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed
16 not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in June. Any judicial
17 proceeding resulting from the challenge must be set for hearing not
18 more than 5 days after the fourth Friday in June.

19 9. Any challenge pursuant to subsection 8 must be filed with:

20 (a) The First Judicial District Court if the petition of candidacy
21 was filed with the Secretary of State.

22 (b) The district court for the county where the petition of
23 candidacy was filed if the petition was filed with a county clerk.

24 10. The district court in which the challenge is filed shall give
25 priority to such proceedings over all other matters pending with the
26 court, except for criminal proceedings.

27 11. An independent candidate for partisan office must file a
28 declaration of candidacy *in the form required by NRS 293.177* with
29 the appropriate filing officer and pay the filing fee required by NRS
30 293.193 not earlier than the first Monday in March of the year in
31 which the election is held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second
32 Friday after the first Monday in March.

33 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.203 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.203 Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the
35 certified list of candidates for judicial and nonjudicial office from
36 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.187, the county clerk
37 shall publish a notice of primary election or general election in a
38 newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for 2
39 successive weeks. If no such newspaper is published in the county,
40 the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation
41 published in the nearest Nevada county. The notice must contain:

42 1. The date of the election.

43 2. The location of the polling places.

44 3. The hours during which the polling places will be open for
45 voting.



1 **4. The name of each candidate.**

2 **5. The office which each candidate is seeking to be elected to**
3 **and if the office is partisan, the party with which the candidate is**
4 **affiliated.**

5 ↳ The notice required for a general election pursuant to this section
6 may be published in conjunction with the notice required for a
7 proposed constitution or constitutional amendment pursuant to NRS
8 293.253. If the notices are combined in this manner, they must be
9 published three times in accordance with subsection 3 of
10 NRS 293.253.

11 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.2175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.2175 1. The county clerk may appoint a pupil as a
13 trainee for the position of election board officer. To qualify for such
14 an appointment, the pupil must be:

15 (a) A United States citizen, a resident of Nevada and a resident
16 of the county in which the pupil serves;

17 (b) Enrolled in high school; and

18 (c) At the time of service, at least 16 years of age.

19 2. The county clerk may only appoint a pupil as a trainee if:

20 (a) The pupil is appointed without *political* party affiliation;

21 (b) The county clerk sends the pupil a certificate stating the date
22 and hours that the pupil will act as a trainee;

23 (c) At least 20 days before the election in which the pupil will
24 act as a trainee, the principal of the high school or the pupil's
25 assigned school counselor receives the county clerk's certificate and
26 a written request signed by the pupil's parent or guardian to be
27 excused from school for the time specified in the certificate;

28 (d) The principal of the high school or the assigned school
29 counselor of the pupil approves the pupil's request; and

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

32 3. *A pupil may be appointed as a trainee pursuant to this*
33 *section regardless of his or her affiliation with a political party*
34 *including, without limitation, any designation of party affiliation*
35 *on his or her application to preregister or register to vote.*

36 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the county
37 clerk may assign a trainee such duties as the county clerk deems
38 appropriate. The county clerk shall not require the trainee to perform
39 those duties later than 10 p.m. or any applicable curfew, whichever
40 is earlier.

41 ~~4.~~ 5. The county clerk may compensate a trainee for service
42 at the same rate fixed for election board officers generally.



1 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293.225 1. Members of election boards continue *to serve* as
3 such from the day ~~[before the day of the election,]~~ *of appointment*
4 until the time for filing contests of the election has expired.

5 2. Each member of an election board is subject to call by the
6 board of county commissioners or city council to correct any errors
7 discovered during the canvass of votes by the board of county
8 commissioners or city council.

9 3. Reserve election board officers must be appointed by the
10 county or city clerk, if practicable, to fill any vacancy which occurs
11 on the day of the election, and the reserve officers must be
12 compensated if they serve at the polls.

13 4. If a vacancy occurs in any election board on the day of the
14 election and no reserves are available, the election board may
15 appoint, at the polling place, any registered voter who is willing to
16 serve and satisfies the election board that he or she possesses the
17 qualifications required to perform the services required.

18 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.260 1. If there is no contest of election for nomination to
20 a particular office, neither the title of the office nor the name of the
21 candidate may appear on the ballot at the primary election.

22 2. If a major political party has two or more candidates for a
23 particular office, the person who receives the highest number of
24 votes at the primary election must be declared the nominee of that
25 major political party for the office.

26 3. If not more than the number of candidates to be elected have
27 filed for nomination for:

28 (a) Any partisan office or the office of judge of a district court,
29 judge of the Court of Appeals or justice of the Supreme Court, the
30 names of those candidates must be omitted from all ballots for a
31 primary election and placed on all ballots for the general election.

32 (b) Any nonpartisan office, other than the office of judge of a
33 district court, judge of the Court of Appeals, justice of the Supreme
34 Court or member of a town advisory board, the names of those
35 candidates must appear on the ballot for a primary election unless
36 the candidates were nominated pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS
37 293.165. If a candidate receives one or more votes at the primary
38 election, the candidate must be declared elected to the office and his
39 or her name must not be placed on the ballot for the general
40 election. If a candidate does not receive one or more votes at the
41 primary election, his or her name must be placed on the ballot for
42 the general election.

43 (c) The office of member of a town advisory board, the
44 candidate must be declared elected to the office and no election
45 must be held for that office.



1 4. If there are not more than twice the number of candidates to
2 be elected to a nonpartisan office, the candidates must, without a
3 primary election, be declared the nominees for the office, and the
4 names of the candidates must be omitted from all ballots for a
5 primary election and placed on all ballots for the general election.

6 5. If there are more than twice the number of candidates to be
7 elected to a nonpartisan office, the names of the candidates must
8 appear on the ballot for a primary election. Except as otherwise
9 provided in NRS 293.400, those candidates who receive the highest
10 number of votes at the primary election, not to exceed twice the
11 number to be elected, must be declared nominees for the office and
12 the names of those candidates must be placed on the ballot for the
13 general election, except that if one of those candidates receives a
14 majority of the votes cast in the primary election for:

15 (a) The office of judge of a district court, judge of the Court of
16 Appeals or justice of the Supreme Court, the candidate must be
17 declared the only nominee for the office and only his or her name
18 must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

19 (b) Any other nonpartisan office, the candidate must be declared
20 elected to the office and his or her name must not be placed on the
21 ballot for the general election.

22 *↳ For the purposes of determining whether a candidate received a*
23 *majority of the votes cast in the primary election for a nonpartisan*
24 *office for which voters were authorized to select more than one*
25 *candidate, each ballot upon which a voter marked a valid choice*
26 *for one or more candidates for that office shall be deemed to be*
27 *one vote cast in the primary election for that office.*

28 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.269 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.269 1. Every ballot upon which appears the names of
30 candidates for any statewide office or for President and Vice
31 President of the United States shall contain for each office an
32 additional line equivalent to the lines on which the candidates'
33 names appear and placed at the end of the group of lines containing
34 the names of the candidates for that office. Each additional line shall
35 contain a [square] space in which the voter may express a choice of
36 that line in the same manner as the voter would express a choice of a
37 candidate, and the line shall read "None of these candidates."

38 2. Only votes cast for the named candidates shall be counted in
39 determining nomination or election to any statewide office or
40 presidential nominations or the selection of presidential electors, but
41 for each office the number of ballots on which the additional line
42 was chosen shall be listed following the names of the candidates and
43 the number of their votes in every posting, abstract and
44 proclamation of the results of the election.



1 3. Every sample ballot or other instruction to voters prescribed
2 or approved by the Secretary of State shall clearly explain that the
3 voter may mark the choice of the line "None of these candidates"
4 only if the voter has not voted for any candidate for the office.

5 **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.269911 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows:

7 293.269911 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
8 the county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered
9 voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or updates
10 his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days
11 before the election a mail ballot for every election. The county clerk
12 shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot
13 by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation,
14 by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a
15 person who is elderly or disabled.

16 2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a
17 mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk
18 a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which
19 must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before
20 the day of the election.

21 3. The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any
22 person who:

23 (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions
24 of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; ~~for~~

25 (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2 ~~H~~
26 ; or

27 *(c) Elects not to receive a mail ballot at the time the person*
28 *preregistered or registered to vote.*

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

31 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the
32 mail ballot must be distributed to:

33 (a) Each active registered voter who:

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

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

38 (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the
39 dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but
40 who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not
41 later than 13 days before the election.

42 (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-
43 overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter
44 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee



1 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time
2 required by those provisions.

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

7 7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail
8 ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is
9 moot and of no effect.

10 **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.363 1. ~~[When]~~ *Mail ballots must be counted by the mail*
12 *ballot central counting board pursuant to NRS 293.269931.*

13 2. *Ballots cast using a mechanical voting system must not be*
14 *counted until* the polls are closed . ~~[, the counting board shall~~
15 ~~prepare to count the ballots voted.]~~ The counting procedure must be
16 public and , *to the extent practicable,* continue without adjournment
17 until completed.

18 ~~[2.— If the ballots are paper ballots, the counting board shall~~
19 ~~prepare in the following manner:~~

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

31 —(b) ~~If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed in~~
32 ~~number the number of names as are indicated on the roster as having~~
33 ~~voted, the ballots must be replaced in the container or box, and a~~
34 ~~counting board officer, with his or her back turned to the container~~
35 ~~or box, shall draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The~~
36 ~~excess ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words~~
37 ~~“Excess ballots not counted.” The ballots when so marked must be~~
38 ~~immediately sealed in an envelope and returned to the county clerk~~
39 ~~with the other ballots rejected for any cause.~~

40 —(c) ~~When it has been ascertained that the number of ballots~~
41 ~~agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have~~
42 ~~voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy~~
43 ~~between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of~~
44 ~~the discrepancy must be made.]~~



1 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.3677 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 293.3677 1. When counting a vote in an election, if more
3 choices than permitted by the instructions for a ballot are marked for
4 any office or question, the vote for that office or question may not
5 be counted ~~if~~ *if the marks meet or exceed the threshold*
6 *established by regulation pursuant to subsection 3.*

7 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, in an election
8 in which a mechanical voting system is used whereby a vote is cast
9 by darkening a designated space on the ballot:

10 (a) A vote must be counted if the designated space is darkened
11 or there is a writing in the designated space, including, without
12 limitation, a cross or check; and

13 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), a writing or
14 other mark on the ballot, including, without limitation, a cross,
15 check, tear or scratch may not be counted as a vote ~~if~~ *unless the*
16 *writing or mark meets or exceeds the threshold established by*
17 *regulation pursuant to subsection 3.*

18 3. The Secretary of State:

19 (a) May adopt regulations establishing ~~additional~~ :

20 (1) *Additional* uniform, statewide standards, not inconsistent
21 with this section, for counting a vote cast by a method of voting
22 described in subsection 2; and

23 (2) *Uniform thresholds for determining whether writing or*
24 *a mark on a ballot must be counted as a vote; and*

25 (b) Shall adopt regulations establishing uniform, statewide
26 standards for counting a vote cast by each method of voting used in
27 this State that is not described in subsection 2, including, without
28 limitation, a vote cast on a mechanical recording device which
29 directly records the votes electronically.

30 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 293.391 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots,
32 challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected
33 pursuant to NRS 293B.400, reports prepared pursuant to NRS
34 293.269937 and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must,
35 after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be
36 deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The records of voted
37 ballots that are maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of
38 the votes by the board of county commissioners, be sealed and
39 deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The tally lists collected
40 pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the board of
41 county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk
42 without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection
43 must be preserved for at least 22 months, and all such sealed
44 materials must be destroyed immediately after the preservation
45 period. A notice of the destruction must be published by the clerk in



1 at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county not less
2 than 2 weeks before the destruction.

3 2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of
4 the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the
5 vaults of the county clerk and preserved for at least the period
6 during which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after
7 which the unused ballots may be destroyed.

8 3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who
9 voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the board of
10 county commissioners are subject to the inspection of any elector
11 who may wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with
12 the county clerk.

13 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material
14 regarding that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1
15 or 2, except the voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted
16 ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited
17 with the county clerk.

18 5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted
19 ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited
20 with the county clerk are not subject to the inspection of anyone,
21 except in cases of a contested election, and then only by the judge,
22 body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the
23 parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of such judge,
24 body or board.

25 *6. All of the materials preserved pursuant to subsection 1*
26 *which are deposited with the county clerk are subject to inspection*
27 *in an election accuracy audit that is conducted in accordance with*
28 *the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 293.394.*

29 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.394 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293.394 1. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations for
31 conducting ~~[a-risk-limiting]~~ *an election accuracy* audit of an
32 election, which may include, without limitation:

33 (a) Procedures to conduct ~~[a-risk-limiting]~~ *an election accuracy*
34 audit;

35 (b) Criteria for which elections must be audited; and

36 (c) Criteria to determine the scope of the ~~[risk-limiting]~~ *election*
37 *accuracy* audit.

38 2. In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Secretary
39 of State pursuant to this section, each county clerk shall conduct ~~[a~~
40 ~~risk-limiting]~~ *an election accuracy* audit of the results of an
41 election.

42 3. As used in this section, ~~[“risk-limiting”]~~ *“election accuracy*
43 *audit”* means an audit protocol that:

44 (a) Makes use of statistical principles and methods; and



1 (b) Is designed to limit the risk of certifying an incorrect
2 election outcome.

3 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:

5 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant
6 to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3
7 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach
8 members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions
9 of NRS 293.269911, 293.269951, 293.2955 and 293.296 ~~§~~ **and**
10 **section 1 of this act.**

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

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

21 (a) Related to elections; and

22 (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed
23 form.

24 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.504 1. The following offices shall serve as voter
26 registration agencies:

27 (a) Such offices that provide public assistance as are designated
28 by the Secretary of State;

29 (b) Each office that receives money from the State of Nevada to
30 provide services to persons with disabilities in this State;

31 (c) The offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles;

32 (d) The offices of the city and county clerks;

33 (e) Such other county and municipal facilities as a county clerk
34 or city clerk may designate pursuant to NRS 293.5035 or 293C.520,
35 as applicable;

36 (f) Recruitment offices of the United States Armed Forces;

37 (g) Each office of an automatic voter registration agency; and

38 (h) Such other offices as the Secretary of State deems
39 appropriate.

40 2. Each voter registration agency shall:

41 (a) Post in a conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type,
42 instructions for preregistering and registering to vote;

43 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, distribute
44 applications to preregister or register to vote which may be returned
45 by mail with any application for services or assistance from the



1 agency or submitted for any other purpose and with each application
2 for recertification, renewal or change of address submitted to the
3 agency that relates to such services, assistance or other purpose;

4 (c) Provide the same amount of assistance to an applicant in
5 completing an application to preregister or register to vote as the
6 agency provides to a person completing any other forms for the
7 agency; and

8 (d) Accept completed applications to preregister or register to
9 vote.

10 3. A voter registration agency is not required to provide an
11 application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to paragraph
12 (b) of subsection 2 to a person who applies for or receives services
13 or assistance from the agency or submits an application for any
14 other purpose if the person affirmatively declines to preregister or
15 register to vote and submits to the agency a written form that meets
16 the requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 20506(a)(6). Information related to
17 the declination to preregister or register to vote may not be used for
18 any purpose other than voter registration.

19 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
20 293.5727 and 293.5747, any application to preregister or register to
21 vote accepted by a voter registration agency must be transmitted to
22 the county clerk not later than 10 days after the application is
23 accepted. The applications must be forwarded daily during the 2
24 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail
25 pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable. The county
26 clerk shall accept any application which is obtained from a voter
27 registration agency pursuant to this section and completed by the
28 last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or
29 293C.527, as applicable, if the county clerk receives the application
30 not later than 5 days after that date.

31 5. *A voter registration agency shall provide notice to a voter*
32 *who submits an application to register to vote after the last day to*
33 *register to vote by mail for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or*
34 *293C.527 that to vote in the upcoming election, the voter must*
35 *complete an application to register to vote by computer using the*
36 *system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS*
37 *293.671 or in person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,*
38 *inclusive.*

39 6. The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Secretary of
40 Defense to develop and carry out procedures to enable persons in
41 this State to apply to preregister or register to vote at recruitment
42 offices of the United States Armed Forces.

43 ~~6.~~ 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 293.5768 to
44 293.57699, inclusive, each automatic voter registration agency must



1 comply with the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act,
2 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501 et seq.

3 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.518 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.518 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5768 to
5 293.57699, inclusive, at the time a person preregisters or an elector
6 registers to vote, the person or elector must indicate:

7 (a) A political party affiliation; or

8 (b) That he or she is not affiliated with a political party.

9 ↪ A person or an elector who indicates that he or she is
10 “independent” shall be deemed not affiliated with a political party.

11 2. If a person or an elector indicates that he or she is not
12 affiliated with a political party, or is independent, the county clerk
13 or field registrar of voters shall list the person’s or elector’s political
14 party as ~~[nonpartisan.]~~ **“no political party.”**

15 3. If a person or an elector indicates an affiliation with a major
16 political party or a minor political party that has filed a certificate of
17 existence with the Secretary of State, the county clerk or field
18 registrar of voters shall list the person’s or elector’s political party as
19 indicated by the person or elector.

20 4. If a person or an elector indicates an affiliation with a minor
21 political party that has not filed a certificate of existence with the
22 Secretary of State, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall:

23 (a) List the person’s or elector’s political party as the party
24 indicated in the application to preregister or register to vote, as
25 applicable.

26 (b) When compiling data related to preregistration and voter
27 registration for the county, report the person’s or elector’s political
28 party as “other party.”

29 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if a person or
30 an elector does not make any of the indications described in
31 subsection 1, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall:

32 (a) List the person’s or elector’s political party as ~~[nonpartisan.]~~
33 **“no political party;”** and

34 (b) Mail to the person or elector a notice setting forth that the
35 person has been preregistered or the elector has been registered to
36 vote, as applicable, as ~~[a nonpartisan]~~ **“no political party”** because
37 he or she did not make any of the indications described in
38 subsection 1.

39 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a person
40 who is preregistered or registered to vote:

41 (a) Submits a new paper application to preregister or register to
42 vote; and

43 (b) Does not make any of the indications described in subsection
44 1 on the new paper application,



1 ↪ the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall not change the
2 person's existing political party affiliation that was established by
3 his or her prior application pursuant to this section and is listed in
4 the statewide voter registration list.

5 7. The provisions of subsection 6 do not apply to a voter who
6 registers to vote using the National Mail Voter Registration
7 Application promulgated by the United States Election Assistance
8 Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act, 52
9 U.S.C. §§ 20501 et seq., as amended.

10 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502
12 and chapter 293D of NRS, a person may preregister or register to
13 vote by:

14 (a) Mailing an application to preregister or register to vote to the
15 county clerk of the county in which the person resides.

16 (b) A computer using the system established by the Secretary of
17 State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

18 (c) Any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.

19 2. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to
20 preregister or register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall
21 make the applications available at various public places in the
22 county.

23 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
24 inclusive:

25 (a) An application to preregister to vote may be used to correct
26 information in a previous application.

27 (b) An application to register to vote may be used to correct
28 information in the statewide voter registration list.

29 4. An application to preregister or register to vote which is
30 mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the
31 public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the
32 county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For
33 the purposes of this section, an application which is personally
34 delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned
35 by mail.

36 5. The applicant must complete the application, including,
37 without limitation, checking the boxes described in paragraphs (b)
38 and (c) of subsection 12 and signing the application.

39 6. The county clerk shall, upon receipt of an application,
40 determine whether the application is complete.

41 7. If the county clerk determines that the application is
42 complete, he or she shall, within 10 days after receiving the
43 application, mail to the applicant:



1 (a) A notice that the applicant is preregistered or registered to
2 vote, as applicable. If the applicant is registered to vote, the county
3 clerk must also mail to the applicant a voter registration card; or

4 (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote
5 or the statewide voter registration list has been corrected to reflect
6 any changes indicated on the application.

7 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 of NRS
8 293.518 and NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, if the county
9 clerk determines that the application is not complete, the county
10 clerk shall, as soon as possible, mail a notice to the applicant that
11 additional information is required to complete the application. If the
12 applicant provides the information requested by the county clerk
13 within 15 days after the county clerk mails the notice, the county
14 clerk shall, within 10 days after receiving the information, mail to
15 the applicant:

16 (a) A notice that the applicant is:

17 (1) Preregistered to vote; or

18 (2) Registered to vote and a voter registration card; or

19 (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote
20 or the statewide voter registration list has been corrected to reflect
21 any changes indicated on the application.

22 ↪ If the applicant does not provide the additional information
23 within the prescribed period, the application is void.

24 9. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or
25 registered or to have corrected the information in the application to
26 preregister to vote or the statewide voter registration list on the date
27 the application is postmarked or received by the county clerk,
28 whichever is earlier.

29 10. If the applicant fails to check the box described in
30 paragraph (b) of subsection 12, the application shall not be
31 considered invalid, and the county clerk shall provide a means for
32 the applicant to correct the omission at the time the applicant
33 appears to vote in person at the assigned polling place.

34 11. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form for
35 applications to preregister or register to vote by:

36 (a) Mail, which must be used to preregister or register to vote by
37 mail in this State.

38 (b) Computer, which must be used to preregister or register to
39 vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of
40 State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

41 12. The application to preregister or register to vote by mail
42 must include:

43 (a) A notice in at least 10-point type which states:



1 NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to the
2 County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your
3 completed application to another person to return to the
4 County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver
5 the application to the County Clerk, you will not be
6 preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. Please retain
7 the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to
8 preregister or register to vote.
9

10 (b) The question, "Are you a citizen of the United States?" and
11 boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the
12 applicant is a citizen of the United States.

13 (c) If the application is to:

14 (1) Preregister to vote, the question, "Are you at least 17
15 years of age and not more than 18 years of age?" and boxes to
16 indicate whether or not the applicant is at least 17 years of age and
17 not more than 18 years of age.

18 (2) Register to vote, the question, "Will you be at least 18
19 years of age on or before election day?" and boxes for the applicant
20 to check to indicate whether or not the applicant will be at least 18
21 years of age or older on election day.

22 (d) A statement instructing the applicant not to complete the
23 application if the applicant checked "no" in response to the question
24 set forth in:

25 (1) If the application is to preregister to vote, paragraph (b)
26 or subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c).

27 (2) If the application is to register to vote, paragraph (b) or
28 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c).

29 (e) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is
30 submitted by mail and the applicant is preregistering or registering
31 to vote for the first time, the applicant must submit the information
32 set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.2725 to avoid
33 the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 upon voting for
34 the first time.

35 ***(f) An option for an applicant to elect not to receive a mail***
36 ***ballot.***

37 13. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 of
38 NRS 293.518, the county clerk shall not preregister or register a
39 person to vote pursuant to this section unless that person has
40 provided all of the information required by the application.

41 14. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices
42 required pursuant to subsections 7 and 8. If the postcard is returned
43 to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the
44 address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the
45 county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person's current



1 residence is other than that indicated on the application to
2 preregister or register to vote in the manner set forth in
3 NRS 293.530.

4 15. A person who, by mail, preregisters or registers to vote
5 pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the
6 application to preregister or register to vote by any other person.
7 The application must include the mailing address and signature of
8 the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the
9 information required by this subsection will not result in the
10 application being deemed incomplete.

11 16. An application to preregister or register to vote must be
12 made available to all persons, regardless of political party affiliation.

13 17. An application must not be altered or otherwise defaced
14 after the applicant has completed and signed it. An application must
15 be mailed or delivered in person to the office of the county clerk
16 within 10 days after it is completed.

17 18. A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of
18 subsection 15, 16 or 17 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be
19 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

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

22 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.530 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.541:

24 (a) County clerks may use any reliable and reasonable means
25 available to correct the portions of the statewide voter registration
26 list which are relevant to the county clerks and to determine whether
27 a registered voter's current residence is other than that indicated on
28 the voter's application to register to vote.

29 (b) A county clerk may, with the consent of the board of county
30 commissioners, make investigations of registration in the county by
31 census, by house-to-house canvass or by any other method.

32 (c) A county clerk shall cancel the registration of a voter
33 pursuant to this subsection if:

34 (1) The county clerk mails a written notice to the voter which
35 the United States Postal Service is required to forward;

36 (2) The county clerk mails a return postcard with the notice
37 which has a place for the voter to write his or her new address, is
38 addressed to the county clerk and has postage guaranteed;

39 (3) The voter does not respond;

40 (4) The voter's registration information has not been updated
41 by an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to NRS 293.5768
42 to 293.57699, inclusive; and

43 (5) The voter does not appear to vote in an election before
44 the polls have closed in the second general election following the
45 date of the notice.



1 (d) For the purposes of this subsection, the date of the notice is
2 deemed to be 3 days after it is mailed.

3 (e) The county clerk shall maintain records of:

4 (1) Any notice mailed pursuant to paragraph (c);

5 (2) Any response to such notice; and

6 (3) Whether a person to whom a notice is mailed appears to
7 vote in an election,

8 ↪ for not less than 2 years after creation.

9 (f) The county clerk shall use any postcards which are returned
10 to correct the portions of the statewide voter registration list which
11 are relevant to the county clerk.

12 (g) If a voter fails to return the postcard mailed pursuant to
13 paragraph (c) within 30 days, the county clerk shall designate the
14 voter as inactive on the voter's application to register to vote.

15 (h) The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to prescribe
16 the method for maintaining a list of voters who have been
17 designated as inactive pursuant to paragraph (g).

18 (i) If:

19 (1) The name of a voter is added to the statewide voter
20 registration list pursuant to NRS 293.57693; or

21 (2) The voter registration information of a voter whose name
22 is on the statewide voter registration list is updated pursuant to
23 NRS 293.5752,

24 ↪ the county clerk shall provide written notice of the addition or
25 change to the voter not later than 5 working days after the addition
26 or change is made. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
27 the notice must be mailed to the current residence of the voter. The
28 county clerk may send the notice by electronic mail if the voter
29 confirms the validity of the electronic mail address to which the
30 notice will be sent by responding to a confirmation inquiry sent to
31 that electronic mail address. Such a confirmation inquiry must be
32 sent for each notice sent pursuant to this paragraph. The notice
33 required pursuant to this paragraph may be provided as part of the
34 notice mailed pursuant to NRS 293.57693.

35 *(j) If, pursuant to NRS 293.5307, a county clerk receives*
36 *notice of a change of address of a resident of the county whose*
37 *name is on the statewide voter registration list, the county clerk*
38 *shall, in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 20507:*

39 *(1) If the person moved to a new address within the same*
40 *county, correct the address of the resident in the statewide voter*
41 *registration list and mail a written notice to the current residence*
42 *of the voter not later than 5 working days after the change is*
43 *made; or*



1 (2) *If the person moved to a new address outside of the*
2 *county, mail a written notice to the current residence of the voter*
3 *not later than 5 working days after such notice is received.*

4 2. A county clerk is not required to take any action pursuant to
5 this section in relation to a person who preregisters to vote until the
6 person is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection 2 of
7 NRS 293.4855.

8 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.5307 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293.5307 If a county clerk enters into an agreement pursuant to
10 NRS 293.5303, the county clerk shall review each notice of a
11 change of address filed with the United States Postal Service by a
12 resident of the county and identify each resident who is a registered
13 voter and has moved to a new address. ~~{Before removing or~~
14 ~~correcting information in the statewide voter registration list, the}~~
15 *The* county clerk shall, *in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 20507,*
16 mail a notice to each such registered voter and follow the procedures
17 set forth in NRS 293.530 ~~{,}~~ *and 52 U.S.C. § 20507.*

18 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.5727 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.5727 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
20 Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide an application to
21 preregister or register to vote to each person who applies for the
22 issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification
23 card issued by the Department.

24 2. The county clerk shall use the applications to preregister or
25 register to vote which are signed and completed pursuant to
26 subsection 1 to preregister or register an applicant to vote or to
27 correct the preregistration or registration of the applicant, as
28 applicable. An application that is not signed must not be used to
29 preregister or register or correct the preregistration or registration of
30 the applicant.

31 3. For the purposes of this section, each employee specifically
32 authorized to do so by the Director of the Department may oversee
33 the completion of an application. The authorized employee shall
34 check the application for completeness and verify the information
35 required by the application. Each application must include a
36 duplicate copy or receipt to be retained by the applicant upon
37 completion of the form. The Department shall, except as otherwise
38 provided in this subsection, forward each application on a weekly
39 basis to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of
40 the county in which the applicant resides. The applications must be
41 forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last
42 day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or
43 293C.527, as applicable.

44 4. The Department ~~{is}~~:



1 (a) *Is* not required to provide an application to register to vote
2 pursuant to subsection 1 to a person who declines to apply to
3 register to vote pursuant to this section and submits to the
4 Department a written form that meets the requirements of 52 U.S.C.
5 § 20506(a)(6). Information related to the declination to apply to
6 register to vote must not be used for any purpose other than voter
7 registration.

8 (b) *Shall provide notice to a voter who submits an application*
9 *to register to vote after the last day to register to vote by mail in an*
10 *election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527 that to vote in the*
11 *upcoming election, the voter must complete an application to*
12 *register to vote by computer using the system established by the*
13 *Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 or in person pursuant*
14 *to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.*

15 5. The county clerk shall accept any application to:

16 (a) Preregister to vote at any time.

17 (b) Register to vote which is obtained from the Department of
18 Motor Vehicles pursuant to this section and completed by the last
19 day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or
20 293C.527, as applicable, if the county clerk receives the application
21 not later than 5 days after that date.

22 6. Upon receipt of an application, the county clerk or field
23 registrar of voters shall determine whether the application is
24 complete. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines
25 that the application is complete, he or she shall notify the applicant
26 and the applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered
27 as of the date of the submission of the application. If the county
28 clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the application is not
29 complete, he or she shall notify the applicant of the additional
30 information required. The applicant shall be deemed to be
31 preregistered or registered as of the date of the initial submission of
32 the application if the additional information is provided within 15
33 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed. If the
34 applicant has not provided the additional information within 15 days
35 after the notice for the additional information is mailed, the
36 incomplete application is void. Any notification required by this
37 subsection must be given by mail at the mailing address on the
38 application not more than 7 working days after the determination is
39 made concerning whether the application is complete.

40 7. The county clerk shall use any form submitted to the
41 Department to correct information on a driver's license or
42 identification card to correct information on a previous application
43 to preregister or register unless the person indicates on the form that
44 the correction is not to be used for the purposes of preregistration or
45 voter registration. The Department shall forward each such form to



1 the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of the
2 county in which the person resides in the same manner provided by
3 subsection 3 for applications to preregister or register to vote.

4 8. Upon receipt of a form to correct information, the county
5 clerk shall compare the information to that contained in the database
6 created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675. The
7 county clerk shall correct the information to reflect any changes
8 indicated on the form. After making any changes, the county clerk
9 shall notify the person by mail that the records have been corrected.

10 9. The Secretary of State shall, with the approval of the
11 Director, adopt regulations to:

12 (a) Establish any procedure necessary to provide a person who
13 applies to preregister to vote or an elector who applies to register to
14 vote pursuant to this section the opportunity to do so;

15 (b) Prescribe the contents of any forms or applications which the
16 Department is required to distribute pursuant to this section; and

17 (c) Provide for the transfer of the completed applications of
18 preregistration or registration from the Department to the
19 appropriate county clerk.

20 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.57688 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 293.57688 1. An automatic voter registration agency is
23 required to electronically transmit the following information of a
24 person to the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to
25 NRS 293.675 using the system established pursuant to
26 NRS 293.57686:

27 (a) An electronic facsimile of the signature of the person, if the
28 automatic voter registration agency is capable of recording, storing
29 and transmitting to the county clerk an electronic facsimile of the
30 signature of the person;

31 (b) The first or given name and the surname of the person;

32 (c) The address at which the person actually resides as set forth
33 in NRS 293.486 and, if different, the address at which the person
34 may receive mail, including, without limitation, a post office box or
35 general delivery;

36 (d) The date of birth of the person;

37 (e) At least one of the following:

38 (1) The number indicated on the person's current and valid
39 driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of
40 Motor Vehicles; or

41 (2) The last four digits of the person's social security
42 number; and

43 (f) A description of the documentation presented to the
44 automatic voter registration agency that indicates the person is a
45 citizen of the United States.



1 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5768, the
2 automatic voter registration agency shall electronically transmit to
3 the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS
4 293.675 the information described in subsection 1:

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), not later than
6 5 working days after collecting the information; and

7 (b) During the 2 weeks immediately preceding the fifth Sunday
8 preceding an election, not later than 1 working day after collecting
9 the information.

10 **3. *An automatic voter registration agency shall provide notice***
11 ***to a voter who submits an application to register to vote after the***
12 ***last day to register to vote by mail for an election pursuant to NRS***
13 ***293.560 or 293C.527 that to vote in the upcoming election, the***
14 ***voter must complete an application to register to vote by computer***
15 ***using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to***
16 ***NRS 293.671 or in person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,***
17 ***inclusive.***

18 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.5832 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.5832 1. After the close of registration for an election
20 pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, a registered voter may
21 update his or her voter registration information, including, without
22 limitation, his or her name, address and party affiliation.

23 2. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the
24 following methods for a registered voter to update his or her voter
25 registration information pursuant to this section:

26 (a) A paper application; or

27 (b) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to
28 NRS 293.671.

29 ↪ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the
30 county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to
31 circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

32 **3. *In addition to the methods described in subsection 2, the***
33 ***county or city clerk may authorize another method for a registered***
34 ***voter to update his or her voter registration information at a***
35 ***polling place during the period for early voting by personal***
36 ***appearance and on election day.***

37 **4.** If a registered voter updates his or her voter registration
38 information ~~[pursuant to this section and applies to vote in the~~
39 ~~election.] 14 or more days before the election, the county or city~~
40 ~~clerk [may require the voter to cast a provisional ballot in the~~
41 ~~election if any circumstances exist that give the county or city clerk~~
42 ~~reasonable cause to believe that the use of a provisional ballot is~~
43 ~~necessary to provide sufficient time to verify and determine whether~~
44 ~~the voter is eligible to cast the ballot in the election based on his or~~
45 ~~her updated voter registration information.~~



1 ~~—4.] shall send a mail ballot to the voter.~~

2 5. If a registered voter ~~[casts a provisional ballot in]~~ updates
3 his or her voter registration information less than 14 days before
4 the election ~~[pursuant to this section, the provisional ballot is subject~~
5 ~~to final verification in accordance with the procedures that apply to~~
6 ~~other provisional ballots cast in the election pursuant to NRS~~
7 ~~293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.] , the registered voter may vote~~
8 ~~only in person:~~

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

12 (b) *On the day of the election, at:*

13 (1) *A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072*
14 *or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in which the*
15 *elector is eligible to vote; or*

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

17 6. *If a registered voter updates his or her voter registration*
18 *pursuant to this section and votes in person or by mail in the*
19 *election, all other provisions of this title apply to identifying the*
20 *voter and verifying the signature of the voter, including, without*
21 *limitation, NRS 293.269927, 293.2725, 293.277, 293.283, 293.285,*
22 *293.3075, 293C.26314, 293C.26327, 293C.270, 293C.272,*
23 *293C.275, 293C.3035 or 293C.3585, as applicable.*

24 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.810 1. It is unlawful for any person to be preregistered to
26 vote or registered as a voter in more than one ~~[county]~~ state at one
27 time.

28 2. *If a county clerk receives information from another state*
29 *that a person is registered to vote in that state, the county clerk*
30 *shall, in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 20507, mail a notice to each*
31 *such registered voter and follow the procedures set forth in NRS*
32 *293.530 or 293.541, as applicable.*

33 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.875 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.875 1. At least once each year, each county or city clerk
35 and all members of their staff whose duties include administering an
36 election must complete a training class on cybersecurity that is
37 approved by the Secretary of State.

38 2. *The Secretary of State shall adopt by regulation a cyber-*
39 *incident response plan for elections. Each county and city clerk*
40 *and other local election official is required to comply with the*
41 *requirements of the cyber-incident response plan.* If any county or
42 city clerk or other local election official identifies or is informed of
43 a confirmed ~~[attaek]~~ cyber-incident or attempted ~~[attaek]~~ cyber-
44 incident on the security of an information system used by the
45 county or city clerk or other local election official, the county or city



1 clerk or other local election official shall ~~immediately~~ notify the
2 Secretary of State regarding such ~~attack~~ *cyber-incident* or
3 attempted ~~attack~~ *cyber-incident in accordance with the cyber-*
4 *incident response plan adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant*
5 *to this subsection.*

6 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.908 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 293.908 1. The following persons may request that personal
8 information contained in the records of the Secretary of State or a
9 county or city clerk be kept confidential:

10 (a) Any justice or judge in this State.

11 (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.

12 (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.

13 (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive
14 officer in this State.

15 (e) Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with
16 the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed
17 by such county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the elections
18 division of the county or city.

19 (f) Any peace officer or retired peace officer.

20 (g) Any prosecutor.

21 (h) Any state or county public defender.

22 (i) Any person employed by the Office of the Attorney General
23 who prosecutes or defends actions on behalf of the State of Nevada
24 or any agency in the Executive Department of the State
25 Government.

26 (j) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker,
27 employed by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as
28 part of his or her normal job responsibilities:

29 (1) Interacts with the public; and

30 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child
31 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable
32 dangers.

33 (k) Any county manager in this State.

34 (l) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State
35 or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her
36 employer:

37 (1) Who possess specialized training in code enforcement;

38 (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities,
39 interacts with the public; and

40 (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks
41 related to code enforcement.

42 (m) The spouse, domestic partner, *elderly parent* or minor child
43 of a person described in paragraphs (a) to (l), inclusive.



1 (n) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a
2 person described in paragraphs (a) to (l), inclusive, who was killed
3 in the performance of his or her duties.

4 2. As used in this section:

5 (a) "Child protective services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
6 NRS 432B.042.

7 (b) "Child welfare services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
8 NRS 432B.044.

9 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws,
10 ordinances or codes regulating public nuisances or the public health,
11 safety and welfare.

12 (d) *"Elderly parent" means a natural parent, adoptive parent*
13 *or stepparent who is 60 years of age or older.*

14 (e) "Peace officer" means:

15 (1) Any person upon whom some or all of the powers of a
16 peace officer are conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360,
17 inclusive; and

18 (2) Any person:

19 (I) Who resides in this State;

20 (II) Whose primary duties are to enforce the law; and

21 (III) Who is employed by a law enforcement agency of
22 the Federal Government, including, without limitation, a ranger for
23 the National Park Service and an agent employed by the Federal
24 Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, United States Department
25 of Homeland Security or United States Department of the Treasury.

26 ~~(f)~~ (f) "Prosecutor" has the meaning ascribed to it in
27 NRS 241A.030.

28 ~~(g)~~ (g) "Social worker" means any person licensed under
29 chapter 641B of NRS.

30 **Sec. 28.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
31 thereto a new section to read as follows:

32 *1. The Secretary of State shall allow any registered voter to*
33 *use the system of approved electronic transmission established*
34 *pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to apply for and cast a ballot in every*
35 *election where the system of approved electronic transmission is*
36 *available to a covered voter to request and cast a military-overseas*
37 *ballot if the registered voter does not have access to his or her mail*
38 *ballot and is unable to go to the polls because:*

39 (a) *Of an illness or disability resulting in confinement in a*
40 *hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home; or*

41 (b) *The registered voter is suddenly hospitalized, becomes*
42 *seriously ill or is called away from home.*

43 *2. The deadlines for a registered voter to use the system of*
44 *approved electronic transmission pursuant to subsection 1 to apply*
45 *for and cast a ballot are the same as the deadlines set forth in*



1 *NRS 293D.310 and 293D.400 for a covered voter to apply for and*
2 *cast a military-overseas ballot.*

3 *3. Upon receipt of an application and ballot cast by a*
4 *registered voter in accordance with subsection 1 using the system*
5 *of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS*
6 *293D.200, the local elections official shall affix, mark or otherwise*
7 *acknowledge receipt of the application and ballot by means of a*
8 *time stamp on the application.*

9 *4. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the registered voter*
10 *may provide his or her digital signature or electronic signature on*
11 *any document or other material that is necessary for the registered*
12 *voter to request and cast a ballot.*

13 *5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content*
14 *of a declaration for use by a registered voter who does not have*
15 *access to his or her mail ballot and is unable to go to the polls to*
16 *swear or affirm specific representations pertaining to identity,*
17 *eligibility to vote, status as a registered voter and timely and proper*
18 *completion of a ballot.*

19 *6. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the duties of the city*
20 *clerk upon receipt of a ballot sent by a registered voter using the*
21 *system of approved electronic transmission pursuant to this*
22 *section, including, without limitation, the procedures to be used in*
23 *accepting, handling and counting the ballot.*

24 *7. The Secretary of State shall make available to a registered*
25 *voter using the system of approved electronic transmission*
26 *pursuant to this section information regarding instructions on*
27 *using the system for approved electronic transmission to apply for*
28 *and cast a ballot.*

29 *8. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulations*
30 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

31 *9. As used in this section:*

32 *(a) "Covered voter" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
33 *NRS 293D.030.*

34 *(b) "Digital signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
35 *NRS 720.060.*

36 *(c) "Electronic signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
37 *NRS 719.100.*

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

40 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293C.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293C.175 1. A primary city election must be held in each city
42 of population category one, and in each city of population category
43 two that has so provided by ordinance, on the second Tuesday in
44 June of each even-numbered year, at which time there must be



1 nominated candidates for offices to be voted for at the next general
2 city election.

3 2. A candidate for an office to be voted for at the primary or
4 general city election must file a declaration of candidacy with the
5 city clerk not earlier than:

6 (a) For the office of judge of a municipal court, the first Monday
7 in January of the year in which the applicable election is to be held
8 and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday
9 in January.

10 (b) For any other office, the first Monday in March of the year
11 in which the applicable election is to be held and not later than 5
12 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.

13 3. At the time that a candidate files a declaration of candidacy,
14 the city clerk shall charge and collect from the candidate, and the
15 candidate must pay to the city clerk, a filing fee in an amount fixed
16 by the governing body of the city by ordinance or resolution. The
17 filing fees collected by the city clerk must be deposited to the credit
18 of the general fund of the city.

19 4. All candidates, except as otherwise provided in NRS
20 266.220, must be voted upon by the electors of the city at large.

21 5. If, in a primary city election held in a city of population
22 category one or two, one candidate receives a majority of votes cast
23 in that election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the
24 candidate must be declared elected to the office and the candidate's
25 name must not be placed on the ballot for the general city election.
26 If, in the primary city election, no candidate receives a majority of
27 votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is a
28 candidate, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest
29 number of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general city
30 election. *For the purposes of determining whether a candidate*
31 *received a majority of the votes cast in the primary city election for*
32 *an office upon which voters were authorized to select more than*
33 *one candidate, each ballot upon which a voter marked a valid*
34 *choice for one or more candidates for that office shall be deemed*
35 *to be one vote cast in the primary city election for that office.*

36 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293C.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293C.195 A withdrawal of candidacy for a city office must be
38 in writing and presented to the city clerk by the candidate in person
39 within ~~7~~ 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after
40 the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy. *If the withdrawal*
41 *of candidacy is submitted in a timely manner pursuant to the*
42 *provisions of this section, the withdrawal shall be deemed effective*
43 *after the seventh day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays,*
44 *after the last day for filing.*



1 **Sec. 31.** NRS 293C.222 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293C.222 1. The city clerk may appoint a pupil as a trainee
3 for the position of election board officer. To qualify for such an
4 appointment, the pupil must be:

5 (a) A United States citizen, a resident of Nevada and a resident
6 of the city in which the pupil serves;

7 (b) Enrolled in high school; and

8 (c) At the time of service, at least 16 years of age.

9 2. The city clerk may only appoint a pupil as a trainee if:

10 (a) The pupil is appointed without *political* party affiliation;

11 (b) The city clerk sends the pupil a certificate stating the date
12 and hours that the pupil will act as a trainee;

13 (c) At least 20 days before the election in which the pupil will
14 act as a trainee, the principal of the high school or the assigned
15 school counselor of the pupil receives the city clerk's certificate and
16 a written request signed by the pupil's parent or guardian to be
17 excused from school for the time specified in the certificate;

18 (d) The principal of the high school or the assigned school
19 counselor of the pupil approves the pupil's request; and

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

22 3. *A pupil may be appointed as a trainee pursuant to this*
23 *section regardless of his or her affiliation with a political party*
24 *including, without limitation, any designation of party affiliation*
25 *on his or her application to preregister or register to vote.*

26 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the city
27 clerk may assign a trainee such duties as the city clerk deems
28 appropriate. The city clerk shall not require the trainee to perform
29 those duties later than 10 p.m., or any applicable curfew, whichever
30 is earlier.

31 ~~4.~~ 5. The city clerk may compensate a trainee for service at
32 the same rate fixed for election board officers generally.

33 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293C.263 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293C.263 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
35 city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter
36 in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates his or
37 her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before
38 the election a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk shall
39 make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a
40 person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by
41 providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person
42 who is elderly or disabled.

43 2. The city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a
44 mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a
45 written notice in the form prescribed by the city clerk which must be



1 received by the city clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the
2 election.

3 3. The city clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person
4 who:

5 (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions
6 of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; ~~for~~

7 (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2 ~~;~~
8 ; or

9 (c) *Elects not to receive a mail ballot at the time the person*
10 *preregistered or registered to vote.*

11 4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and
12 measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.

13 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the
14 mail ballot must be distributed to:

15 (a) Each active registered voter who:

16 (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the
17 election; and

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

20 (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the
21 dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but
22 who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not
23 later than 13 days before the election.

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

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

33 7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail
34 ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is
35 moot and of no effect.

36 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293C.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293C.362 1. ~~When~~ *Mail ballots must be counted by the*
38 *mail ballot central counting board pursuant to NRS 293C.26331.*

39 2. *Ballots cast using a mechanical voting system must not be*
40 *counted until* the polls are closed . ~~the counting board shall~~
41 ~~prepare to count the ballots voted.~~ The counting procedure must be
42 public and , *to the extent practicable*, continue without adjournment
43 until completed.

44 ~~2. If the ballots are paper ballots, the counting board shall~~
45 ~~prepare in the following manner:~~



1 —(a) ~~The container that holds the ballots or the ballot box must be~~
2 ~~opened and the ballots contained therein counted by the counting~~
3 ~~board and opened far enough to determine whether each ballot is~~
4 ~~single. If two or more ballots are found folded together to present~~
5 ~~the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside until the~~
6 ~~count of the ballots is completed. If a majority of the inspectors are~~
7 ~~of the opinion that the ballots folded together were voted by one~~
8 ~~person, the ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon~~
9 ~~which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope~~
10 ~~must be signed by the counting board officers and placed in the~~
11 ~~container or ballot box after the count is completed.~~

12 —(b) ~~If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed the~~
13 ~~number of names as are indicated on the roster as having voted, the~~
14 ~~ballots must be replaced in the container or box and a counting~~
15 ~~board officer shall, with his or her back turned to the container or~~
16 ~~box, draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The excess~~
17 ~~ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words "Excess~~
18 ~~ballots not counted." The ballots when so marked must be~~
19 ~~immediately sealed in an envelope and returned to the city clerk~~
20 ~~with the other ballots rejected for any cause.~~

21 —(c) ~~When it has been determined that the number of ballots~~
22 ~~agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have~~
23 ~~voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy~~
24 ~~between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of~~
25 ~~the discrepancy must be made.}~~

26 **Sec. 34.** NRS 293C.369 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 293C.369 1. When counting a vote in an election, if more
28 choices than permitted by the instructions for a ballot are marked for
29 any office or question, the vote for that office or question may not
30 be counted ~~[]~~ *if the marks meet or exceed the threshold*
31 *established by regulation pursuant to subsection 3.*

32 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, in an election
33 in which a mechanical voting system is used whereby a vote is cast
34 by darkening a designated space on the ballot:

35 (a) A vote must be counted if the designated space is darkened
36 or there is a writing in the designated space, including, without
37 limitation, a cross or check; and

38 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), a writing or
39 other mark on the ballot, including, without limitation, a cross,
40 check, tear or scratch may not be counted as a vote ~~[]~~ *unless the*
41 *writing or mark meets or exceeds the threshold established by*
42 *regulation pursuant to subsection 3.*

43 3. The Secretary of State:

44 (a) May adopt regulations establishing ~~[additional]~~ :



1 ***(1) Additional*** uniform, statewide standards, not inconsistent
2 with this section, for counting a vote cast by a method of voting
3 described in subsection 2; and

4 ***(2) Uniform thresholds for determining whether writing or***
5 ***a mark on a ballot must be counted as a vote; and***

6 (b) Shall adopt regulations establishing uniform, statewide
7 standards for counting a vote cast by each method of voting used in
8 this State that is not described in subsection 2, including, without
9 limitation, a vote cast on a mechanical recording device which
10 directly records the votes electronically.

11 **Sec. 35.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:

13 1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided
14 pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify
15 the public, through means designed to reach members of the public
16 who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.263,
17 293C.281 and 293C.282 ***and section 28 of this act.***

18 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information
19 concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or
20 register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for
21 use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without
22 limitation, providing such information through a
23 telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is
24 deaf.

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

28 (a) Related to elections; and

29 (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed
30 form.

31 **Sec. 36.** NRS 294A.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 294A.100 1. A person shall not make or commit to make a
33 contribution or contributions to a candidate for any office, except a
34 federal office, in an amount which exceeds \$5,000 for the primary
35 election, regardless of the number of candidates for the office, and
36 \$5,000 for the general election, regardless of the number of
37 candidates for the office, during the period:

38 (a) Beginning January 1 of the year immediately following the
39 last general election for the office and ending December 31
40 immediately following the next general election for the office, if that
41 office is a state, district, county or township office; or

42 (b) Beginning from 30 days after the last election for the office
43 and ending 30 days after the next general city election for the office,
44 if that office is a city office.



2. A candidate shall not accept a contribution or commitment to make a contribution made in violation of subsection 1.

3. No contribution made, committed to be made or accepted pursuant to this section to a candidate for a primary election, ~~for~~ general election *or special election other than a special election to recall a public officer* affects the limitations on the amount of contributions that may be committed, contributed or accepted pursuant to NRS 294A.115 for a special election to recall a public officer.

4. A person who willfully violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

Sec. 37. NRS 298.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

298.055 The *Secretary of State shall submit the* certificate of ascertainment ~~submitted~~ to the Archivist of the United States pursuant to 3 U.S.C. § ~~6~~ *5. The certificate of ascertainment* must include a statement that:

1. Each nominee for presidential elector shall serve as a presidential elector unless a vacancy occurs in the position of presidential elector held by that nominee for presidential elector before the conclusion of the meeting of presidential electors held pursuant to 3 U.S.C. § 7; and

2. If a person is appointed pursuant to NRS 298.065 to fill a vacancy in a position of presidential elector, the Secretary of State will submit an amended certificate of ascertainment to the Archivist.

Sec. 38. NRS 298.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

298.660 *1.* If a person who is a qualified candidate to be a major political party's nominee for President of the United States wants to appear on the ballot for a presidential preference primary election that is held for the party, the person must, not earlier than October 1 and not later than 5 p.m. on October 15 of the year immediately preceding the presidential preference primary election, file with the Secretary of State a declaration of candidacy . ~~in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State.~~

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

***DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR NOMINEE FOR
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES***

State of Nevada

County of.....



1 *For the purpose of having my name placed on the official*
 2 *ballot as a candidate for the Party nomination for*
 3 *the office of President of the United States, I, the*
 4 *undersigned, do swear or affirm under penalty of*
 5 *perjury that my telephone number is, and the*
 6 *address at which I receive mail, if different than my*
 7 *residence, is; that I am registered as a member of the*
 8 *..... Party; that I generally believe in and intend to*
 9 *support the concepts found in the principles and policies of*
 10 *that political party in the coming election; that I meet the*
 11 *qualifications for this office set forth in Clause 5 of Section*
 12 *I of Article II of the Constitution of the United States; that*
 13 *if nominated as a candidate of the Party at the*
 14 *ensuing election, I will accept that nomination and not*
 15 *withdraw; that I will not knowingly violate any election law*
 16 *or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent*
 17 *practices in campaigns and elections in this State; that I will*
 18 *qualify for the office if elected thereto, including, but not*
 19 *limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the*
 20 *Constitution and laws of the United States concerning*
 21 *the number of years or terms for which a person may hold*
 22 *the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully*
 23 *filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a false*
 24 *statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor;*
 25 *and that I understand that my name will appear on all*
 26 *ballots as designated in this declaration.*

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 29 (Designation of name)

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 31
 32 (Signature of candidate for office)

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 34 *Subscribed and sworn to before me*
 35 *this day of the month of of the year*

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 38 *Notary Public or other person*
 39 *authorized to administer an oath*

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 41 **3. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration**
 42 **of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this**
 43 **section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.**



1 **Sec. 39.** NRS 298.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 298.670 1. The Secretary of State shall forward to each
3 county clerk the name, party affiliation and mailing address of each
4 qualified candidate whose name must appear on the ballot for the
5 presidential preference primary election.

6 2. Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the list of
7 qualified candidates, the county clerk shall publish a notice of the
8 presidential preference primary election in a newspaper of general
9 circulation in the county once a week for 2 successive weeks. If no
10 such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be
11 made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest
12 Nevada county. The notice must contain:

13 (a) The date of the presidential preference primary election;

14 (b) The major political parties that have qualified candidates
15 who will be on the ballot at the presidential preference primary
16 election;

17 (c) *The names of the qualified candidates who will be on the*
18 *ballot at the presidential preference primary election and the*
19 *major political party which each candidate is affiliated with;*

20 (d) The location of the polling places in the county, including,
21 without limitation, polling places for early voting by personal
22 appearance; and

23 ~~(d)~~ (e) The hours during which the polling places in the
24 county will be open for voting during the period for early voting and
25 the day of the presidential preference primary election.

26 **Sec. 40.** NRS 247.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 247.540 1. The following persons may request that the
28 personal information described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS
29 247.520 that is contained in the records of a county recorder be kept
30 confidential:

31 (a) Any justice or judge in this State.

32 (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.

33 (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.

34 (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive
35 officer in this State.

36 (e) Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with
37 the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed
38 by such county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the elections
39 division of the county or city.

40 (f) Any peace officer or retired peace officer.

41 (g) Any prosecutor.

42 (h) Any state or county public defender.

43 (i) Any person employed by the Office of the Attorney General
44 who prosecutes or defends actions on behalf of the State of Nevada



1 or any agency in the Executive Department of the State
2 Government.

3 (j) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker,
4 employed by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as
5 part of his or her normal job responsibilities:

6 (1) Interacts with the public; and

7 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child
8 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable
9 dangers.

10 (k) Any county manager in this State.

11 (l) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State
12 or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her
13 employer:

14 (1) Who possesses specialized training in code enforcement;

15 (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities,
16 interacts with the public; and

17 (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks
18 related to code enforcement.

19 (m) The spouse, domestic partner, *elderly parent* or minor child
20 of a person described in paragraphs (a) to (l), inclusive.

21 (n) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a
22 person described in paragraphs (a) to (l), inclusive, who was killed
23 in the performance of his or her duties.

24 (o) Any person for whom a fictitious address has been issued
25 pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive.

26 2. Any nonprofit entity in this State that maintains a
27 confidential location for the purpose of providing shelter to victims
28 of domestic violence may request that the personal information
29 described in subsection 4 of NRS 247.520 that is contained in the
30 records of a county recorder be kept confidential.

31 3. As used in this section:

32 (a) "Child protective services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
33 NRS 432B.042.

34 (b) "Child welfare services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
35 NRS 432B.044.

36 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws,
37 ordinances or codes regulating public nuisances or the public health,
38 safety and welfare.

39 (d) "*Elderly parent*" means a natural parent, adoptive parent
40 or stepparent who is 60 years of age or older.

41 (e) "Peace officer" means:

42 (1) Any person upon whom some or all of the powers of a
43 peace officer are conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360,
44 inclusive; and

45 (2) Any person:



- 1 (I) Who resides in this State;
- 2 (II) Whose primary duties are to enforce the law; and
- 3 (III) Who is employed by a law enforcement agency of
- 4 the Federal Government, including, without limitation, a ranger for
- 5 the National Park Service and an agent employed by the Federal
- 6 Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, United States Department
- 7 of Homeland Security or United States Department of the Treasury.

8 ~~(e)~~ (f) “Prosecutor” has the meaning ascribed to it in
9 NRS 241A.030.

10 ~~(f)~~ (g) “Social worker” means any person licensed under
11 chapter 641B of NRS.

12 **Sec. 41.** NRS 250.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 250.140 1. The following persons may request that personal
14 information described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS 250.120 that is
15 contained in the records of a county assessor be kept confidential:

- 16 (a) Any justice or judge in this State.
- 17 (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.
- 18 (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.
- 19 (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive
20 officer in this State.

21 (e) Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with
22 the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed
23 by such county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the elections
24 division of the county or city.

25 (f) Any peace officer or retired peace officer.

26 (g) Any prosecutor.

27 (h) Any state or county public defender.

28 (i) Any person employed by the Office of the Attorney General
29 who prosecutes or defends actions on behalf of the State of Nevada
30 or any agency in the Executive Department of the State
31 Government.

32 (j) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker,
33 employed by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as
34 part of his or her normal job responsibilities:

35 (1) Interacts with the public; and

36 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child
37 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable
38 dangers.

39 (k) Any county manager in this State.

40 (l) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State
41 or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her
42 employer:

43 (1) Who possesses specialized training in code enforcement;

44 (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities,
45 interacts with the public; and



1 (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks
2 related to code enforcement.

3 (m) The spouse, domestic partner, *elderly parent* or minor child
4 of a person described in paragraphs (a) to (l), inclusive.

5 (n) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a
6 person described in paragraphs (a) to (l), inclusive, who was killed
7 in the performance of his or her duties.

8 (o) Any person for whom a fictitious address has been issued
9 pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive.

10 2. Any nonprofit entity in this State that maintains a
11 confidential location for the purpose of providing shelter to victims
12 of domestic violence may request that the personal information
13 described in subsection 4 of NRS 250.120 that is contained in the
14 records of a county assessor be kept confidential.

15 3. As used in this section:

16 (a) "Child protective services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
17 NRS 432B.042.

18 (b) "Child welfare services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
19 NRS 432B.044.

20 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws,
21 ordinances or codes regulating public nuisances or the public health,
22 safety and welfare.

23 (d) "*Elderly parent*" means a natural parent, adoptive parent
24 or stepparent who is 60 years of age or older.

25 (e) "Peace officer" means:

26 (1) Any person upon whom some or all of the powers of a
27 peace officer are conferred pursuant to NRS 289.150 to 289.360,
28 inclusive; and

29 (2) Any person:

30 (I) Who resides in this State;

31 (II) Whose primary duties are to enforce the law; and

32 (III) Who is employed by a law enforcement agency of
33 the Federal Government, including, without limitation, a ranger for
34 the National Park Service and an agent employed by the Federal
35 Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, United States Department
36 of Homeland Security or United States Department of the Treasury.

37 ~~(e)~~ (f) "Prosecutor" has the meaning ascribed to it in
38 NRS 241A.030.

39 ~~(f)~~ (g) "Social worker" means any person licensed under
40 chapter 641B of NRS.

41 **Sec. 42.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of Carson City, being
42 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter
43 295, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1481, is hereby amended to
44 read as follows:

45 Sec. 5.010 Primary election.



1 1. A primary election must be held on the date fixed by
2 the election laws of this state for statewide elections, at which
3 time there must be nominated candidates for offices to be
4 voted for at the next general election.

5 2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any
6 primary election must file a declaration of candidacy as
7 provided by the election laws of this state.

8 3. All candidates for the office of Mayor and Supervisor,
9 and candidates for the office of Municipal Judge if a third
10 department of the Municipal Court has been established, must
11 be voted upon by the registered voters of Carson City at large.

12 4. If only two persons file for a particular office, their
13 names must not appear on the primary ballot but their names
14 must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

15 5. If in the primary election one candidate receives a
16 majority of votes cast in that election for the office for which
17 he or she is a candidate, the candidate must be declared
18 elected to the office and his or her name must not be placed
19 on the ballot for the general election. If in the primary
20 election no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in that
21 election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the
22 names of the two candidates receiving the highest numbers of
23 votes must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

24 *For the purposes of determining whether a candidate*
25 *received a majority of the votes cast in the primary election*
26 *for an office for which voters were authorized to select more*
27 *than one candidate, each ballot upon which a voter marked*
28 *a valid choice for one or more candidates for that office*
29 *shall be deemed to be one vote cast in the primary election*
30 *for that office.*

31 **Sec. 43.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,
32 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
33 chapters 350 and 558, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at pages 2179 and
34 3553, respectively, is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal election.

36 1. A primary municipal election must be held:

37 (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April
38 2019; and

39 (b) Beginning in 2022, on the second Tuesday in June of
40 each even-numbered year,

41 ↳ at which time there must be nominated candidates for
42 offices to be voted for at the next general municipal election.

43 2. A candidate for any office to be voted for at any
44 primary municipal election must file a declaration of
45 candidacy as provided by the election laws of this State.



1 3. All candidates for elective office, other than
2 candidates for the office of Council Member, must be voted
3 upon by the registered voters of the City at large.

4 4. A candidate for the office of Council Member must be
5 voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward that he
6 or she seeks to represent.

7 5. If in the primary municipal election no candidate
8 receives a majority of votes cast in that election for the office
9 for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two
10 candidates receiving the highest number of votes must be
11 placed on the ballot for the general municipal election. If in
12 the primary municipal election, regardless of the number of
13 candidates for an office, one candidate receives a majority of
14 votes cast in that election for the office for which he or she is
15 a candidate, he or she must be declared elected and no general
16 municipal election need be held for that office. Such
17 candidate shall enter upon his or her respective duties at:

18 (a) If the primary municipal election was held in 2019,
19 the second regular meeting of the City Council held in June
20 2019.

21 (b) If the primary municipal election was held on the
22 second Tuesday of June of an even-numbered year, the first
23 regular meeting of the City Council held in January of the
24 year following the primary municipal election.

25 *6. For the purposes of determining whether a*
26 *candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the*
27 *primary municipal election for an office for which voters*
28 *were authorized to select more than one candidate, each*
29 *ballot upon which a voter marked a valid choice for one or*
30 *more candidates for that office shall be deemed to be one*
31 *vote cast in the primary municipal election for that office.*

32 **Sec. 44.** Section 5.010 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,
33 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by
34 chapter 558, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 3558, is hereby
35 amended to read as follows:

36 Sec. 5.010 Primary municipal elections.

37 1. A primary municipal election must be held in the
38 City:

39 (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April
40 2019; and

41 (b) Beginning in 2022, on the second Tuesday in June of
42 each even-numbered year.

43 2. In the primary municipal elections:



1 (a) The candidates for Council Member who are to be
2 nominated must be nominated and voted for separately
3 according to the respective wards.

4 (b) If the City Council has established an additional
5 department or departments of the Municipal Court pursuant to
6 section 4.010 and, as a result, more than one office of
7 Municipal Judge is to be filled at any election, the candidates
8 for those offices must be nominated and voted upon
9 separately according to the respective departments.

10 3. Each candidate for municipal office must file a
11 declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk. All filing fees
12 collected by the City Clerk must be paid into the City
13 Treasury.

14 4. If, in the primary municipal election, regardless of the
15 number of candidates for an office, one candidate receives a
16 majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office
17 for which he or she is a candidate, he or she must be declared
18 elected for the term which commences on the day of the first
19 regular meeting of the City Council next succeeding the
20 meeting at which the canvass of the returns is made, and no
21 general municipal election need be held for that office. If, in
22 the primary municipal election, no candidate receives a
23 majority of votes which are cast in that election for the office
24 for which he or she is a candidate, the names of the two
25 candidates who receive the highest number of votes must be
26 placed on the ballot for the general municipal election.

27 *5. For the purposes of determining whether a*
28 *candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the*
29 *primary municipal election for an office for which voters*
30 *were authorized to select more than one candidate, each*
31 *ballot upon which a voter marked a valid choice for one or*
32 *more candidates for that office shall be deemed to be one*
33 *vote cast in the primary municipal election for that office.*

34 **Sec. 45.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of North Las
35 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended
36 by chapter 558, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 3562, is hereby
37 amended to read as follows:

38 Sec. 5.020 Primary municipal elections; declaration of
39 candidacy.

40 1. The City Council shall provide by ordinance for
41 candidates for elective office to declare their candidacy and
42 file the necessary documents. The seats for City Council
43 Members must be designated by the numbers one through
44 four, which numbers must correspond with the wards the
45 candidates for City Council Members will seek to represent.



1 A candidate for the office of City Council Member shall
2 include in his or her declaration of candidacy the number of
3 the ward which he or she seeks to represent. Each candidate
4 for City Council must be designated as a candidate for the
5 City Council seat that corresponds with the ward that he or
6 she seeks to represent.

7 2. A primary municipal election must be held:

8 (a) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in April
9 2019; and

10 (b) Beginning in 2022, on the second Tuesday in June of
11 each even-numbered year.

12 3. In the primary municipal election:

13 (a) A candidate for the office of City Council Member
14 must be voted upon only by the registered voters of the ward
15 that he or she seeks to represent.

16 (b) Candidates for all other elective offices must be voted
17 upon by the registered voters of the City at large.

18 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, after
19 the primary municipal election, the names of the two
20 candidates who receive the highest number of votes must be
21 placed on the ballot for the general municipal election.

22 5. If, regardless of the number of candidates for an
23 office, one candidate receives a majority of the total votes
24 cast for that office in the primary municipal election, he or
25 she must be declared elected to that office and no general
26 municipal election need be held for that office. *For the*
27 *purposes of determining whether a candidate received a*
28 *majority of the votes cast in the primary municipal election*
29 *for an office for which voters were authorized to select more*
30 *than one candidate, each ballot upon which a voter marked*
31 *a valid choice for one or more candidates for that office*
32 *shall be deemed to be one vote cast in the primary municipal*
33 *election for that office.*

34 **Sec. 46.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Sparks,
35 being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by
36 chapter 158, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 716, is hereby
37 amended to read as follows:

38 Sec. 5.020 Primary elections.

39 1. At the primary election:

40 (a) Candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney
41 and Municipal Judge must be voted upon by the registered
42 voters of the City at large.

43 (b) Candidates to represent a ward as a member of the
44 City Council must be voted upon by the registered voters of
45 the ward to be represented by them.



1 2. If at 5 p.m. on the last day for filing a declaration of
2 candidacy:

3 (a) There is only one candidate who has filed for
4 nomination for an office, that candidate must be declared
5 elected to the office and no election may be held for that
6 office.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), not
8 more than twice the number of candidates to be elected have
9 filed for nomination for an office, the names of those
10 candidates must be omitted from all ballots for a primary
11 election and placed on all ballots for a general election.

12 (c) More than twice the number of candidates to be
13 elected have filed for nomination for an office, the names of
14 the candidates must be placed on the ballot for the primary
15 election.

16 3. If at the primary election:

17 (a) One candidate receives the majority of votes cast in
18 the election for the office for which he or she is a candidate,
19 he or she must be declared elected to the office and no
20 general election need be held for that office.

21 (b) No candidate receives the majority of votes cast in the
22 election for the office for which he or she is a candidate, the
23 names of the two candidates who receive the highest number
24 of votes must be placed on the ballot for the general election.

25 ↪ *For the purposes of determining whether a candidate*
26 *received a majority of the votes cast in the primary election*
27 *for an office for which voters were authorized to select more*
28 *than one candidate, each ballot upon which a voter marked*
29 *a valid choice for one or more candidates for that office*
30 *shall be deemed to be one vote cast in the primary election*
31 *for that office.*

32 **Sec. 47.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
33 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
34 provisions of this act.

35 **Sec. 48.** NRS 293.365, 293.423, 293.490, 293.567 and
36 293C.365 are hereby repealed.

37 **Sec. 49.** 1. This section and sections 47 and 48 of this act
38 become effective upon passage and approval.

39 2. Sections 1 to 46, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

43 (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.



LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

293.365 Accounting for all paper ballots before counting of votes begins.

293.423 Recount of ballots at hearing of contest.

293.490 Residence not lost upon removal from county or precinct.

293.567 Number of registered voters in county to be transmitted by county clerk to Secretary of State before certain elections.

293C.365 Accounting for all paper ballots before counting of votes begins.

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