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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 163—ASSEMBLYMEN DICKMAN, WHEELER,  
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LEAVITT, MATTHEWS AND MCARTHUR

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.  
(BDR 24-690)

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

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

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AN ACT relating to elections; requiring, with certain exceptions, proof of identity for voting in person; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, under certain circumstances, to issue voter identification cards at no cost; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a county or city clerk to use a voting system with blockchain technology; revising the deadlines for returning and counting absent ballots; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, a person from returning an absent ballot or mailing ballot on behalf of a voter; requiring a county or city clerk to allow any member of the public to observe the counting of ballots; revising the deadline for the completion of the canvass of an election by a board of county commissioners; eliminating the authority for a person to register to vote after the close of registration; requiring the Secretary of State to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to obtain certain information relating to the statewide voter registration list; repealing provisions relating to voting by mail ballot and conducting certain elections affected by a disaster or emergency; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, that a person provide  
2 satisfactory identification to vote in person. (NRS 293.2725, 293.277, 293.303,  
3 293.3082, 293.3085, 293.330, 293.353, 293.3585, 293.541, 293C.270, 293C.292,  
4 293C.330, 293C.3585) **Sections 16, 19-22, 26, 35, 39, 41, 51, 65-68, 71, 76 and 83**  
5 of this bill require, with limited exceptions, that a person provide one of the forms  
6 of proof of identity specified in **section 2** of this bill to vote in person. **Section 2**  
7 sets forth the acceptable forms of proof of identity which include: (1) certain  
8 government-issued documents or identity cards that show a recognizable  
9 photograph of the person to whom the document or card is issued; (2) a voter  
10 identification card; and (3) certain documentation from an administrator of certain  
11 health care facilities that are licensed by the State. **Sections 7, 12, 23, 49 and 61** of  
12 this bill make conforming changes to reflect the new definition of "proof of  
13 identity."

14 **Sections 3-6** of this bill: (1) require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue  
15 a voter identification card, free of charge, to a person who does not possess one of  
16 the forms of required photographic identification; (2) set forth requirements for the  
17 issuance of such voter identification cards; and (3) require that the Secretary of  
18 State adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of **sections 3-6**.

19 **Sections 24 and 69** of this bill provide that a person applying to vote whose  
20 identity has been challenged must furnish proof of identity to respond to such a  
21 challenge.

22 **Section 28** of this bill authorizes, under certain circumstances, a person who  
23 fails to provide proof of identity when voting in person to cast a provisional ballot.  
24 **Section 29** of this bill revises the information that must be provided to a person  
25 who casts a provisional ballot. **Section 30** of this bill provides that the provisional  
26 ballot of such a voter must be counted if the person provides to the county or city  
27 clerk, not later than 5 p.m. on the day after the election: (1) proof of identity; or (2)  
28 an affidavit stating that the voter cannot provide proof of identity because he or she  
29 is indigent or has a religious objection to being photographed.

30 **Sections 40 and 82** of this bill make conforming changes to reflect that if a  
31 person does not provide proof of identity, an elections board is not required to issue  
32 that person a ballot for early voting. **Section 50** of this bill makes conforming  
33 changes to the information that must be provided to a person when preregistering or  
34 registering to vote.

35 The provisions of this bill which require that a person present, with limited  
36 exceptions, one of the forms of identity to vote in person are similar to the  
37 provisions of an Indiana law which the United States Supreme Court has  
38 determined does not unconstitutionally burden a person's right to vote, in part  
39 because a person can obtain one of the forms of required proof of identity free of  
40 charge and the requirements to provide proof of identity do not apply to persons  
41 who vote by absent ballots. (*Crawford v. Marion County Election Bd.*, 553 U.S.  
42 181 (2008))

43 Existing law requires that the Secretary of State and each county and city clerk  
44 ensure that a voting system used in this State meets certain standards. (NRS  
45 293.2696) **Section 14** of this bill authorizes a county or city clerk, with the  
46 approval of the Secretary of State, to use a voting system with blockchain  
47 technology.

48 Existing law provides that an absent ballot must be, with limited exception: (1)  
49 delivered by hand to the county or city clerk by the time set for the closing of the  
50 polls; or (2) mailed to the county or city clerk and postmarked on or before the day  
51 of an election and also received by the county or city clerk within the period for the  
52 counting of absent ballots, which continues through the seventh day following the  
53 election. (NRS 293.317, 293C.319) **Sections 32 and 73** of this bill revise these  
54 deadlines to return an absent ballot to provide that a ballot must be delivered or



55 mailed to the county or city clerk and received by the county or city clerk by 7 p.m.  
56 on election day, which is the time set for the closing of the polls on election day.  
57 **Sections 34 and 75** of this bill revise the deadline by which a voter must correct a  
58 signature issue on an absent ballot to 5 p.m. on the day following election day.

59 Under existing law, the counting procedure of ballots must be public and  
60 continue without adjournment until completed. (NRS 293.363, 293C.362) **Sections**  
61 **36, 43, 77 and 85** of this bill require the counting of ballots to be completed not  
62 later than 48 hours after the closing of the polls on election day. Consistent with  
63 this change: (1) **sections 29 and 30** of this bill revise the date by which a person  
64 who casts a provisional ballot must provide proof of identity to the county or city  
65 clerk to 5 p.m. on the day after the election; and (2) **sections 45, 46 and 87** of this  
66 bill revise the day by which the canvass of returns and abstracts of the votes must  
67 be completed from the 10th day following the election or the 13th day in the case of  
68 certain affected elections to the 6th working day following the election.

69 **Sections 43, 57, 58, 85 and 90** of this bill prohibit the counting board, county  
70 or city clerk or any other county or city election official from denying the public  
71 access to observe the counting of the ballots.

72 Under existing law, a person authorized by the voter may return an absent  
73 ballot, mailing ballot or mail ballot on behalf of the voter under certain  
74 circumstances. (NRS 293.330, 293.353, 293.8864, 293C.330, 293C.350) **Sections**  
75 **35, 39, 76 and 80** of this bill instead provide that only the voter or, with the  
76 authorization of the voter, a member of the voter's family may return an absent  
77 ballot or mailing ballot on behalf of the voter.

78 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain the  
79 statewide voter registration list. (NRS 293.675) **Section 55** of this bill requires the  
80 Secretary of State to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Registrar of  
81 Vital Statistics to match information in the statewide voter registration list with the  
82 records from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics of the death of residents of the  
83 State to maintain the statewide voter registration list.

84 Under existing law, a person may register to vote or update his or her voter  
85 registration after the deadlines for regular voter registration during the period for  
86 early voting and on the day of the election. (NRS 293.5772-293.5887) **Section 105**  
87 of this bill repeals these provisions. **Sections 8-11, 13, 17, 18, 25, 27, 42, 47-50,**  
88 **52-54, 59, 60, 63, 64, 70, 81, 84, 88, 89 and 92-104** of this bill make conforming  
89 changes to remove references to registering after the deadlines for regular voter  
90 registration.

91 Existing law provides that for certain elections, not later than 45 days before  
92 the election or, if the 45th day before the election is a weekend or holiday, not later  
93 than the business day preceding the 45th day, local elections officials must transmit  
94 military-overseas ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters who by that  
95 date submit a valid application for military-overseas ballots. (NRS 293D.320)  
96 **Section 91** of this bill requires local elections officials to begin transmitting  
97 military-overseas ballots and balloting materials not later than 55 days before the  
98 election.

99 Existing law establishes certain procedures for elections affected by certain  
100 emergencies or disasters, which include allowing voters to vote by mail ballot  
101 during an affected election. (NRS 293.8801-293.8887) **Section 105** repeals these  
102 provisions. **Sections 15, 31, 33, 37, 38, 44, 56, 62, 72, 74, 78, 79 and 86** of this bill  
103 make conforming changes to remove references to these provisions.



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

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4       **Sec. 2. 1. “Proof of identity” means:**

5       (a) *A document or identity card that:*

6           (1) *Is issued by the State, the United States or a federally*  
7 *recognized Indian tribe;*

8           (2) *Shows a recognizable photograph of the person to*  
9 *whom the document or identity card is issued;*

10          (3) *Shows the name and signature of the person to whom*  
11 *the document or identity card is issued; and*

12          (4) *If the document or identity card is issued by the State,*  
13 *bears an expiration date that is not earlier than 4 years before the*  
14 *date of the election for which the document or identity card is*  
15 *offered as proof of identity;*

16       (b) *A voter identification card issued pursuant to section 3 of*  
17 *this act; or*

18       (c) *A document provided by the administrator of a licensed*  
19 *medical facility or licensed facility for the dependent to a resident*  
20 *of the facility attesting to the person’s identity and that he or she is*  
21 *a resident of the facility.*

22       2. *As used in this section:*

23       (a) *“Facility for the dependent” has the meaning ascribed to it*  
24 *in NRS 449.0045.*

25       (b) *“Medical facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
26 *NRS 449.0151.*

27       **Sec. 3. 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall:**

28       (a) *Issue a voter identification card to a person who:*

29           (1) *Is a registered voter of this State;*

30           (2) *Does not possess a form of proof of identity described in*  
31 *subsection 1 of section 2 of this act; and*

32           (3) *Complies with the provisions of section 4 of this act.*

33       (b) *Provide at least one place in each county at which the*  
34 *Department accepts applications for and issues voter identification*  
35 *cards.*

36       2. *The Department shall not charge a fee for the issuance of*  
37 *a voter identification card.*

38       **Sec. 4.** *A person who wishes to obtain a voter identification*  
39 *card must submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles:*



1 **1. An application in the form prescribed by the Secretary of**  
2 **State;**

3 **2. Proof of the applicant's date of birth; and**

4 **3. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or**  
5 **check or other document issued by a governmental entity which**  
6 **indicates the name and address of the applicant, but not including**  
7 **a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.**

8 **Sec. 5. A voter identification card issued pursuant to section**  
9 **3 of this act:**

10 **1. Must include, without limitation:**

11 **(a) The name, address, date of birth, sex, height, weight, eye**  
12 **color, photograph and signature of the person to whom the card is**  
13 **issued;**

14 **(b) The date of issuance of the card; and**

15 **(c) The name of the county in which the card was issued.**

16 **2. Is valid for as long as the person is registered to vote and**  
17 **resides at the address stated on the card.**

18 **Sec. 6. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to**  
19 **carry out the provisions of sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act. In**  
20 **adopting such regulations, the Secretary of State shall consult**  
21 **with the Department of Motor Vehicles.**

22 **Sec. 7. NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

23 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise  
24 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.013 to 293.121,  
25 inclusive, **and section 2 of this act** have the meanings ascribed to  
26 them in those sections.

27 **Sec. 8. NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

28 293.093 "Regular votes" means the votes cast by registered  
29 voters, except votes cast by:

30 1. An absent ballot; **or**

31 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,  
32 inclusive. ~~}; or~~

33 ~~—3. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
34 ~~inclusive.]~~

35 **Sec. 9. NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

36 293.095 "Roster" means the record in printed or electronic  
37 form furnished to election board officers which ~~};~~

38 ~~—1. Contains] contains~~ a list of registered voters and is to be  
39 used for obtaining the signature of each registered voter who applies  
40 to vote at a polling place. ~~}; or~~

41 ~~—2. Is to be used for obtaining the signature of each elector who~~  
42 ~~applies to register to vote or applies to vote at a polling place~~  
43 ~~pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~



1     **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.126 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 2     293.126 ~~[1.]~~ The provisions of ~~[NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
 3 ~~inclusive, apply to city elections.~~  
 4 ~~—2. The other provisions of]~~ this chapter, not inconsistent with  
 5 the provisions of chapter 293C of NRS or a city charter, ~~[also]~~ apply  
 6 to city elections.

7     **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as  
 8 follows:  
 9     293.12757 If a person is qualified to register to vote and has  
 10 properly completed any method authorized by the provisions of this  
 11 title to register to vote:

12     1. The person may sign a petition required under the election  
 13 laws of this State on or after the date on which the person is deemed  
 14 to be registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.4855, 293.517,  
 15 293.5235 ~~[.]~~ or 293.5752 ~~[or 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~ or  
 16 any other provision of this title; and

17     2. The county clerk shall use the date prescribed by subsection  
 18 1 for the purposes of the verification of the person's signature on the  
 19 petition.

20     **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 21     293.177 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165  
 22 and 293.166, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a  
 23 primary election unless the person named has filed a declaration of  
 24 candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee  
 25 required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than:

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

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

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

35     (a) For partisan office:

36  
 37                                 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF ..... FOR THE  
 38   OFFICE OF .....

39  
 40             State of Nevada

41  
 42             County of .....

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 44             For the purpose of having my name placed on the official  
 45             ballot as a candidate for the ..... Party nomination for



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

38  
 39 .....  
 40 (Designation of name)

41  
 42 .....  
 43 (Signature of candidate for office)



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

.....

Notary Public or other person  
authorized to administer an oath

(b) 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





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 .....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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 *documents and*  
13 proof of ~~identity and~~ residency provided by the candidate pursuant  
14 to subsection 3 or 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.



1 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration  
2 of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this  
3 section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

4 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has  
6 the right:

7 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

8 (a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of  
9 candidates; and

10 (b) Accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of  
11 candidates.

12 2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered  
13 and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a  
14 conspicuous place at the polling place.

15 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.

16 4. To vote during any period for early voting or on election day  
17 if the voter is waiting in line to vote ~~[for register to vote at a polling~~  
18 ~~place at which the voter is entitled to vote or register to vote]~~ at the  
19 time that the polls close and the voter has not already cast a vote in  
20 that election.

21 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another  
22 ballot in its place.

23 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.

24 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and  
25 delivered in a timely manner as provided by law.

26 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting  
27 during early voting or on election day.

28 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections  
29 system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly,  
30 disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or  
31 a citizen who is overseas.

32 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and  
33 recounting all votes accurately.

34 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests  
35 resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.

36 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.2696 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.2696 **1.** The Secretary of State and each county and city  
38 clerk shall ensure that each voting system used in this State:

39 ~~[1-]~~ **(a)** Secures to each voter privacy and independence in the  
40 act of voting, including, without limitation, confidentiality of the  
41 ballot of the voter;

42 ~~[2-]~~ **(b)** Allows each voter to verify privately and independently  
43 the votes selected by the voter on the ballot before the ballot is cast  
44 and counted;



1 ~~[3.]~~ (c) Provides each voter with the opportunity, in a private  
2 and independent manner, to change the ballot and to correct any  
3 error before the ballot is cast and counted, including, without  
4 limitation, the opportunity to correct an error through the issuance of  
5 a replacement ballot if the voter is otherwise unable to change the  
6 ballot or correct the error;

7 ~~[4.]~~ (d) Provides a permanent paper record with a manual audit  
8 capacity; and

9 ~~[5.]~~ (e) Meets or exceeds the standards for voting systems  
10 established by the United States Election Assistance Commission,  
11 including, without limitation, the error rate standards.

12 **2. A county or city clerk, with the approval of the Secretary of**  
13 **State, may use a voting system with blockchain technology. As**  
14 **used in this subsection, “blockchain” has the meaning ascribed to**  
15 **it in NRS 719.045.**

16 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and  
18 in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or  
19 computer to vote shall, for the first election in which the person  
20 votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or  
21 she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is  
22 registered to vote.

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

24 (a) Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.343  
25 to 293.355, inclusive;

26 (b) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to federal law,  
27 NRS 293.316 or chapter 293D of NRS;

28 (c) Is disabled;

29 (d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person  
30 pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and  
31 Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;

32 (e) Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an  
33 absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary  
34 public or other person authorized to administer an oath; **or**

35 (f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the county  
36 clerk. ~~[-or~~

37 ~~—(g) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS~~  
38 ~~293.8847 and includes a copy of the information required pursuant~~  
39 ~~to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her~~  
40 ~~voted mail ballot, if required pursuant to NRS 293.8851.]~~

41 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in  
43 NRS 293.3081 ~~[-]~~ **and** 293.3083 ~~[and 293.5772 to 293.5887;~~  
44 ~~inclusive,]~~ and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail  
45 or computer or registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742, or a



1 person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is  
2 subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not  
3 previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:

4 (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents *proof*  
5 *of identity* to the election board officer at the polling place ; ~~;~~

6 ~~— (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person,~~  
7 ~~which shows his or her physical address; or~~

8 ~~— (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,~~  
9 ~~or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check~~  
10 ~~which indicates the name and address of the person, but not~~  
11 ~~including a voter registration card; and]~~

12 (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county  
13 or city clerk:

14 (1) A copy of ~~[a current and valid photo identification]~~ *the*  
15 *proof of identity* of the person, which shows his or her physical  
16 address; or

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

21 ↪ If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the  
22 election board officer or clerk may request additional information.

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

24 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote  
25 by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to  
26 vote, and submits *a copy of his or her proof of identity* with an  
27 application to preregister or register to vote ; ~~;~~

28 ~~— (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or~~

29 ~~— (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,~~  
30 ~~or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check~~  
31 ~~which indicates the name and address of the person, but not~~  
32 ~~including a voter registration card;]~~

33 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to  
34 vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register  
35 to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his  
36 or her social security number, if a state or local election official has  
37 matched that information with an existing identification record  
38 bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the  
39 person in the application;

40 (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742, and at that time  
41 presents to the Department of Motor Vehicles:

42 (1) ~~[A copy of a current and valid photo identification;~~

43 ~~— (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck~~  
44 ~~or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check~~



1 ~~which indicates the name and address of the person, but not~~  
2 ~~including a voter registration card; or~~

3 ~~—(3)] Proof of identity; or~~

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

9 (d) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed  
10 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et  
11 seq.;

12 (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under  
13 the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52  
14 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

15 (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other  
16 federal law.

17 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described  
18 in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued  
19 to the person is mailed by the county clerk to the person and  
20 returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.

21 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.305, at  
23 all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must  
24 open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

25 2. ~~Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers~~  
26 ~~shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware~~  
27 ~~of the fact that applications will be received from:~~

28 ~~—(a) Registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place; and~~  
29 ~~—(b) Electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the~~  
30 ~~polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.~~

31 ~~—3.]~~ No person, other than election board officers engaged in  
32 receiving, preparing or depositing ballots ~~for registering electors,~~  
33 may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are  
34 open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep  
35 order and carry out the provisions of this title.

36 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an  
38 election board may not perform its duty in serving registered voters  
39 at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless  
40 it has before it ~~]:~~

41 ~~—(a) The] the~~ roster designated for registered voters who apply to  
42 vote at the polling place. ~~]: and~~

43 ~~—(b) The roster designated for electors who apply to register to~~  
44 ~~vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772~~  
45 ~~to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~



1 2. For a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072,  
2 an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters  
3 at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it  
4 the roster for the county.

5 3. If a county clerk uses an electronic roster, not earlier than 2  
6 weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first  
7 day of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the  
8 county clerk shall complete a test of the electronic roster to ensure  
9 its functionality in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
10 Secretary of State.

11 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 ~~and~~  
13 ~~and~~ 293.541 , ~~and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,~~ if a person's  
14 name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation  
15 pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote and must  
16 ~~sign~~ :

17 (a) *Present proof of identity; and*

18 (b) *Sign* his or her name in the roster or on a signature card  
19 when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by  
20 an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on  
21 the person's application to register to vote or ~~one of the forms of~~  
22 ~~identification listed in subsection 2.~~ *on his or her proof of identity.*

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

26 ~~—(a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;~~

27 ~~—(b) A driver's license;~~

28 ~~—(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor~~  
29 ~~Vehicles;~~

30 ~~—(d) A military identification card; or~~

31 ~~—(e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental~~  
32 ~~agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description~~  
33 ~~or picture.~~

34 ~~3.]~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
35 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
36 in that county in the current election.

37 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293.283 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered  
39 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature  
40 card as required by NRS 293.277, the voter must ~~be identified by:~~

41 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
42 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
43 ~~register to vote;~~

44 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
45 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~



1 ~~—(c) Providing]~~ *present* the election board officer with *his or her*  
2 proof of ~~[identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the~~  
3 ~~voter registration card issued to the voter.]~~ *identity.*

4 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board  
5 officer shall indicate in the roster “Identified” by the voter’s name.

6 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 293.285 ~~[1.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283  
8 ~~[and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:~~

9 ~~—(a)] :~~

10 *1.* A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her  
11 name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

12 ~~[(b)]~~ *2.* The election board officer shall:

13 ~~[(1)]~~ *(a)* Announce the name of the registered voter;

14 ~~[(2)]~~ *(b)* Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or  
15 signature card;

16 ~~[(3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner~~  
17 ~~set forth in NRS 293.277;]~~

18 *(c) Require that the registered voter present proof of identity;*

19 and

20 ~~[(4)]~~ *(d)* Verify that the registered voter has not already  
21 voted in that county in the current election.

22 ~~[2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified~~  
23 ~~by:~~

24 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
25 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
26 ~~register to vote;~~

27 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
28 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

29 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
30 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
31 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

32 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
33 ~~the signature on the application to preregister or register to vote, the~~  
34 ~~voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the~~  
35 ~~Secretary of State.]~~

36 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.287 1. A registered voter applying to vote at any primary  
38 election shall give his or her name and political affiliation, if any, to  
39 the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer  
40 shall immediately announce the name and political affiliation ~~[.]~~ *and*  
41 *require that the registered voter present proof of identity.*

42 2. Any person’s right to vote may be challenged by any  
43 registered voter upon:

44 (a) Any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293.303;





1 (b) The ground that the person applying does not belong to the  
2 political party designated upon the roster; or

3 (c) The ground that the roster does not show that the person  
4 designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong.

5 3. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner  
6 provided by NRS 293.303.

7 4. A registered voter who has designated on his or her  
8 application to register to vote an affiliation with a minor political  
9 party may vote a nonpartisan ballot at the primary election.

10 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk  
12 shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a  
13 conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:

14 1. A sample ballot;

15 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of  
16 the polling place;

17 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a  
18 provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive  
19 ; ~~[-, or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
20 ~~inclusive;]~~

21 4. Instructions concerning the ~~[identification]~~ *proof of identity*  
22 required for persons who registered by mail or computer and are  
23 first-time voters for federal office in this State;

24 5. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to  
25 persons with disabilities;

26 6. General information concerning federal and state laws which  
27 prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

28 7. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot  
29 question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a  
30 judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.

31 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

33 (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the  
34 ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or  
35 has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who  
36 initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an  
37 affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form  
38 prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is  
39 based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

40 (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county  
41 clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.

42 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall  
43 tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:

44 (a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person  
45 does not belong to the political party designated upon the roster, "I



1 swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I belong to the political  
2 party designated upon the roster”;

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

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

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

16 (e) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is  
17 not the person he or she claims to be, “I swear or affirm under  
18 penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this roster.”  
19 ↪ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by  
20 the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under  
21 penalty of perjury.

22 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the  
23 challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so  
24 tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and the election  
25 board officer shall indicate in the roster “Challenged” by the  
26 person’s name.

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

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

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

38 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph  
39 (c) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or  
40 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot  
41 until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains  
42 proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the  
43 purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not  
44 provide proof of the address at which a person resides.



1 8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph  
2 (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or  
3 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot  
4 unless the person ~~;~~

5 ~~—(a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph~~  
6 ~~of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document;~~  
7 ~~or~~

8 ~~—(b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at~~  
9 ~~least 18 years of age who:~~

10 ~~—(1) Furnishes official identification which contains a~~  
11 ~~photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official~~  
12 ~~document; and~~

13 ~~—(2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury~~  
14 ~~that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] furnishes~~  
15 ~~proof of identity.~~

16 9. The election board officers shall:

17 (a) Record on the challenge list:

18 (1) The name of the challenged person;

19 (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the  
20 challenge; and

21 (3) The result of the challenge; and

22 (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated  
23 the challenge of the result of the challenge.

24 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any ~~;~~

26 ~~—(a) Registered] *registered* voters waiting in line to apply to vote~~  
27 ~~at the polling place, ~~;~~ or~~

28 ~~—(b) Electors waiting in line to apply to register to vote or apply~~  
29 ~~to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
30 ~~inclusive;~~

31 ~~→] the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those~~  
32 ~~registered voters ~~[and electors]~~ have been admitted to the polling~~  
33 ~~place. The ~~[registration of those electors and the]~~ voting by those~~  
34 ~~registered voters ~~[and electors]~~ must continue until all such~~  
35 ~~~~[registration and]~~ voting has been completed.~~

36 2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the  
37 polling place after the doors have been closed pursuant to subsection  
38 1 for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if  
39 there is room within the polling place and the admittance of the  
40 other persons will not interfere unduly with the ~~[registration of the~~  
41 ~~electors and the]~~ voting by the registered voters. ~~[and electors.]~~

42 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.3075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.3075 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 ,  
44 ~~[and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,]~~ upon the appearance of a



1 person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS  
2 293.3072, the election board officer shall:

3 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county  
4 and has not already voted in that county in the current election;

5 (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster or a signature  
6 card; and

7 ~~(c) [Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
8 ~~NRS 293.277.] **Require that the voter present proof of identity.**~~

9 2. ~~[If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must~~  
10 ~~be identified by:~~

11 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
12 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
13 ~~register to vote;~~

14 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
15 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

16 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
17 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
18 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

19 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
20 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
21 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
22 ~~State.~~

23 ~~—4.]~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
24 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
25 in that county in the current election.

26 ~~[5.]~~ 3. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has  
27 identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board  
28 officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or  
29 ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he  
30 or she applies to vote.

31 ~~[6.]~~ 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
32 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
33 officer shall:

34 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

35 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the  
36 form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county  
37 clerk uses voting receipts; and

38 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

39 ~~[7.]~~ 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established  
40 pursuant to NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to  
41 NRS 293.303.

42 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.3078 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.3078 As used in NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive,  
44 unless the context otherwise requires ~~§~~:



1 ~~1. “Provisional”~~ *“provisional”* ballot” means a provisional  
2 ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,  
3 inclusive. ~~f.~~

4 ~~2. The term does not include a provisional ballot cast by a~~  
5 ~~person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~

6 **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.3081 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 293.3081 A person at a polling place may cast a provisional  
8 ballot in an election pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,  
9 inclusive, if the person complies with the applicable provisions of  
10 NRS 293.3082 and:

11 1. Declares that he or she has registered to vote and is eligible  
12 to vote at that election in that jurisdiction, but ~~[his or her]~~ :

13 (a) *The person’s* name does not appear on a voter registration  
14 list as a voter eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction ~~[or~~  
15 ~~an]~~ ;

16 (b) *An* election official asserts that the person is not eligible to  
17 vote in that election in that jurisdiction; *or*

18 (c) *The person fails to provide proof of identity;*

19 2. Applies by mail or computer, on or after January 1, 2003, to  
20 register to vote and has not previously voted in an election for  
21 federal office in this State and fails to provide ~~[the identification~~  
22 ~~required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS~~  
23 ~~293.2725]~~ *proof of identity* to the election board officer at the  
24 polling place; or

25 3. Declares that he or she is entitled to vote after the polling  
26 place would normally close as a result of a court order or other order  
27 extending the time established for the closing of polls pursuant to a  
28 law of this State in effect 10 days before the date of the election.

29 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.3082 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293.3082 1. Before a person may cast a provisional ballot  
31 pursuant to NRS 293.3081, the person must complete a written  
32 affirmation on a form provided by an election board officer, as  
33 prescribed by the Secretary of State, at the polling place which  
34 includes:

35 (a) The name of the person casting the provisional ballot;

36 (b) The reason for casting the provisional ballot;

37 (c) A statement in which the person casting the provisional  
38 ballot affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a registered  
39 voter in the jurisdiction and is eligible to vote in the election;

40 (d) The date and type of election;

41 (e) The signature of the person casting the provisional ballot;

42 (f) The signature of the election board officer;

43 (g) A unique affirmation identification number assigned to the  
44 person casting the provisional ballot;



1 (h) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to  
2 subsection 1 of NRS 293.3081:

3 (1) An indication by the person as to whether or not he or she  
4 provided the required identification at the time the person applied to  
5 register to vote;

6 (2) The address of the person as listed on the application to  
7 register to vote;

8 (3) Information concerning the place, manner and  
9 approximate date on which the person applied to register to vote;

10 (4) Any other information that the person believes may be  
11 useful in verifying that the person has registered to vote; and

12 (5) A statement informing the voter that if the voter does not  
13 provide **[identification] proof of identity** at the time the voter casts  
14 the provisional ballot, the required **[identification] proof of identity**  
15 **or an affidavit stating that the voter is unable to provide proof of**  
16 **identity because he or she is indigent or has a religious objection**  
17 **to being photographed** must be provided to the county or city clerk  
18 not later than 5 p.m. on the **[Friday] day** following **the** election **[day]**  
19 and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not  
20 being counted;

21 (i) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to  
22 subsection 2 of NRS 293.3081:

23 (1) The address of the person as listed on the application to  
24 register to vote;

25 (2) The voter registration number, if any, issued to the  
26 person; and

27 (3) A statement informing the voter that the required  
28 **[identification] proof of identity or an affidavit stating that the**  
29 **voter is unable to provide proof of identity because he or she is**  
30 **indigent or has a religious objection to being photographed** must  
31 be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the  
32 **[Friday] day** following **the** election **[day]** and that failure to do so  
33 will result in the provisional ballot not being counted; and

34 (j) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to  
35 subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081, the voter registration number, if any,  
36 issued to the person.

37 2. After a person completes a written affirmation pursuant to  
38 subsection 1:

39 (a) The election board officer shall provide the person with a  
40 receipt that includes the unique affirmation identification number  
41 described in subsection 1 and that explains how the person may use  
42 the free access system established pursuant to NRS 293.3086 to  
43 ascertain whether the person's vote was counted, and, if the vote  
44 was not counted, the reason why the vote was not counted;



1 (b) The voter's name and applicable information must be  
2 entered into the roster in a manner which indicates that the voter  
3 cast a provisional ballot; and

4 (c) The election board officer shall issue a provisional ballot to  
5 the person to vote.

6 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.3085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 293.3085 1. Following each election, a canvass of the  
8 provisional ballots cast in the election must be conducted pursuant  
9 to NRS 293.387 and, if appropriate, pursuant to NRS 293C.387.

10 2. The county and city clerk shall not:

11 (a) Include any provisional ballot in the unofficial results  
12 reported on election night; or

13 (b) Open any envelope containing a provisional ballot before  
14 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.

15 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a provisional  
16 ballot must be counted if:

17 (a) The county or city clerk determines that the person who cast  
18 the provisional ballot was registered to vote in the election, eligible  
19 to vote in the election and issued the appropriate ballot for the  
20 address at which the person resides;

21 (b) A voter who failed to provide required identification at the  
22 polling place or with his or her mailed ballot provides the required  
23 identification to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the  
24 ~~Friday~~ day following *the* election ~~day~~, *including, if applicable,*  
25 *his or her proof of identity or an affidavit stating that the voter*  
26 *cannot provide proof of identity because he or she is indigent or*  
27 *has a religious objection to being photographed;* or

28 (c) A court order has not been issued by 5 p.m. on the ~~Friday~~  
29 day following *the* election ~~day~~ directing that provisional ballots  
30 cast pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081 not be counted, and  
31 the provisional ballot was cast pursuant to subsection 3 of  
32 NRS 293.3081.

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

36 **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.3165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.3165 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
38 registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the county  
39 clerk may request that the registered voter receive an absent ballot  
40 for all elections at which the registered voter is eligible to vote. The  
41 written notice is effective for all elections that are conducted after  
42 the registered voter provides the written notice to the county clerk,  
43 except that the written notice is not effective for the next ensuing  
44 election unless the written notice is provided to the county clerk



1 before the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot for the  
2 election pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293.313.

3 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~for for an~~  
4 ~~affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801~~  
5 ~~to 293.8887, inclusive,~~ upon receipt of the written notice provided  
6 by the registered voter pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk  
7 shall:

8 (a) Issue an absent ballot to the registered voter for each primary  
9 election, general election and special election, other than a special  
10 city election, that is conducted after the written notice is effective  
11 pursuant to subsection 1.

12 (b) Inform the applicable city clerk of receipt of the written  
13 notice provided by the registered voter. Upon being informed of the  
14 written notice by the county clerk, the city clerk shall issue an  
15 absent ballot for each primary city election, general city election and  
16 special city election that is conducted after the written notice is  
17 effective pursuant to subsection 1.

18 3. The county clerk must not mail an absent ballot requested by  
19 a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1 if, after the request is  
20 submitted:

21 (a) The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to  
22 NRS 293.530;

23 (b) The county clerk cancels the registration of the person  
24 pursuant to NRS 293.527, 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540; or

25 (c) An absent ballot is returned to the county clerk as  
26 undeliverable, unless the registered voter has submitted a new  
27 request pursuant to subsection 1.

28 4. The procedure authorized pursuant to this section is subject  
29 to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent  
30 ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with  
31 the provisions of this section.

32 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293.317 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.317 ~~{1.}~~ Except as otherwise provided in ~~{this section,}~~  
34 subsection 2 of NRS 293.323 and NRS 293D.200, absent ballots,  
35 including special absent ballots, must be:

36 ~~{(a)}~~ 1. Delivered by hand to the county clerk before the time  
37 set for closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293.273; or

38 ~~{(b)}~~ 2. Mailed to the county clerk and ~~{:~~  
39 ~~—(1) Postmarked on or before the day of election; and~~  
40 ~~—(2) Received}~~ **received** by the county clerk not later than ~~{5~~  
41 ~~p.m.}~~ **7 p.m.** on the ~~{seventh day following the election.~~

42 ~~—2. If an absent ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m.~~  
43 ~~on the third day following the election and the date of the postmark~~  
44 ~~cannot be determined, the absent ballot shall be deemed to have~~  
45 ~~been postmarked on or before the}~~ day of the election.





1       **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.323 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293.323 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and  
3 chapter 293D of NRS, ~~for for an affected election that is subject to~~  
4 ~~the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~ if the  
5 request for an absent ballot is made by mail or approved electronic  
6 transmission, the county clerk shall, as soon as the absent ballot for  
7 the precinct or district in which the absent voter resides has been  
8 prepared pursuant to NRS 293.309, send to the voter by first-class  
9 mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an  
10 equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service  
11 is properly placed on the absent ballot:

- 12       (a) An absent ballot;
- 13       (b) A return envelope;
- 14       (c) An envelope or similar device into which the absent ballot is  
15 inserted to ensure its secrecy;
- 16       (d) An identification envelope, if applicable; and
- 17       (e) Instructions.

18       2. If the county clerk fails to send an absent ballot pursuant to  
19 subsection 1 to an absent voter who resides within the continental  
20 United States, the county clerk may use approved electronic  
21 transmission to send an absent ballot and instructions to the voter.  
22 The voter may mail or deliver the absent ballot to the county clerk in  
23 a manner authorized by law or submit the absent ballot by approved  
24 electronic transmission.

25       3. The return envelope sent pursuant to subsection 1 must  
26 include postage prepaid by first-class mail if the absent voter is  
27 within the boundaries of the United States, its territories or  
28 possessions or on a military base.

29       4. Nothing may be enclosed or sent with an absent ballot  
30 except as required by subsection 1 or 2 and chapter 293D of NRS.

31       5. Before depositing an absent ballot in the mail or sending an  
32 absent ballot by approved electronic transmission, the county clerk  
33 shall record:

- 34       (a) The date the absent ballot is issued;
- 35       (b) The name of the absent voter to whom the absent ballot is  
36 issued, his or her precinct or district and his or her political  
37 affiliation, if any, unless all the offices on the absent ballot are  
38 nonpartisan offices;
- 39       (c) The number of the absent ballot; and
- 40       (d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

41       6. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out  
42 the provisions of subsection 2.

43       **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44       293.325 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,  
45 when an absent ballot is returned by or on behalf of an absent voter



1 to the county clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other  
2 approved electronic transmission or in person, and a record of its  
3 return is made in the absent ballot record for the election, the county  
4 clerk or an employee in the office of the county clerk shall check the  
5 signature used for the absent ballot in accordance with the following  
6 procedure:

7 (a) The county clerk or employee shall check the signature used  
8 for the absent ballot against all signatures of the voter available in  
9 the records of the county clerk.

10 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the county clerk  
11 believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
12 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the  
13 voter, the county clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to  
14 confirm whether the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to  
15 the voter.

16 2. For purposes of subsection 1:

17 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
18 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the  
19 voter if the signature used for the absent ballot differs in multiple,  
20 significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter  
21 available in the records of the county clerk.

22 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
23 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the  
24 voter if:

25 (1) The signature used for the absent ballot is a variation of  
26 the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for  
27 the first or middle name or the use of a common nickname and it  
28 does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and obvious  
29 respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of  
30 the county clerk; or

31 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature  
32 used for the absent ballot and the signatures of the voter available in  
33 the records of the county clerk.

34 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the county  
35 clerk determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast the absent  
36 ballot and:

37 (a) No absent ballot central counting board has been appointed,  
38 the county clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with  
39 any other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver,  
40 or cause to be delivered, that container to the appropriate election  
41 board.

42 (b) An absent ballot central counting board has been appointed,  
43 the county clerk shall deposit the absent ballot in the proper ballot  
44 box or place the absent ballot, unopened, in a container that must be  
45 securely locked or under the control of the county clerk at all times.



1 At the end of each day before election day, the county clerk may  
2 remove the absent ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the  
3 absent ballots in a container and seal the container with a numbered  
4 seal. Not earlier than 15 days before the election, the county clerk  
5 shall deliver the absent ballots to the absent ballot central counting  
6 board to be processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the  
7 procedures established by the Secretary of State to ensure the  
8 confidentiality of the prepared ballots until after the polls have  
9 closed pursuant to NRS 293.273 or 293.305.

10 4. If the county clerk determines when checking the signature  
11 used for the absent ballot that the absent voter failed to affix his or  
12 her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for  
13 the absent ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to  
14 whether the signature used for the absent ballot matches the  
15 signature of the voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the  
16 absent ballot, the county clerk shall contact the voter and advise  
17 the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or a confirmation  
18 that the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the voter, as  
19 applicable. For the absent ballot to be counted, the voter must  
20 provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than  
21 5 p.m. on the ~~[seventh]~~ day following the election . ~~[or, if~~  
22 ~~applicable, the ninth day following an affected election that is~~  
23 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

24 5. The county clerk shall prescribe procedures for an absent  
25 voter who failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in  
26 the manner required by law for the absent ballot, or for whom there  
27 is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for  
28 the absent ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:

29 (a) Contact the voter;

30 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that  
31 the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the voter, as  
32 applicable; and

33 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as applicable,  
34 ensure the absent ballot is delivered to the appropriate election  
35 board or the absent ballot central counting board, as applicable.

36 6. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 5 for  
37 contacting an absent voter must require the county clerk to contact  
38 the voter, as soon as possible after receipt of the absent ballot, by:

39 (a) Mail;

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

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



1       **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293.330 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
3 subsection 2 of NRS 293.323, NRS 293.329 and chapter 293D of  
4 NRS, in order to vote an absent ballot, the absent voter must, in  
5 accordance with the instructions:

6       (a) Mark and fold the absent ballot;

7       (b) Deposit the absent ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
8 return envelope;

9       (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space  
10 provided for the signature; and

11       (d) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized  
12 by law.

13       2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a voter who  
14 has requested an absent ballot by mail applies to vote the absent  
15 ballot in person at:

16       (a) The office of the county clerk, the voter must mark and fold  
17 the absent ballot, deposit it in the return envelope and seal the return  
18 envelope and affix his or her signature in the same manner as  
19 provided in subsection 1, and deliver the return envelope to the  
20 clerk.

21       (b) A polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place  
22 for early voting, the voter must surrender the absent ballot and  
23 provide satisfactory **[identification] proof of identity** before being  
24 issued a ballot to vote at the polling place. A person who receives a  
25 surrendered absent ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."

26       3. If a voter who has requested an absent ballot by mail applies  
27 to vote in person at the office of the county clerk or a polling place,  
28 including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and  
29 the voter does not have the absent ballot to deliver or surrender, the  
30 voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:

31       (a) Provides satisfactory **[identification;] proof of identity;**

32       (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and

33       (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form  
34 prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not  
35 voted during the election.

36       4. Except as otherwise provided in **[subsection 5,] NRS**  
37 **293.316, it is unlawful for any person to return an absent ballot**  
38 **other than the voter who requested the absent ballot or,** at the  
39 request of **[a] the voter [whose], a member of the voter's family. A**  
40 **person who returns an** absent ballot **[has been prepared by or on**  
41 **behalf] and who is a member of the family** of the voter **[for an**  
42 **election, a person authorized by the voter may return] who**  
43 **requested the absent ballot [on behalf] shall, under penalty of**  
44 **perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by the county clerk that the**



1 *person is a member of the family* of the voter ~~[by mail or personal~~  
2 ~~delivery to the county clerk.~~

3 ~~—5. Except for an election board officer in the course of the~~  
4 ~~election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:~~

5 ~~—(a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a~~  
6 ~~voter's] who requested the~~ absent ballot ~~;~~

7 ~~—(b) Deny a] and that the~~ voter *requested that* the ~~[right to]~~  
8 *person* return the voter's absent ballot.  ~~[; or~~

9 ~~—(c) If the person receives the voter's absent ballot and~~  
10 ~~authorization to return the absent ballot on behalf of the voter by~~  
11 ~~mail or personal delivery, fail to return the absent ballot, unless~~  
12 ~~otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:~~

13 ~~—(1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if~~  
14 ~~the person receives the absent ballot from the voter four or more~~  
15 ~~days before the day of the election; or~~

16 ~~—(2) Before the deadline established by the United States~~  
17 ~~Postal Service for the absent ballot to be postmarked on the day of~~  
18 ~~the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as~~  
19 ~~applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the absent~~  
20 ~~ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the~~  
21 ~~election.~~

22 ~~—6.]~~ 5. A person who violates ~~[any provision]~~ *the provisions*  
23 of subsection ~~[5]~~ 4 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be  
24 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

25 **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.333 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,  
27 on the day of an election, the election boards receiving the absent  
28 ballots from the county clerk shall, in the presence of a majority of  
29 the election board officers, remove the absent ballots from the ballot  
30 box and the containers in which the absent ballots were transported  
31 pursuant to NRS 293.325 and deposit the absent ballots in the  
32 regular ballot box in the following manner:

33 (a) The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or  
34 approved electronic transmission, must be checked as if the voter  
35 were voting in person;

36 (b) The signature used for the absent ballot must be checked in  
37 accordance with the procedure set forth in NRS 293.325;

38 (c) If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast the  
39 absent ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on  
40 the absent ballot and return envelope or approved electronic  
41 transmission compared, the number strip or stub detached from the  
42 absent ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the absent ballot  
43 deposited in the regular ballot box; and

44 (d) The election board officers shall indicate in the roster  
45 "Voted" by the name of the voter.



1 2. The board must complete the count of all absent ballots ~~for~~  
2 ~~or before the seventh day]~~ **not later than 48 hours** following the  
3 ~~[election, or, if applicable, the ninth day following an affected~~  
4 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
5 ~~293.8887, inclusive.]~~ **time set for the closing of the polls pursuant**  
6 **to NRS 293.273 on election day.**

7 **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293.343 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
9 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
10 ~~293.8887, inclusive, a]~~ A registered voter who resides in an election  
11 precinct in which there were not more than 200 voters registered for  
12 the last preceding general election, or in a precinct in which it  
13 appears to the satisfaction of the county clerk and Secretary of State  
14 that there are not more than 200 registered voters, may vote at any  
15 election regulated by this chapter in the manner provided in NRS  
16 293.343 to 293.355, inclusive.

17 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected election that is~~  
18 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,~~  
19 ~~whenever]~~ **Whenever** the county clerk has designated a precinct as a  
20 mailing precinct, registered voters residing in that precinct may vote  
21 at any election regulated by this chapter in the manner provided in  
22 NRS 293.343 to 293.355, inclusive.

23 3. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, whenever  
24 a registered voter is entitled to vote in a mailing precinct or an  
25 absent ballot mailing precinct, the county clerk:

26 (a) Shall designate at least one polling place in the county as the  
27 polling place where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant to  
28 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of  
29 NRS 293.353, on election day; and

30 (b) May designate certain polling places for early voting as the  
31 polling places where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant to  
32 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of  
33 NRS 293.353, during the period for early voting, if it is impractical  
34 for the county clerk to provide at each polling place for early voting  
35 a ballot in every form required in the county.

36 4. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, whenever  
37 a registered voter is entitled to vote in a mailing precinct or an  
38 absent ballot mailing precinct, the county clerk:

39 (a) May designate one or more polling places in the county as  
40 the polling place where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant to  
41 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of  
42 NRS 293.353, on election day; and

43 (b) May designate certain polling places for early voting as the  
44 polling places where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant to  
45 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of



1 NRS 293.353, during the period for early voting, if it is impractical  
2 for the county clerk to provide at each polling place for early voting  
3 a ballot in every form required in the county.

4 5. Polling places designated pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 may  
5 include, without limitation, polling places located as closely as  
6 practicable to the mailing precincts.

7 **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293.345 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
9 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
10 ~~293.8887, inclusive, before]~~ **Before** 5 p.m. on the last business day  
11 preceding the first day of the period for early voting for any primary  
12 election or general election, the county clerk shall cause to be  
13 mailed to each registered voter in each mailing precinct and in each  
14 absent ballot mailing precinct a mailing ballot, and accompanying  
15 supplies, as specified in NRS 293.350.

16 2. If the county clerk has designated, pursuant to subsection 3  
17 or 4 of NRS 293.343, one or more polling places where a voter may  
18 vote in person, the mailing ballot and the sample ballot must include  
19 a notice in bold type informing the voter of the location of the  
20 designated polling place or polling places on election day and the  
21 polling places during the period for early voting where the voter  
22 may vote in person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of  
23 NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of NRS 293.353.

24 3. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mailing  
25 ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is  
26 moot and of no effect.

27 **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.353 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 293.353 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, NRS  
29 293.352 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mailing ballot,  
30 the registered voter must, in accordance with the instructions:

31 (a) Mark and fold the mailing ballot;

32 (b) Deposit the mailing ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
33 return envelope;

34 (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space  
35 provided for the signature; and

36 (d) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized  
37 by law.

38 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a registered  
39 voter who has received a mailing ballot applies to vote in person at:

40 (a) The office of the county clerk, the registered voter must  
41 mark and fold the mailing ballot, deposit it in the return envelope  
42 and seal the return envelope and affix his or her signature in the  
43 same manner as provided in subsection 1, and deliver the return  
44 envelope to the clerk.



1 (b) One of the polling places on election day or a polling place  
2 for early voting in the county designated pursuant to subsection 3 or  
3 4 of NRS 293.343, the registered voter must surrender the mailing  
4 ballot and provide satisfactory ~~[identification]~~ **proof of identity**  
5 before being issued a ballot to vote at the polling place. A person  
6 who receives a surrendered mailing ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."

7 3. If a registered voter who has received a mailing ballot  
8 wishes to vote in person at the office of the county clerk or at one of  
9 the polling places on election day or a polling place for early voting  
10 in the county designated pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of NRS  
11 293.343, and the voter does not have the mailing ballot to deliver or  
12 surrender, the voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:

13 (a) Provides satisfactory ~~[identification;]~~ **proof of identity;**

14 (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and

15 (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form  
16 prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not  
17 voted during the election.

18 4. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5,] It is~~  
19 ~~unlawful for any person to return a mailing ballot other than the~~  
20 ~~registered voter to whom the ballot was sent or,~~ at the request of ~~[a]~~  
21 ~~the voter [whose], a member of the family of that voter. A person~~  
22 ~~who returns a mailing ballot [has been prepared by or on behalf]~~  
23 ~~and who is a member of the family of the voter [for an election, a]~~  
24 ~~shall, under penalty of perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by~~  
25 ~~the county clerk that the person [authorized by] is a member of the~~  
26 ~~family of the voter [may return] who received the mailing ballot [on~~  
27 ~~behalf of] and the voter [by mail or personal delivery to the county~~  
28 ~~clerk.~~

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

31 ~~—(a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the} requested~~  
32 ~~that he or she return [of a] the voter's mailing ballot . [;]~~

33 ~~—(b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mailing ballot; or~~

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

38 ~~—(1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if~~  
39 ~~the person receives the mailing ballot from the voter four or more~~  
40 ~~days before the day of the election; or~~

41 ~~—(2) Before the deadline established by the United States~~  
42 ~~Postal Service for the mailing ballot to be postmarked on the day of~~  
43 ~~the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as~~  
44 ~~applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the mailing~~





~~1 ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the  
2 election.~~

3 ~~—6.]~~ 5. A person who violates ~~[any provision]~~ *the provisions* of  
4 subsection ~~[5]~~ 4 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be  
5 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

6 **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 293.356 If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter  
8 in person, the election board shall , *except as otherwise provided in*  
9 *NRS 293.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a  
10 ballot must be voted on the premises of a polling place for early  
11 voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564 or 293.3572.

12 **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 ,  
14 ~~[and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~ upon the appearance of a  
15 person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer  
16 shall:

17 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ *whether* the person is a registered voter in  
18 the county.

19 (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster for early  
20 voting or a signature card.

21 (c) ~~[Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
22 ~~NRS 293.277.]~~ *Require the registered voter to present proof of*  
23 *identity.*

24 (d) Verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that  
25 county in the current election.

26 2. ~~[If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must~~  
27 ~~be identified by:~~

28 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
29 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
30 ~~register to vote;~~

31 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
32 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

33 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
34 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
35 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

36 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
37 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
38 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
39 ~~State.~~

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

43 ~~[5.]~~ 3. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as  
44 applicable, must contain:



1 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered  
2 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the  
3 voter's signature;

4 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that  
5 information is available; and

6 (c) The date of voting early in person.

7 ~~[6.]~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has  
8 identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board  
9 officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or  
10 ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early  
11 voting.

12 ~~[7.]~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
13 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
14 officer shall:

15 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

16 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that  
17 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the  
18 voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and

19 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

20 ~~[8.]~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance  
21 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

22 **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording  
24 device which directly records the votes electronically are used  
25 during the period for early voting by personal appearance:

26 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

27 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The  
28 statement must include:

29 (1) The title of the election;

30 (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording  
31 device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

32 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording  
33 device for that day;

34 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for  
35 that day; *and*

36 (5) The number of signatures on signature cards for the day .

37 ~~]; and~~

38 ~~— (6) The number of signatures in the roster designated for~~  
39 ~~electors who applied to register to vote or applied to vote at the~~  
40 ~~polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~

41 (b) Secure:

42 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by  
43 NRS 293.3594; and

44 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed  
45 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.3594.



1 2. At the close of the last voting day, the county clerk shall  
2 deliver to the ballot board for early voting:

3 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;

4 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;

5 (c) The signature cards used for early voting;

6 (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from  
7 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early  
8 voting; and

9 (e) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.

10 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the  
11 close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

12 (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of  
13 ballots; and

14 (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to  
15 transport those items to the central counting place and seal the  
16 container with a numbered seal. The official statement of ballots  
17 must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

18 **Sec. 43.** NRS 293.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.363 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected election  
20 that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,  
21 inclusive.]~~

22 1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare  
23 to count the ballots voted. The counting procedure must be ~~[public  
24 and continue without adjournment until completed.]~~ :

25 (a) *Public. The counting board or any other county elections  
26 official shall not deny access to any member of the public who  
27 wishes to observe the counting procedure.*

28 (b) *Completed not later than 48 hours after the time set for the  
29 closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293.273 on election day.*

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

32 (a) The container that holds the ballots or the ballot box must be  
33 opened and the ballots contained therein counted by the counting  
34 board and opened far enough to ascertain whether each ballot is  
35 single. If two or more ballots are found folded together to present  
36 the appearance of a single ballot, they must be laid aside until the  
37 count of the ballots is completed. If a majority of the inspectors are  
38 of the opinion that the ballots folded together were voted by one  
39 person, the ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon  
40 which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope  
41 must be signed by the counting board officers and placed in the  
42 container or ballot box after the count is completed.

43 (b) If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed in  
44 number the number of names as are indicated on the roster as having  
45 voted, the ballots must be replaced in the container or box, and a



1 counting board officer, with his or her back turned to the container  
2 or box, shall draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The  
3 excess ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words  
4 "Excess ballots not counted." The ballots when so marked must be  
5 immediately sealed in an envelope and returned to the county clerk  
6 with the other ballots rejected for any cause.

7 (c) When it has been ascertained that the number of ballots  
8 agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have  
9 voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy  
10 between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of  
11 the discrepancy must be made.

12 **Sec. 44.** NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293.365 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected election~~  
14 ~~that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,~~  
15 ~~inclusive, no]~~ **No** counting board in any precinct, district or polling  
16 place in which paper ballots are used may commence to count the  
17 votes until all ballots used or unused are accounted for.

18 **Sec. 45.** NRS 293.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.387 1. As soon as the returns from all the precincts and  
20 districts in any county have been received by the board of county  
21 commissioners, the board shall meet and canvass the returns. The  
22 canvass must be completed on or before the ~~[10th]~~ **6th working** day  
23 following the election . ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following an~~  
24 ~~affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801~~  
25 ~~to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

26 2. In making its canvass, the board shall:

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

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

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

36 (a) A copy of the certified abstract; and

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

39 ↪ and transmit them to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th  
40 day following the election . ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following~~  
41 ~~an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS~~  
42 ~~293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

43 4. The Secretary of State shall, immediately after any primary  
44 election, compile the returns for all candidates voted for in more  
45 than one county. The Secretary of State shall make out and file in



1 his or her office an abstract thereof, and shall certify to the county  
2 clerk of each county the name of each person nominated, and the  
3 name of the office for which the person is nominated.

4 **Sec. 46.** NRS 293.393 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293.393 1. On or before the ~~[10th]~~ **6th working** day after any  
6 general election or any other election at which votes are cast for any  
7 United States Senator, Representative in Congress, member of the  
8 Legislature or any state officer who is elected statewide , ~~[or, if  
9 applicable, on or before the 13th day after an affected election that is  
10 subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,]~~  
11 the board of county commissioners shall open the returns of votes  
12 cast and make abstracts of the votes.

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

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

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

20 **Sec. 47.** NRS 293.4695 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.4695 1. Each county clerk shall collect the following  
22 information regarding each primary and general election, on a form  
23 provided by the Secretary of State and made available at each  
24 polling place in the county, each polling place for early voting in the  
25 county, the office of the county clerk and any other location deemed  
26 appropriate by the Secretary of State:

27 (a) The number of ballots that have been discarded or for any  
28 reason not included in the final canvass of votes, along with an  
29 explanation for the exclusion of each such ballot from the final  
30 canvass of votes.

31 (b) A report on each malfunction of any mechanical voting  
32 system, including, without limitation:

33 (1) Any known reason for the malfunction;

34 (2) The length of time during which the mechanical voting  
35 system could not be used;

36 (3) Any remedy for the malfunction which was used at the  
37 time of the malfunction; and

38 (4) Any effect the malfunction had on the election process.

39 (c) A list of each polling place not open during the time  
40 prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273 and an account explaining why  
41 each such polling place was not open during the time prescribed  
42 pursuant to NRS 293.273.

43 (d) A description of each challenge made to the eligibility of a  
44 voter pursuant to NRS 293.303 and the result of each such  
45 challenge.



1 (e) A description of each complaint regarding a ballot cast by  
2 mail or facsimile filed with the county clerk and the resolution, if  
3 any, of the complaint.

4 (f) The results of any audit of election procedures and practices  
5 conducted pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary of State  
6 pursuant to this chapter.

7 (g) The number of provisional ballots cast pursuant to NRS  
8 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, and the reason for the casting of  
9 each such provisional ballot.

10 ~~[(h) The number of provisional ballots cast pursuant to NRS~~  
11 ~~293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~

12 2. Each county clerk shall submit to the Secretary of State, on a  
13 form provided by the Secretary of State, the information collected  
14 pursuant to subsection 1 not more than 60 days after each primary  
15 and general election.

16 3. The Secretary of State may contact any political party and  
17 request information to assist in the investigation of any allegation of  
18 voter intimidation.

19 4. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an  
20 Internet website pursuant to which the Secretary of State shall solicit  
21 and collect voter comments regarding election processes.

22 5. The Secretary of State shall compile the information and  
23 comments collected pursuant to this section into a report and shall  
24 submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau  
25 for transmission to the Legislature not sooner than 30 days before  
26 and not later than 30 days after the first day of each regular session  
27 of the Legislature.

28 6. The Secretary of State may make the report required  
29 pursuant to subsection 5 available on an Internet website established  
30 and maintained by the Secretary of State.

31 **Sec. 48.** NRS 293.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.506 1. A county clerk may, with approval of the board of  
33 county commissioners, establish a system for using a computer to  
34 register voters and to keep records of registration.

35 2. A system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:

36 (a) Comply with any procedures and requirements prescribed by  
37 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.250; and

38 (b) Allow a person to preregister to vote and the county clerk to  
39 keep records of preregistration by computer.

40 3. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to~~  
41 ~~293.5887, inclusive, regardless]~~ **Regardless** of whether a county  
42 clerk establishes a system pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk  
43 shall accept applications to preregister and register to vote submitted  
44 by computer to the Secretary of State through the system established  
45 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.



**Sec. 49.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or register to vote, and providing ~~[proof]~~ *evidence* of *his or her* residence and identity ~~[.]~~ *in accordance with this subsection;*

(b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;

(c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5727 or 293.5742 or chapter 293D of NRS;

(d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar pursuant to NRS 293.5237;

(e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system:

(1) Established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or

(2) Established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters; or

(f) By any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.

➔ The county clerk shall require a person to submit official identification as ~~[proof]~~ *evidence* of residence and identity ~~[.]~~ *in accordance with this subsection*, such as a driver's license or other official document, before preregistering or registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to provide proof of residence and identity, the applicant must provide proof of residence and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the residence or identity of a person.

~~2. [In addition to the methods for registering to vote described in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.~~

~~—3.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757, inclusive, the application to preregister or register to vote must be signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person preregistering or the elector registering.



1 ~~[4.]~~ 3. Each person or elector who is or has been married must  
2 be preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first  
3 name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her  
4 spouse.

5 ~~[5.]~~ 4. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered  
6 and changes his or her name must complete a new application to  
7 preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector  
8 may obtain a new application:

9 (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;

10 (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote  
11 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;

12 (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk  
13 requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or  
14 register to vote;

15 (d) At any voter registration agency; or

16 (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote  
17 by computer using the system:

18 (1) Established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS  
19 293.671; or

20 (2) Established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has  
21 established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer  
22 to register voters.

23 ↪ If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the  
24 elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS  
25 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of  
26 identity and subsequent change of name.

27 ~~[6.]~~ 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[8.]~~ 7 and  
28 NRS 293.5742 to 293.5757, inclusive, *and* 293.5767, ~~[and~~  
29 ~~293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]~~ an elector who registers to vote  
30 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be  
31 registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.

32 ~~[7.]~~ 6. After the county clerk determines that the application to  
33 register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise  
34 provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant  
35 to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration  
36 card to the voter.

37 ~~[8.]~~ 7. If a person or an elector submits an application to  
38 preregister or register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph  
39 (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten  
40 additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to  
41 the application if the county clerk believes that because of such  
42 handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application is  
43 incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210,  
44 the person is not eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or  
45 the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, as





1 applicable. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he  
2 or she shall immediately notify the person or elector, as applicable,  
3 and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days  
4 after the district attorney receives such notification, the district  
5 attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:

6 (a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise  
7 provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister  
8 pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant  
9 to NRS 293.485; and

10 (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application.

11 ~~§ 8.~~ If the district attorney advises the county clerk to  
12 process the application pursuant to subsection ~~§ 7,~~ the county  
13 clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the  
14 applicant, unless the applicant is preregistered to vote and does not  
15 currently meet the requirements to be issued a voter registration card  
16 pursuant to NRS 293.4855.

17 **Sec. 50.** NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502  
19 and chapter 293D of NRS, a person may preregister or register to  
20 vote by:

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

23 (b) A computer using:

24 (1) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant  
25 to NRS 293.671; or

26 (2) A system established by the county clerk, if the county  
27 clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a  
28 computer to preregister or register to vote.

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

30 2. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to  
31 preregister or register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall  
32 make the applications available at various public places in the  
33 county.

34 3. ~~Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to~~  
35 ~~293.5887, inclusive:~~

36 ~~(a)~~ An application to ~~preregister~~:

37 (a) **Preregister** to vote may be used to correct information in a  
38 previous application.

39 (b) ~~An application to register~~ **Register** to vote may be used to  
40 correct information in the registrar of voters' register.

41 4. An application to preregister or register to vote which is  
42 mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the  
43 public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the  
44 county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For  
45 the purposes of this section, an application which is personally



1 delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned  
2 by mail.

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

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

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

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

14 (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote  
15 or the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any  
16 changes indicated on the application.

17 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 of NRS  
18 293.518 and NRS 293.5767, if the county clerk determines that the  
19 application is not complete, the county clerk shall, as soon as  
20 possible, mail a notice to the applicant that additional information is  
21 required to complete the application. If the applicant provides the  
22 information requested by the county clerk within 15 days after the  
23 county clerk mails the notice, the county clerk shall, within 10 days  
24 after receiving the information, mail to the applicant:

25 (a) A notice that the applicant is:

26 (1) Preregistered to vote; or

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

28 (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote  
29 or the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any  
30 changes indicated on the application.

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

33 9. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or  
34 registered or to have corrected the information in the application to  
35 preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register on the date the  
36 application is postmarked or received by the county clerk,  
37 whichever is earlier.

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

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



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

3 (b) Computer, which must be used to preregister or register to  
4 vote by computer using:

5 (1) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant  
6 to NRS 293.671; or

7 (2) A system established by the county clerk, if the county  
8 clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a  
9 computer to preregister or register to vote.

10 12. The application to preregister or register to vote by mail  
11 must include:

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

13  
14 NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to the  
15 County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your  
16 completed application to another person to return to the  
17 County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver  
18 the application to the County Clerk, you will not be  
19 preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. Please retain  
20 the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to  
21 preregister or register to vote.  
22

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

26 (c) If the application is to:

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

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

35 (d) A statement instructing the applicant not to complete the  
36 application if the applicant checked "no" in response to the question  
37 set forth in:

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

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

42 (e) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is  
43 submitted by mail and the applicant is preregistering or registering  
44 to vote for the first time, the applicant must ~~[submit]~~ **comply with**  
45 the ~~[information set forth in paragraph (a)]~~ **provisions** of ~~[subsection~~



1 ~~2 of~~ NRS 293.2725 . ~~[to avoid the requirements of subsection 1 of~~  
2 ~~NRS 293.2725 upon voting for the first time.]~~

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

7 14. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices  
8 required pursuant to subsections 7 and 8. If the postcard is returned  
9 to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the  
10 address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the  
11 county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person's current  
12 residence is other than that indicated on the application to  
13 preregister or register to vote in the manner set forth in  
14 NRS 293.530.

15 15. A person who, by mail, preregisters or registers to vote  
16 pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the  
17 application to preregister or register to vote by any other person.  
18 The application must include the mailing address and signature of  
19 the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the  
20 information required by this subsection will not result in the  
21 application being deemed incomplete.

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

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

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

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

33 **Sec. 51.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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



1 (c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory ~~[proof]~~  
2 *evidence of his or her* identity and residence pursuant to subsection  
3 2, 4 or 5.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (a) ~~[Official identification which contains a photograph of the~~  
29 ~~voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other~~  
30 ~~official document.];~~ *Proof of identity;* and

31 (b) Satisfactory ~~[identification that contains]~~ proof of the  
32 address at which the voter actually resides and that address is  
33 consistent with the address listed on the roster.

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

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

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

45 (b) Residence ~~[or identity]~~ of a person.



**Sec. 52.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, ~~293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,~~ 293D.230 and 293D.300:

(a) For a primary or general election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote:

(1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.

(2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035, is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.

(3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the primary or general election . ~~[, unless the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~

(4) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the Thursday preceding the primary or general election . ~~[, unless the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~

(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.

2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, after]~~ **After** the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary or general election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

3. Except for a recall or special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:

(a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating:

(1) The day and time that each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed; and

(2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.

↳ If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest county in this State.

(b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the day that the last method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed.



1 4. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated  
2 pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may  
3 remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered  
4 year.

5 5. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may  
6 be open during the periods described in this section for such hours  
7 of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in  
8 subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.

9 **Sec. 53.** NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of  
11 registration and the election, the county clerk shall prepare for:

12 (a) Each polling place ~~;~~

13 ~~— (1) A] a~~ roster containing the registered voters eligible to  
14 vote at the polling place ; ~~;~~ ~~and~~

15 ~~— (2) A roster designated for electors who apply to register to~~  
16 ~~vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772~~  
17 ~~to 293.5887, inclusive;]~~ and

18 (b) Each polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 or  
19 293C.3032 a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote  
20 in the county or city, respectively.

21 2. The rosters must be delivered or caused to be delivered by  
22 the county or city clerk to an election board officer of the proper  
23 polling place before the opening of the polls.

24 **Sec. 54.** NRS 293.671 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.671 1. The Secretary of State shall establish a system on  
26 the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State to allow  
27 persons by computer to:

28 (a) Preregister and register to vote;

29 (b) Cancel his or her preregistration or voter registration;

30 (c) Update his or her preregistration or voter registration  
31 information, including, without limitation, the person's name,  
32 address and party affiliation; and

33 (d) Determine at what polling place or places he or she is  
34 entitled to vote.

35 2. The system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:

36 (a) Be user friendly; *and*

37 (b) Comply with any procedures and requirements prescribed by  
38 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.250 and 293.4855 . ~~;~~

39 ~~and~~

40 ~~— (c) Inform any person who uses the system to register to vote for~~  
41 ~~an election pursuant to NRS 293.5837, 293.5842 and 293.5847 that~~  
42 ~~the person may vote in the election only if the person complies with~~  
43 ~~the applicable requirements established by those sections.]~~



1 3. The Secretary of State shall include on the system, in black  
2 lettering and not more than 14-point type, the following  
3 information:

- 4 (a) The qualifications to register or preregister to vote;
- 5 (b) That if the applicant does not meet the qualifications, he or  
6 she is prohibited from registering or preregistering to vote; and
- 7 (c) The penalties for submitting a false application.

8 4. The Secretary of State shall not include on the system:

- 9 (a) Any additional warnings regarding the penalties for  
10 submitting a false application; or
- 11 (b) The notice set forth in NRS 225.083.

12 **Sec. 55.** NRS 293.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and  
14 maintain an official statewide voter registration list, which may be  
15 maintained on the Internet, in consultation with each county and city  
16 clerk.

17 2. The statewide voter registration list must:

- 18 (a) Be a uniform, centralized and interactive computerized list;
- 19 (b) Serve as the single method for storing and managing the  
20 official list of registered voters in this State;
- 21 (c) Serve as the official list of registered voters for the conduct  
22 of all elections in this State;
- 23 (d) Contain the name and registration information of every  
24 legally registered voter in this State;
- 25 (e) Include a unique identifier assigned by the Secretary of State  
26 to each legally registered voter in this State;
- 27 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~7.1~~ 8, be  
28 coordinated with the appropriate databases of other agencies in this  
29 State;
- 30 (g) Be electronically accessible to each state and local election  
31 official in this State at all times;
- 32 (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~8.1~~ 9, allow for  
33 data to be shared with other states under certain circumstances; and
- 34 (i) Be regularly maintained to ensure the integrity of the  
35 registration process and the election process.

36 3. Each county and city clerk shall:

- 37 (a) Except for information related to the preregistration of  
38 persons to vote, electronically enter into the statewide voter  
39 registration list all information related to voter registration obtained  
40 by the county or city clerk at the time the information is provided to  
41 the county or city clerk; and
- 42 (b) Provide the Secretary of State with information concerning  
43 the voter registration of the county or city and other reasonable  
44 information requested by the Secretary of State in the form required





1 by the Secretary of State to establish or maintain the statewide voter  
2 registration list.

3 4. In establishing and maintaining the statewide voter  
4 registration list, the Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative  
5 agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles to match  
6 information in the database of the statewide voter registration list  
7 with information in the appropriate database of the Department of  
8 Motor Vehicles to verify the accuracy of the information in an  
9 application to register to vote.

10 5. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall enter into an  
11 agreement with the Social Security Administration pursuant to 52  
12 U.S.C. § 21083, to verify the accuracy of information in an  
13 application to register to vote.

14 6. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its  
15 database:

16 (a) Is capable of processing any information related to an  
17 application to register to vote, an application to update voter  
18 registration information or a request to verify the accuracy of voter  
19 registration information as quickly as is feasible; and

20 (b) Does not limit the number of applications to register to vote,  
21 applications to update voter registration information or requests to  
22 verify the accuracy of voter registration information that may be  
23 processed by the database in any given day.

24 7. *The Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative*  
25 *agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to match*  
26 *information in the database of the statewide voter registration list*  
27 *with information in the records of State Registrar of Vital*  
28 *Statistics concerning the death of residents of this State to*  
29 *maintain the statewide voter registration list. The Secretary of*  
30 *State must compare the records of the State Registrar of Vital*  
31 *Statistics to those in the statewide voter registration list at least*  
32 *once per month.*

33 8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 481.063 or any  
34 provision of law providing for the confidentiality of information, the  
35 Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with an agency of  
36 this State pursuant to which the agency provides to the Secretary of  
37 State any information in the possession of the agency that the  
38 Secretary of State deems necessary to maintain the statewide voter  
39 registration list.

40 ~~8.1~~ 9. The Secretary of State may:

41 (a) Request from the chief officer of elections of another state  
42 any information which the Secretary of State deems necessary to  
43 maintain the statewide voter registration list; and

44 (b) Provide to the chief officer of elections of another state any  
45 information which is requested and which the Secretary of State



1 deems necessary for the chief officer of elections of that state to  
2 maintain a voter registration list, if the Secretary of State is satisfied  
3 that the information provided pursuant to this paragraph will be used  
4 only for the maintenance of that voter registration list.

5 **Sec. 56.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293.730 1. ~~Except for an election board officer in the course~~  
7 ~~of the election board officer's official duties, a~~ A person shall not:

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

10 (b) ~~Accept~~ *Except an election board officer, receive* from any  
11 voter a ballot prepared by ~~or on behalf of~~ the voter . ~~[, other than~~  
12 ~~an absent ballot, mailing ballot, mail ballot or military overseas~~  
13 ~~ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her~~  
14 ~~authorization pursuant to this title.]~~

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

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

19 (e) Show his or her ballot to ~~another~~ *any* person, after voting,  
20 so as to reveal any of ~~his or her votes on the ballot, other than on~~  
21 ~~his or her absent ballot, mailing ballot, mail ballot or military-~~  
22 ~~overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her~~  
23 ~~authorization pursuant to this title.]~~ *the names voted for.*

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

27 (g) ~~Send, transmit, distribute or~~ *Except an election board*  
28 *officer,* deliver a ballot to a voter . ~~[, other than an absent ballot,~~  
29 ~~mailing ballot, mail ballot or military overseas ballot when~~  
30 ~~permitted pursuant to this title.]~~

31 (h) Except ~~when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface,~~  
32 ~~damage or destroy an absent ballot, mailing ballot, mail ballot or~~  
33 ~~military overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with~~  
34 ~~his or her authorization pursuant to this title.]~~ *an election board*  
35 *officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties,*  
36 *inside a polling place, ask another person his or her name,*  
37 *address or political affiliation.*

38 2. A voter shall not:

39 (a) ~~Accept~~ *Receive* a ballot from ~~another~~ *any* person ~~[,] other~~  
40 ~~than an election board officer . [in the course of the election board~~  
41 ~~officer's official duties or a person who sends, transmits, distributes~~  
42 ~~or delivers an absent ballot, mailing ballot, mail ballot or military-~~  
43 ~~overseas ballot to the voter when permitted pursuant to this title.]~~



1 (b) Deliver to an election board ~~[officer in the course of the~~  
2 ~~election board officer's official duties]~~ *or any member thereof* any  
3 ballot other than the one received.

4 (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may  
5 afterward be identified as the one ~~[that he or she voted, other than~~  
6 ~~any such mark that is permitted to be placed on an absent ballot,~~  
7 ~~mailing ballot, mail ballot or military overseas ballot prepared by or~~  
8 ~~on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this~~  
9 ~~title.]~~ *voted by the person.*

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

13 **Sec. 57.** NRS 293B.353 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293B.353 1. The county or city clerk ~~[shall]~~ :

15 (a) *Shall* allow members of the general public to observe the  
16 counting of the ballots at the central counting place ~~[if those~~  
17 ~~members do not interfere with the counting of the ballots.] ; and~~

18 (b) *Shall not deny access to any members of the public who*  
19 *wish to observe the counting of the ballots at the central counting*  
20 *place.*

21 2. The county or city clerk may photograph or record or cause  
22 to be photographed or recorded on audiotape or any other means of  
23 sound or video reproduction the counting of the ballots at the central  
24 counting place.

25 3. A registered voter may submit a written request to the  
26 county or city clerk for any photograph or recording of the counting  
27 of the ballots prepared pursuant to subsection 2. The county or city  
28 clerk shall, upon receipt of the request, provide the photograph or  
29 recording to the registered voter at no charge.

30 **Sec. 58.** NRS 293B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

34 2. The board shall:

35 (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting  
36 area where the computers are located during the period when ballots  
37 are being processed ~~[if those members do not interfere with the~~  
38 ~~processing of the ballots.] and shall not deny access to any~~  
39 *members of the public who wish to observe the voting count.*

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

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

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



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

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

6 (g) If the election is:

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

8 (2) A general election,

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

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

15 **Sec. 59.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ,  
17 ~~[and NRS 293.5817.]~~ the conduct of any city election is under the  
18 control of the governing body of the city, and it shall, by ordinance,  
19 provide for the holding of the election, appoint the necessary  
20 election officers and election boards and do all other things required  
21 to carry the election into effect.

22 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.112, the  
23 governing body of the city shall provide for:

24 (a) Absent ballots to be voted in a city election pursuant to NRS  
25 293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive, except for the provisions of NRS  
26 293C.327 and 293C.328 unless the governing body of the city  
27 provides for the applicability of those provisions pursuant to  
28 paragraph (b); and

29 (b) The conduct of:

30 (1) Early voting by personal appearance in a city election  
31 pursuant to NRS ~~[293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and]~~ 293C.355  
32 to 293C.361, inclusive;

33 (2) Voting by absent ballot in person in a city election  
34 pursuant to NRS 293C.327 and 293C.328; or

35 (3) Both early voting by personal appearance as described in  
36 subparagraph (1) and voting by absent ballot in person as described  
37 in subparagraph (2).

38 **Sec. 60.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city  
40 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail if:

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

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

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



1 (2) One office or ballot question.

2 2. The provisions of NRS ~~[293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,]~~  
3 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, 293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive,  
4 and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election  
5 conducted pursuant to this section.

6 3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this  
7 section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been  
8 designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.

9 **Sec. 61.** NRS 293C.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293C.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.190,  
11 a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary or  
12 general city election unless the person named has, in accordance  
13 with NRS 293C.145 or 293C.175, as applicable, timely filed a  
14 declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid  
15 the filing fee established by the governing body of the city.

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

18  
19 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF ..... FOR THE  
20 OFFICE OF .....

21  
22 State of Nevada

23  
24 City of.....

25  
26 For the purpose of having my name placed on the official  
27 ballot as a candidate for the office of ....., I,  
28 ....., the undersigned do swear or affirm under penalty  
29 of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside  
30 at ....., in the City or Town of ....., County of  
31 ....., State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed to  
32 constructive, residence in the city, township or other area  
33 prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date  
34 at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close  
35 of filing of declarations of candidacy for this office; that my  
36 telephone number is ....., and the address at which I  
37 receive mail, if different than my residence, is .....;  
38 that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2  
39 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever  
40 been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have  
41 been restored; that if nominated as a candidate at the ensuing  
42 election I will accept the nomination and not withdraw; that I  
43 will not knowingly violate any election law or any law  
44 defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in  
45 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 .....

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 4. If the candidate executes an oath or affirmation under  
2 penalty of perjury stating that the candidate is unable to present to  
3 the filing officer the proof of residency required by subsection 3  
4 because a street address has not been assigned to the candidate's  
5 residence or because the rural or remote location of the candidate's  
6 residence makes it impracticable to present the proof of residency  
7 required by subsection 3, the candidate shall present to the filing  
8 officer:

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

12 (b) Alternative proof of the candidate's residential address that  
13 the filing officer determines is sufficient to verify where the  
14 candidate actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in  
15 accordance with NRS 281.050. The Secretary of State may adopt  
16 regulations establishing the forms of alternative proof of the  
17 candidate's residential address that the filing officer may accept to  
18 verify where the candidate actually, as opposed to constructively,  
19 resides in accordance with NRS 281.050.

20 5. The filing officer shall retain a copy of the *documents and*  
21 proof of ~~identity and~~ residency provided by the candidate pursuant  
22 to subsection 3 or 4. Such a copy:

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

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

26 6. By filing the declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall be  
27 deemed to have appointed the city clerk as his or her agent for  
28 service of process for the purposes of a proceeding pursuant to NRS  
29 293C.186. Service of such process must first be attempted at the  
30 appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration  
31 of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address,  
32 service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with  
33 the city clerk duplicate copies of the process. The city clerk shall  
34 immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies  
35 to the candidate at the specified address, unless the candidate has  
36 designated in writing to the city clerk a different address for that  
37 purpose, in which case the city clerk shall mail the copy to the last  
38 address so designated.

39 7. If the city clerk receives credible evidence indicating that a  
40 candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her  
41 civil rights restored, the city clerk:

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



1 (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from  
2 such investigation to the city attorney.

3 8. The receipt of information by the city attorney pursuant to  
4 subsection 7 must be treated as a challenge of a candidate pursuant  
5 to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 293C.186 to which the provisions of  
6 NRS 293.2045 apply.

7 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration  
8 of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this  
9 section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

10 **Sec. 62.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

20 (b) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to federal law,  
21 NRS 293C.317 or chapter 293D of NRS;

22 (c) Is disabled;

23 (d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person  
24 pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and  
25 Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;

26 (e) Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an  
27 absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary  
28 public or other person authorized to administer an oath; *or*

29 (f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the city  
30 clerk. ~~[-or~~

31 ~~—(g) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS~~  
32 ~~293.8847 and includes a copy of the information required pursuant~~  
33 ~~to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her~~  
34 ~~voted mail ballot, if required pursuant to NRS 293.8851.]~~

35 **Sec. 63.** NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.297,  
37 at all elections held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the  
38 polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

39 2. ~~Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers~~  
40 ~~shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be~~  
41 ~~aware of the fact that applications will be received from:~~

42 ~~—(a) Registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place; and~~

43 ~~—(b) Electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the~~  
44 ~~polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.~~





1 ~~—3.]~~ No person, other than election board officers engaged in  
2 receiving, preparing or depositing ballots ~~[or registering electors,]~~  
3 may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are  
4 open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep  
5 order and carry out the provisions of this chapter.

6 **Sec. 64.** NRS 293C.2695 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 293C.2695 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,~~  
9 ~~an election board may not perform its duty in serving registered~~  
10 ~~voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title,~~  
11 ~~unless it has before it:~~

12 ~~—(a) The roster designated for registered voters who apply to vote~~  
13 ~~at the polling place; and~~

14 ~~—(b) The roster designated for electors who apply to register to~~  
15 ~~vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772~~  
16 ~~to 293.5887, inclusive.~~

17 ~~—2.]~~ For a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032,  
18 an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters  
19 at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it  
20 the roster for the city.

21 ~~[3.]~~ 2. If a city clerk uses an electronic roster, not earlier than 2  
22 weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first  
23 day of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the city  
24 clerk shall complete a test of the electronic roster to ensure its  
25 functionality in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
26 Secretary of State.

27 **Sec. 65.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~[293.5772~~  
29 ~~to 293.5887, inclusive, and]~~ 293C.272, if a person's name appears in  
30 the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS  
31 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must *present proof of*  
32 *identity and* sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card  
33 when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by  
34 an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on  
35 the person's application to register to vote or ~~[one of the forms of~~  
36 ~~identification listed in subsection 2.~~

37 ~~—2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a~~  
38 ~~voter at the polling place are:~~

39 ~~—(a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;~~

40 ~~—(b) A driver's license;~~

41 ~~—(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor~~  
42 ~~Vehicles;~~

43 ~~—(d) A military identification card; or~~



1 ~~—(e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental~~  
2 ~~agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description~~  
3 ~~or picture.~~

4 ~~—3.] on his or her proof of identity.~~

5 2. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the  
6 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in  
7 that city in the current election.

8 **Sec. 66.** NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293C.272 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered  
10 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature  
11 card as required by NRS 293C.270, the voter must ~~[be identified by:~~

12 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
13 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
14 ~~register to vote;~~

15 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
16 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

17 ~~—(c) Providing] provide~~ the election board officer with proof of  
18 ~~[identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
19 ~~registration card issued to the voter.] identity.~~

20 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board  
21 officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

22 **Sec. 67.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293C.275 ~~[1.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
24 ~~[293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and] 293C.272:~~

25 ~~[(a)] 1.~~ A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or  
26 her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

27 ~~[(b)] 2.~~ The election board officer shall:

28 ~~[(1)] (a)~~ Announce the name of the registered voter;

29 ~~[(2)] (b)~~ Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or  
30 signature card;

31 ~~[(3)] Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner~~  
32 ~~set forth in NRS 293C.270;]~~

33 ~~(c) Require that the registered voter present proof of identity;~~  
34 and

35 ~~[(4)] (d)~~ Verify that the registered voter has not already  
36 voted in that city in the current election.

37 ~~[2.— If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified~~  
38 ~~by:~~

39 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
40 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
41 ~~register to vote;~~

42 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
43 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~



1 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
2 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
3 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

4 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
5 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
6 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
7 ~~State.]~~

8 **Sec. 68.** NRS 293C.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293C.277 1. A registered voter who applies to vote at an  
10 election must give his or her name to the election board officer in  
11 charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the  
12 name of the voter ~~+] and require that the registered voter present~~  
13 ~~proof of identity.~~

14 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by a registered  
15 voter upon any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS  
16 293C.292. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner  
17 provided in NRS 293C.292.

18 **Sec. 69.** NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293C.292 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

20 (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct or district upon  
21 the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed  
22 or has voted before at the same election; or

23 (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county  
24 clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.

25 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall  
26 tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:

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

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

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

38 ↪ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by  
39 the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under  
40 penalty of perjury.

41 3. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or  
42 affirmation so tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and  
43 the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged"  
44 by the person's name.



1 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or  
2 affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the election  
3 board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to  
4 vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293C.295.

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

9 6. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph  
10 (a) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or  
11 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot  
12 until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification that contains  
13 proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the  
14 purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not  
15 provide proof of the address at which a person resides.

16 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph  
17 (c) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or  
18 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot  
19 unless the person ~~f~~:

20 ~~—(a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph~~  
21 ~~of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document;~~  
22 ~~or~~

23 ~~—(b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at~~  
24 ~~least 18 years of age who:~~

25 ~~—(1) Furnishes official identification which contains a~~  
26 ~~photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official~~  
27 ~~document; and~~

28 ~~—(2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury~~  
29 ~~that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] *furnishes*~~  
30 *proof of identity.*

31 8. The election board officers shall:

32 (a) Record on the challenge list:

33 (1) The name of the challenged person;

34 (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the  
35 challenge; and

36 (3) The result of the challenge; and

37 (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated  
38 the challenge of the result of the challenge.

39 **Sec. 70.** NRS 293C.297 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 293C.297 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any ~~f~~:

41 ~~—(a) Registered] *registered*~~ voters waiting in line to apply to vote  
42 at the polling place, ~~f~~; ~~or~~

43 ~~—(b) Electors waiting in line to apply to register to vote or apply~~  
44 ~~to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
45 ~~inclusive;~~



1 ~~→~~ the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those  
2 registered voters ~~[and electors]~~ have been admitted to the polling  
3 place. The ~~[registration of those electors and the]~~ voting by those  
4 registered voters ~~[and electors]~~ must continue until all such  
5 ~~[registration and]~~ voting has been completed.

6 2. The officer appointed by the chief law enforcement officer  
7 of the city shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after  
8 the doors have been closed pursuant to subsection 1 for the purpose  
9 of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within  
10 the polling place and the admittance of those other persons will not  
11 interfere unduly with the ~~[registration of the electors and the]~~ voting  
12 by the registered voters. ~~[and electors.]~~

13 **Sec. 71.** NRS 293C.3035 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 293C.3035 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
16 ~~[293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and]~~ 293C.272, upon the  
17 appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established  
18 pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, the election board officer shall:

19 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the city and  
20 has not already voted in that city in the current election;

21 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and

22 (c) ~~[Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
23 ~~NRS 293C.270.]~~ **Require that the voter present proof of identity.**

24 2. ~~[If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must~~  
25 ~~be identified by:~~

26 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
27 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
28 ~~register to vote;~~

29 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
30 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

31 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
32 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
33 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

34 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
35 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
36 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
37 ~~State.~~

38 ~~—4.]~~ The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the  
39 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in  
40 that city in the current election.

41 ~~[5.]~~ **3.** When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has  
42 identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board  
43 officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or  
44 ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he  
45 or she applies to vote.



1 ~~6.]~~ 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
2 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
3 officer shall:

4 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

5 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the  
6 form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk  
7 uses voting receipts; and

8 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

9 ~~7.]~~ 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established  
10 pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, may be challenged pursuant to  
11 NRS 293C.292.

12 **Sec. 72.** NRS 293C.318 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293C.318 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
14 registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the city  
15 clerk may request that the registered voter receive an absent ballot  
16 for all elections at which the registered voter is eligible to vote. The  
17 written notice is effective for all elections that are conducted after  
18 the registered voter provides the written notice to the city clerk,  
19 except that the written notice is not effective for the next ensuing  
20 election unless the written notice is provided to the city clerk before  
21 the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot for the election  
22 pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293C.310.

23 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, ~~for for an~~  
24 ~~affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801~~  
25 ~~to 293.8887, inclusive,]~~ upon receipt of the written notice provided  
26 by the registered voter pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall:

27 (a) Issue an absent ballot to the registered voter for each primary  
28 city election, general city election and special city election that  
29 is conducted after the written notice is effective pursuant to  
30 subsection 1.

31 (b) Inform the county clerk of receipt of the written notice  
32 provided by the registered voter. Upon being informed of the written  
33 notice by the city clerk, the county clerk shall issue an absent ballot  
34 for each primary election, general election and special election,  
35 other than a special city election, that is conducted after the written  
36 notice is effective pursuant to subsection 1.

37 3. The city clerk must not mail an absent ballot requested by a  
38 registered voter pursuant to subsection 1 if, after the request is  
39 submitted:

40 (a) The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to  
41 NRS 293.530;

42 (b) The county clerk cancels the registration of the person  
43 pursuant to NRS 293.527, 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540; or



1 (c) An absent ballot is returned to the county clerk as  
2 undeliverable, unless the registered voter has submitted a new  
3 request pursuant to subsection 1.

4 4. The procedure authorized pursuant to this section is subject  
5 to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent  
6 ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with  
7 the provisions of this section.

8 **Sec. 73.** NRS 293C.319 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293C.319 ~~{1.}~~ Except as otherwise provided in ~~{this section,}~~  
10 subsection 2 of NRS 293C.322 and NRS 293D.200, absent ballots,  
11 including special absent ballots, must be:

12 ~~{(a)}~~ 1. Delivered by hand to the city clerk before the time set  
13 for closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293C.267; or

14 ~~{(b)}~~ 2. Mailed to the city clerk and ~~{~~

15 ~~— (1) Postmarked on or before the day of election; and~~

16 ~~— (2) Received received~~ by the city clerk not later than ~~{5~~  
17 ~~p.m.} 7 p.m.~~ on the ~~{seventh day following} day of~~ the election.

18 ~~{2. If an absent ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m.~~  
19 ~~on the third day following the election and the date of the postmark~~  
20 ~~cannot be determined, the absent ballot shall be deemed to have~~  
21 ~~been postmarked on or before the day of the election.}~~

22 **Sec. 74.** NRS 293C.322 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293C.322 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2  
24 and chapter 293D of NRS , ~~{or for an affected election that is~~  
25 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,}~~  
26 if the request for an absent ballot is made by mail or approved  
27 electronic transmission, the city clerk shall, as soon as the absent  
28 ballot for the precinct or district in which the absent voter resides  
29 has been prepared pursuant to NRS 293C.305, send to the voter by  
30 first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail  
31 logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States  
32 Postal Service is properly placed on the absent ballot:

33 (a) An absent ballot;

34 (b) A return envelope;

35 (c) An envelope or similar device into which the absent ballot is  
36 inserted to ensure its secrecy;

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

38 (e) Instructions.

39 2. If the city clerk fails to send an absent ballot pursuant to  
40 subsection 1 to an absent voter who resides within the continental  
41 United States, the city clerk may use approved electronic  
42 transmission to send an absent ballot and instructions to the voter.  
43 The voter may mail or deliver the absent ballot to the city clerk in a  
44 manner authorized by law or submit the absent ballot by approved  
45 electronic transmission.



1 3. The return envelope sent pursuant to subsection 1 must  
2 include postage prepaid by first-class mail if the absent voter is  
3 within the boundaries of the United States, its territories or  
4 possessions or on a military base.

5 4. Nothing may be enclosed or sent with an absent ballot  
6 except as required by subsection 1 or 2 and chapter 293D of NRS.

7 5. Before depositing an absent ballot in the mail or sending an  
8 absent ballot by approved electronic transmission, the city clerk  
9 shall record:

10 (a) The date the absent ballot is issued;

11 (b) The name of the absent voter to whom the absent ballot is  
12 issued, his or her precinct or district and his or her political  
13 affiliation, if any, unless all the offices on the absent ballot are  
14 nonpartisan offices;

15 (c) The number of the absent ballot; and

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

17 6. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out  
18 the provisions of subsection 2.

19 **Sec. 75.** NRS 293C.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293C.325 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,  
21 when an absent ballot is returned by or on behalf of an absent voter  
22 to the city clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other  
23 approved electronic transmission or in person, and a record of its  
24 return is made in the absent ballot record for the election, the city  
25 clerk or an employee in the office of the city clerk shall check the  
26 signature used for the absent ballot in accordance with the following  
27 procedure:

28 (a) The city clerk or employee shall check the signature used for  
29 the absent ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the  
30 records of the city clerk.

31 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the city clerk  
32 believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
33 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the  
34 voter, the city clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to  
35 confirm whether the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to  
36 the voter.

37 2. For purposes of subsection 1:

38 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
39 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the  
40 voter if the signature used for the absent ballot differs in multiple,  
41 significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter  
42 available in the records of the city clerk.

43 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
44 signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the  
45 voter if:





1 (1) The signature used for the absent ballot is a variation of  
2 the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for  
3 the first or middle name or the use of a common nickname and it  
4 does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and obvious  
5 respects from the signatures of the voter available in the records of  
6 the city clerk; or

7 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature  
8 used for the absent ballot and the signatures of the voter available in  
9 the records of the city clerk.

10 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the city  
11 clerk determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast the absent  
12 ballot and:

13 (a) No absent ballot central counting board has been appointed,  
14 the city clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with any  
15 other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver, or  
16 cause to be delivered, that container to the appropriate election  
17 board.

18 (b) An absent ballot central counting board has been appointed,  
19 the city clerk shall deposit the absent ballot in the proper ballot box  
20 or place the absent ballot, unopened, in a container that must be  
21 securely locked or under the control of the city clerk at all times. At  
22 the end of each day before election day, the city clerk may remove  
23 the absent ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the absent  
24 ballots in a container and seal the container with a numbered seal.  
25 Not earlier than 15 days before the election, the city clerk shall  
26 deliver the absent ballots to the absent ballot central counting board  
27 to be processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the  
28 procedures established by the Secretary of State to ensure the  
29 confidentiality of the prepared ballots until after the polls have  
30 closed pursuant to NRS 293C.267 or 293C.297.

31 4. If the city clerk determines when checking the signature  
32 used for the absent ballot that the absent voter failed to affix his or  
33 her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for  
34 the absent ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to  
35 whether the signature used for the absent ballot matches the  
36 signature of the voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the  
37 absent ballot, the city clerk shall contact the voter and advise  
38 the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or a confirmation  
39 that the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the voter, as  
40 applicable. For the absent ballot to be counted, the voter must  
41 provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than  
42 5 p.m. on the ~~[seventh]~~ day following the election . ~~[or, if~~  
43 ~~applicable, the ninth day following an affected election that is~~  
44 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~



1 5. The city clerk shall prescribe procedures for an absent voter  
2 who failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the  
3 manner required by law for the absent ballot, or for whom there is a  
4 reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the  
5 absent ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:

6 (a) Contact the voter;

7 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that  
8 the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the voter, as  
9 applicable; and

10 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as applicable,  
11 ensure the absent ballot is delivered to the appropriate election  
12 board or the absent ballot central counting board, as applicable.

13 6. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 5 for  
14 contacting an absent voter must require the city clerk to contact the  
15 voter, as soon as possible after receipt of the absent ballot, by:

16 (a) Mail;

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

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

21 **Sec. 76.** NRS 293C.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293C.330 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
23 subsection 2 of NRS 293C.322, NRS 293C.329 and chapter 293D of  
24 NRS, in order to vote an absent ballot, the absent voter must, in  
25 accordance with the instructions:

26 (a) Mark and fold the absent ballot;

27 (b) Deposit the absent ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
28 return envelope;

29 (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space  
30 provided for the signature; and

31 (d) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized  
32 by law.

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a voter who  
34 has requested an absent ballot by mail applies to vote the absent  
35 ballot in person at:

36 (a) The office of the city clerk, the voter must mark and fold the  
37 absent ballot, deposit it in the return envelope and seal the return  
38 envelope and affix his or her signature in the same manner as  
39 provided in subsection 1, and deliver the return envelope to the city  
40 clerk.

41 (b) A polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place  
42 for early voting, the voter must surrender the absent ballot and  
43 provide satisfactory ~~identification~~ *proof of identity* before being  
44 issued a ballot to vote at the polling place. A person who receives a  
45 surrendered absent ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."



1 3. If a voter who has requested an absent ballot by mail applies  
2 to vote in person at the office of the city clerk or a polling place,  
3 including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and  
4 the voter does not have the absent ballot to deliver or surrender, the  
5 voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:

- 6 (a) Provides satisfactory ~~[identification;]~~ *proof of identity;*
- 7 (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and
- 8 (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form  
9 prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not  
10 voted during the election.

11 4. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 5, at the request~~  
12 ~~of a] NRS 293C.317, it is unlawful for any person to return an~~  
13 ~~absent ballot other than the~~ voter ~~[whose]~~ *who requested the*  
14 ~~absent ballot [has been prepared by or on behalf] or, at the request~~  
15 ~~of the voter, [for an election,] a member of the voter's family. A~~  
16 ~~person [authorized by the voter may return the] who returns an~~  
17 ~~absent ballot [on behalf] and who is a member of the family of the~~  
18 ~~voter [by mail or personal delivery to] who requested the absent~~  
19 ~~ballot shall, under penalty of perjury, indicate on a form~~  
20 ~~prescribed by the city clerk [~~

21 ~~—5. Except for an election board officer in the course of the~~  
22 ~~election board officer's official duties, a] that the~~ person ~~[shall not~~  
23 ~~willfully:~~

24 ~~—(a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a~~  
25 ~~voter's absent ballot;~~

26 ~~—(b) Deny a] is a member of the family of the~~ voter ~~[the right to]~~  
27 ~~and that the voter requested that the person~~ return the voter's  
28 ~~absent ballot. [; or~~

29 ~~—(c) If the person receives the voter's absent ballot and~~  
30 ~~authorization to return the absent ballot on behalf of the voter by~~  
31 ~~mail or personal delivery, fail to return the absent ballot, unless~~  
32 ~~otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:~~

33 ~~—(1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if~~  
34 ~~the person receives the absent ballot from the voter four or more~~  
35 ~~days before the day of the election; or~~

36 ~~—(2) Before the deadline established by the United States~~  
37 ~~Postal Service for the absent ballot to be postmarked on the day of~~  
38 ~~the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as~~  
39 ~~applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the absent~~  
40 ~~ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the~~  
41 ~~election.~~

42 ~~—6.] 5.~~ A person who violates ~~[any provision]~~ *the provisions* of  
43 subsection ~~[5] 4~~ is guilty of a category E felony and shall be  
44 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.



1       **Sec. 77.** NRS 293C.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293C.332 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,  
3 on the day of an election, the election boards receiving the absent  
4 ballots from the city clerk shall, in the presence of a majority of the  
5 election board officers, remove the absent ballots from the ballot  
6 box and the containers in which the absent ballots were transported  
7 pursuant to NRS 293C.325 and deposit the absent ballots in the  
8 regular ballot box in the following manner:

9       (a) The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or  
10 approved electronic transmission, must be checked as if the voter  
11 were voting in person;

12       (b) The signature used for the absent ballot must be checked in  
13 accordance with the procedure set forth in NRS 293C.325;

14       (c) If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast the  
15 absent ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on  
16 the absent ballot and return envelope or approved electronic  
17 transmission compared, the number strip or stub detached from the  
18 absent ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the absent ballot  
19 deposited in the regular ballot box; and

20       (d) The election board officers shall indicate in the roster  
21 "Voted" by the name of the voter.

22       2. The board must complete the count of all absent ballots ~~on~~  
23 ~~or before~~ **not later than 48 hours after** the ~~[seventh day following~~  
24 ~~the election or, if applicable, the ninth day following an affected~~  
25 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
26 ~~293.8887, inclusive.]~~ **time set for the closing of the polls pursuant**  
27 **to NRS 293C.267 on election day.**

28       **Sec. 78.** NRS 293C.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29       293C.342 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
30 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
31 ~~293.8887, inclusive, a]~~ **A** registered voter who resides in an election  
32 precinct in which there were not more than 200 voters registered for  
33 the last preceding city general election, or in a precinct in which it  
34 appears to the satisfaction of the city clerk and Secretary of State  
35 that there are not more than 200 registered voters, may vote at any  
36 election regulated by this chapter in the manner provided in NRS  
37 293C.342 to 293C.352, inclusive.

38       2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected election that is~~  
39 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,~~  
40 ~~whenever]~~ **Whenever** the city clerk has designated a precinct as a  
41 mailing precinct, registered voters residing in that precinct may vote  
42 at any election regulated by this chapter in the manner provided in  
43 NRS 293C.342 to 293C.352, inclusive.



1       **Sec. 79.** NRS 293C.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293C.345 1. ~~{Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
3 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
4 ~~293.8887, inclusive, before}~~ *Before* 5 p.m. on the last business day  
5 preceding the first day of the period for early voting for any primary  
6 city election or general city election, as applicable, the city clerk  
7 shall mail to each registered voter in each mailing precinct and in  
8 each absent ballot mailing precinct a mailing ballot to be voted by  
9 the voter at the election.

10       2. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mailing  
11 ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is  
12 moot and of no effect.

13       **Sec. 80.** NRS 293C.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
14       293C.350 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.349  
15 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mailing ballot, the  
16 registered voter must, in accordance with the instructions:

- 17       (a) Mark and fold the mailing ballot;  
18       (b) Deposit the mailing ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
19 return envelope;  
20       (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space  
21 provided for the signature; and  
22       (d) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized  
23 by law.

24       2. ~~{Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,}~~ *It is*  
25 *unlawful for any person to return a mailing ballot other than the*  
26 *registered voter to whom the ballot was sent or,* at the request of ~~{a}~~  
27 *the voter* ~~{whose}~~, *a member of the family of that voter. A person*  
28 *who returns a mailing ballot* ~~{has been prepared by or on behalf}~~  
29 *and who is a member of the family* of the voter ~~{for an election, a}~~  
30 *who received the mailing ballot shall, under penalty of perjury,*  
31 *indicate on a form prescribed by the city clerk that the person*  
32 *{authorized by} is a member of the family of the voter* ~~{may return}~~  
33 *who received the mailing ballot* ~~{on behalf of}~~ *and that* the voter ~~{by~~  
34 *mail or personal delivery to the city clerk.*

35       ~~3. Except for an election board officer in the course of the~~  
36 ~~election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:~~

- 37       ~~{(a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the}~~ *requested*  
38 *that he or she* return ~~{of a}~~ *the* voter's mailing ballot. ~~{;~~  
39       ~~{(b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mailing ballot; or~~  
40       ~~{(c) If the person receives the voter's mailing ballot and~~  
41 ~~authorization to return the mailing ballot on behalf of the voter by~~  
42 ~~mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mailing ballot, unless~~  
43 ~~otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:~~



1 ~~— (1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if~~  
2 ~~the person receives the mailing ballot from the voter four or more~~  
3 ~~days before the day of the election; or~~

4 ~~— (2) Before the deadline established by the United States~~  
5 ~~Postal Service for the mailing ballot to be postmarked on the day of~~  
6 ~~the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as~~  
7 ~~applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the mailing~~  
8 ~~ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the~~  
9 ~~election.~~

10 ~~—4.]~~ 3. A person who violates ~~[any provision]~~ *the provisions* of  
11 subsection ~~[3]~~ 2 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be  
12 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

13 **Sec. 81.** NRS 293C.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293C.355 The provisions of ~~[NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
15 ~~inclusive, relating to early voting and the provisions of]~~ NRS  
16 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, apply to a city only if the  
17 governing body of the city has provided for early voting by personal  
18 appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of  
19 NRS 293C.110.

20 **Sec. 82.** NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293C.356 1. If a request is made to vote early by a registered  
22 voter in person, the city clerk shall, *except as otherwise provided in*  
23 *NRS 293C.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a  
24 ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk's office and  
25 returned to the clerk.

26 2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568,  
27 each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment  
28 for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by  
29 registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in  
30 accordance with this section.

31 **Sec. 83.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
34 ~~[293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and]~~ 293C.272, upon the  
35 appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election  
36 board officer shall:

37 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ *whether* the person is a registered voter in  
38 the county.

39 (b) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster for early  
40 voting or a signature card.

41 (c) ~~[Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
42 ~~NRS 293C.270.]~~ *Require the registered voter to present proof of*  
43 *identity.*

44 (d) Verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that  
45 city in the current election.



1 2. ~~If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified~~  
2 ~~by:~~

3 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
4 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
5 ~~register to vote;~~

6 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
7 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

8 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
9 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
10 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

11 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
12 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
13 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
14 ~~State.~~

15 ~~—4.]~~ The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the  
16 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in  
17 that city in the current election.

18 ~~[5.]~~ 3. The roster for early voting or signature card, as  
19 applicable, must contain:

20 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered  
21 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the  
22 voter's signature;

23 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that  
24 information is available; and

25 (c) The date of voting early in person.

26 ~~[6.]~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has  
27 identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board  
28 officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or  
29 ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early  
30 voting.

31 ~~[7.]~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
32 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
33 officer shall:

34 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

35 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that  
36 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the  
37 voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and

38 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

39 ~~[8.]~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance  
40 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

41 **Sec. 84.** NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as  
42 follows:

43 293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical  
44 recording device which directly records the votes electronically are  
45 used during the period for early voting by personal appearance:



1 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:  
2 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The  
3 statement must include:

- 4 (1) The title of the election;  
5 (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording  
6 device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;  
7 (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording  
8 device for that day;  
9 (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for  
10 that day; *and*  
11 (5) The number of signatures on signature cards for that day .

12 ~~}; and~~  
13 ~~— (6) The number of signatures in the roster designated for~~  
14 ~~electors who applied to register to vote or applied to vote at the~~  
15 ~~polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.}]~~

- 16 (b) Secure:  
17 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by  
18 NRS 293C.3594; and  
19 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed  
20 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293C.3594.

21 2. At the close of the last voting day, the city clerk shall deliver  
22 to the ballot board for early voting:

- 23 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;  
24 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;  
25 (c) The signature cards used for early voting;  
26 (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from  
27 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early  
28 voting; and  
29 (e) Any other items as determined by the city clerk.

30 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the  
31 close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

- 32 (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of  
33 ballots; and  
34 (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to  
35 transport those items to the central counting place and seal the  
36 container with a number seal. The official statement of ballots must  
37 accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

38 **Sec. 85.** NRS 293C.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
39 293C.362 ~~}[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
40 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
41 ~~293.8887, inclusive:}]~~

42 1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare  
43 to count the ballots voted. The counting procedure must be ~~}[public~~  
44 ~~and continue without adjournment until completed.}] :~~





1       (a) *Public. The counting board or any other city elections*  
2 *official shall not deny access to any members of the public who*  
3 *wish to observe the counting procedure.*

4       (b) *Completed not later than 48 hours after the time set for*  
5 *closing the polls pursuant to NRS 293C.267 on election day.*

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

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

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

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

33       **Sec. 86.** NRS 293C.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34       293C.365  ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
35  ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
36  ~~293.8887, inclusive, a] A~~ counting board in any precinct, district or  
37 polling place in which paper ballots are used may not begin to count  
38 the votes until all ballots used or unused are accounted for.

39       **Sec. 87.** NRS 293C.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40       293C.387 1. The election returns from a special election,  
41 primary city election or general city election must be filed with the  
42 city clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault  
43 designated by the city clerk. No person may handle, inspect or in  
44 any manner interfere with the returns until they are canvassed by the  
45 mayor and the governing body of the city.



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

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

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

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

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

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

19 6. After the abstract is entered, the:

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

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

26 (1) Certify the abstract;

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

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

30 (4) Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the  
31 mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State ~~[on or~~  
32 ~~before the 10th day following]~~ **within 7 working days after** the  
33 election ; ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected~~  
34 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
35 ~~293.8887, inclusive;]~~ and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

9 **Sec. 88.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,  
11 ~~[293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,]~~ 293D.230 and 293D.300:

12 (a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall  
13 or special city election that is held on the same day as a primary city  
14 election or general city election, the last day to register to vote:

15 (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city  
16 election or general city election.

17 (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if  
18 open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is  
19 the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general  
20 city election.

21 (3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which  
22 the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506  
23 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding  
24 the primary city election or general city election . ~~[, unless the  
25 system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS  
26 293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~

27 (4) By computer using the system established by the  
28 Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the Thursday  
29 preceding the primary city election or general city election . ~~[, unless  
30 the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS  
31 293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~

32 (b) If a recall or special city election is not held on the same day  
33 as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to  
34 register to vote for the recall or special city election by any method  
35 of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special  
36 city election.

37 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to  
38 293.5887, inclusive, after]~~ *After* the deadlines for the close of  
39 registration for a primary city election or general city election set  
40 forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

41 3. Except for a recall or special city election held pursuant to  
42 chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:

43 (a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him  
44 or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in  
45 the city indicating:



1 (1) The day and time that each method of registration for the  
2 election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed; and

3 (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility  
4 pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.

5 ↪ If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the  
6 publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in  
7 the nearest city in this State.

8 (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4  
9 consecutive weeks next preceding the day on which the last method  
10 of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be  
11 closed.

12 4. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520  
13 may be open during the periods described in this section for such  
14 hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in  
15 subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.

16 **Sec. 89.** NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided ~~[in NRS 293.5772~~  
18 ~~to 293.5887, inclusive, or]~~ by special charter, registration of electors  
19 in incorporated cities must be accomplished in the manner provided  
20 in this chapter.

21 2. The county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration  
22 list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the  
23 county the roster of all registered voters eligible to vote at a regular  
24 or special city election.

25 3. ~~[The county clerk shall prepare for each polling place a~~  
26 ~~roster designated for electors who apply to register to vote or apply~~  
27 ~~to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
28 ~~inclusive.~~

29 ~~—4.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.3032, the roster  
30 required pursuant to subsection 2 must be prepared, one for each  
31 ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. The  
32 entries in the roster must be arranged alphabetically with the  
33 surnames first.

34 ~~[5.]~~ 4. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or  
35 copies of the applications to register to vote in the county clerk's  
36 office.

37 **Sec. 90.** NRS 293C.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293C.660 1. The ballot processing and packaging board must  
39 be composed of persons who are qualified in the use of the data  
40 processing equipment to be operated for the voting count.

41 2. The board shall:

42 (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting  
43 area where the computers are located during the period when ballots  
44 are being processed ~~[if those members do not interfere with the~~



1 ~~processing of the ballots.] and may not deny access to members of~~  
2 ~~the general public who wish to observe the voting count.~~

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

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

6 (d) Maintain a log showing the sequence in which the ballots of  
7 each precinct are processed to ensure that the ballots of all precincts  
8 are processed.

9 (e) After each counting of the ballots, verify the testing material  
10 with the counting program to substantiate that there has been no  
11 substitution or irregularity.

12 (f) Record an explanation of any irregularity that occurs in the  
13 processing.

14 (g) Collect all returns, programs, testing materials, ballots and  
15 other items used in the election at the computer center and package  
16 and deliver the items to the city clerk for sealing and storage.

17 **Sec. 91.** NRS 293D.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293D.320 1. For all covered elections for which this State  
19 has not received a waiver pursuant to section 579 of the Military and  
20 Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20302(g)(2), ~~[not~~  
21 ~~later than 45 days before the election or, if the 45th day before the~~  
22 ~~election is a weekend or holiday, not later than the business day~~  
23 ~~preceding the 45th day,]~~ the local elections official in each  
24 jurisdiction charged with distributing military-overseas ballots and  
25 balloting materials shall :

26 (a) *Begin to* transmit military-overseas ballots and balloting  
27 materials to *covered voters not later than 55 days before the*  
28 *election; and*

29 (b) *Transmit, not later than 45 days before the election or, if*  
30 *the 45th day before the election is a weekend or holiday, not later*  
31 *than the business day preceding the 45th day, military-overseas*  
32 *ballots and balloting materials to* all covered voters who by that  
33 date submit a valid application for military-overseas ballots.

34 2. A covered voter who requests that a military-overseas ballot  
35 and balloting materials be sent to the covered voter by approved  
36 electronic transmission may choose to receive the military-overseas  
37 ballot and balloting materials by:

38 (a) Facsimile transmission;

39 (b) Electronic mail delivery; or

40 (c) The system of approved electronic transmission that is  
41 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of  
42 NRS 293D.200.

43 ➔ The local elections official in each jurisdiction shall transmit the  
44 military-overseas ballot and balloting materials to the covered voter



1 using the means of approved electronic transmission chosen by the  
2 covered voter.

3 3. If an application for a military-overseas ballot from a  
4 covered voter arrives after the jurisdiction begins transmitting  
5 ballots and balloting materials to other voters, the local elections  
6 official shall transmit the military-overseas ballot and balloting  
7 materials to the covered voter not later than 2 business days after the  
8 application arrives.

9 4. If a covered voter does not receive his or her military-  
10 overseas ballot and balloting materials for any reason, including,  
11 without limitation, as a result of a change in the duty station of the  
12 covered voter, the covered voter may, not later than the close of  
13 polls on election day:

14 (a) Request that the local elections official resend to the covered  
15 voter his or her military-overseas ballot and balloting materials by:

- 16 (1) Facsimile transmission;  
17 (2) Electronic mail delivery; or  
18 (3) The system of approved electronic transmission that is  
19 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of  
20 NRS 293D.200.

21 (b) Cast his or her military-overseas ballot by:

- 22 (1) Facsimile transmission;  
23 (2) Electronic mail delivery; or  
24 (3) The system of approved electronic transmission that is  
25 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of  
26 NRS 293D.200.

27 **Sec. 92.** Section 96 of the Charter of Boulder City, being  
28 chapter 637, Statutes of Nevada 1999, as last amended by chapter  
29 558, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 3547, is hereby amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 Section 96. Conduct of municipal elections. [Effective  
32 July 1, 2021.]

33 1. All municipal elections must be nonpartisan in  
34 character and must be conducted in accordance with:

35 (a) ~~[(The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
36 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
37 ~~provisions of this Charter;~~

38 ~~—(b)]~~ All ~~[other]~~ provisions of the general election laws of  
39 this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are  
40 not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter; and

41 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) Any ordinance regulations as adopted by the  
42 City Council which are consistent with law and this Charter.  
43 (1959 Charter)

44 2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
45 November 2022, and at each successive interval of 4 years,



1 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at  
2 a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a  
3 Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold office for a  
4 period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected  
5 and qualified.

6 3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
7 November 2024, and at each successive interval of 4 years,  
8 there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a  
9 general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two  
10 Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4  
11 years and until their successors have been elected and  
12 qualified.

13 4. All full terms of office in the City Council are 4 years,  
14 and Council Members must be elected at large without regard  
15 to precinct residency. In each election, the candidates  
16 receiving the greatest number of votes must be declared  
17 elected to the available full-term positions. (Add. 17; Amd. 1;  
18 11-5-1996)

19 5. In the event one or more 2-year term positions on the  
20 Council will be available at the time of a general municipal  
21 election as provided in section 12, candidates must file  
22 specifically for such position(s). Candidates receiving the  
23 greatest respective number of votes must be declared elected  
24 to the respective available 2-year positions. (Add. 15; Amd.  
25 2; 6-4-1991)

26 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a  
27 primary municipal election must be held:

28 (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April  
29 2019; and

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

32 7. A primary municipal election must not be held if no  
33 more than double the number of Council Members to be  
34 elected file as candidates. A primary municipal election must  
35 not be held for the office of Mayor if no more than two  
36 candidates file for that position. The primary municipal  
37 election must be held for the purpose of eliminating  
38 candidates in excess of a figure double the number of Council  
39 Members to be elected. (Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)

40 8. If, in the primary municipal election, a candidate  
41 receives votes equal to a majority of voters casting ballots in  
42 that election, he or she shall be considered elected to one of  
43 the vacancies and his or her name shall not be placed on the  
44 ballot for the general municipal election. (Add. 10; Amd. 7;  
45 6-2-1981)



1 9. In each primary and general municipal election, voters  
2 are entitled to cast ballots for candidates in a number equal to  
3 the number of seats to be filled in the municipal elections.  
4 (Add. 11; Amd. 5; 6-7-1983)

5 10. The conduct of all municipal elections must be under  
6 the control of the City Council, which shall adopt by  
7 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and  
8 consistent with law and this Charter. Nothing in this Charter  
9 shall be construed as to deny or abridge the power of the City  
10 Council to provide for supplemental regulations for the  
11 prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of  
12 ballots in cases of doubt or fraud. (Add. 24; Amd. 1; 6-3-  
13 2003)

14 **Sec. 93.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Caliente,  
15 being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter  
16 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4132, is hereby amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
19 under City Council control. ~~[Effective January 1, 2020.]~~

20 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
21 governed by ~~§~~

22 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
23 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
24 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

25 ~~—(b) All other]~~ *all* provisions of the election laws of this  
26 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
27 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

28 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under  
29 the control of the City Council. For the conduct of municipal  
30 elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and  
31 for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City  
32 Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it  
33 considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

34 **Sec. 94.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Carlin,  
35 being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter  
36 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4132, is hereby amended to  
37 read as follows:

38 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
39 under Board of Council Members' control; voting precincts.  
40 ~~[Effective January 1, 2020.]~~

41 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
42 governed by ~~§~~

43 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
44 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
45 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~





1 ~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
2 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
3 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

4 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under  
5 the control of the Board of Council Members. For the conduct  
6 of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such  
7 elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or  
8 fraud, the Board of Council Members shall adopt by  
9 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and  
10 consistent with law and this Charter.

11 3. There shall be but one voting precinct in the City. All  
12 elective officers shall be elected by the voters of the City at  
13 large.

14 **Sec. 95.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of Carson City, being  
15 chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter  
16 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4133, is hereby amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
19 under control of Clerk; Board regulations. ~~[Effective~~  
20 ~~January 1, 2020.]~~

21 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
22 governed by ~~‡~~

23 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
24 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
25 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

26 ~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
27 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
28 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

29 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the  
30 control of the Clerk. For the conduct of municipal elections,  
31 for the prevention of fraud in those elections and for the  
32 recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the Board shall  
33 adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers  
34 desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

35 **Sec. 96.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Elko,  
36 being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
37 chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4134, is hereby  
38 amended to read as follows:

39 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
40 under control of City Council. ~~[Effective January 1, 2020.]~~

41 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
42 governed by ~~‡~~

43 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
44 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
45 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~



1 ~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
2 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
3 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

4 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the  
5 control of the City Council. For the conduct of municipal  
6 elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and  
7 for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City  
8 Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it  
9 considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

10 **Sec. 97.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Henderson,  
11 being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by  
12 chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4135, is hereby  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
15 under City Council control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

16 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
17 governed by ~~§~~

18 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
19 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
20 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

21 ~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
22 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
23 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

24 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the  
25 control of the City Council. The City Council shall by  
26 ordinance provide for the holding of the election, appoint the  
27 necessary officers thereof and do all the things required to  
28 carry the election into effect as it considers desirable and  
29 consistent with law and this Charter.

30 **Sec. 98.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas,  
31 being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as amended by chapter  
32 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4136, is hereby amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
35 under City Council's control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

36 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
37 governed by ~~§~~

38 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
39 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
40 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

41 ~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
42 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
43 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

44 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the  
45 control of the City Council. The City Council shall prescribe



1 by ordinance all of the regulations which it considers are  
2 desirable and consistent with law and this Charter for the  
3 conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in  
4 those elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt  
5 or fraud.

6 **Sec. 99.** Section 5.040 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite,  
7 being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, as amended by chapter  
8 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4137, is hereby amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 5.040 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
11 under City Council control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

12 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
13 governed by ~~§~~

14 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
15 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
16 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

17 ~~—(b) All other]~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
18 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
19 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

20 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the  
21 control of the City Council.

22 3. The City Council shall by ordinance provide for the  
23 holding of a municipal election, appoint the necessary  
24 officers thereof and do all the things required to carry the  
25 election into effect as it considers desirable and consistent  
26 with law and this Charter.

27 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter,  
28 the City Council may enter into an interlocal agreement with  
29 another public entity to conduct municipal elections or any  
30 portion thereof.

31 **Sec. 100.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of North Las  
32 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by  
33 chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4138, is hereby  
34 amended to read as follows:

35 Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
36 under City Council control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

37 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
38 governed by ~~§~~

39 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
40 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
41 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

42 ~~—(b) All other]~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
43 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
44 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.



2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be prescribed by ordinance. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

**Sec. 101.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4139, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by ~~§~~

~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and~~

~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

2. The conduct of all elections must be under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of elections, for the prevention of fraud in those elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

**Sec. 102.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4140, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws: Elections under City Council control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by ~~§~~

~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and~~

~~—(b) All other~~ all provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

2. The conduct of all elections must be under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of elections, for the prevention of fraud in elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by



1 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and  
2 consistent with law and this Charter.

3 **Sec. 103.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Wells,  
4 being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter  
5 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4141, is hereby amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections  
8 under Board of Council Members' control; voting precincts.  
9 ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

10 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
11 governed by ~~the~~

12 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
13 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
14 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

15 ~~—(b) All other]~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
16 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
17 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

18 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under  
19 the control of the Board of Council Members. For the conduct  
20 of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such  
21 elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or  
22 fraud, the Board of Council Members shall adopt by  
23 ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and  
24 consistent with law and this Charter.

25 3. There shall be but one voting precinct in the City. All  
26 elective officers shall be elected by the voters of the City at  
27 large.

28 **Sec. 104.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of  
29 Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended  
30 by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4142, is hereby  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws, elections  
33 under City Council control. ~~Effective January 1, 2020.~~

34 1. All elections held under this Charter must be  
35 governed by ~~the~~

36 ~~—(a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,~~  
37 ~~inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting~~  
38 ~~provisions of this Charter; and~~

39 ~~—(b) All other]~~ all provisions of the election laws of this  
40 State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not  
41 inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

42 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under  
43 the control of the City Council. For the conduct of municipal  
44 elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and  
45 for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City



1 Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it  
2 considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

3 **Sec. 105.** NRS 293.5772, 293.5777, 293.5782, 293.5787,  
4 293.5792, 293.5812, 293.5817, 293.5832, 293.5837, 293.5842,  
5 293.5847, 293.5852, 293.5872, 293.5877, 293.5882, 293.5887,  
6 293.8801, 293.8804, 293.8807, 293.8811, 293.8814, 293.8817,  
7 293.8821, 293.8824, 293.8827, 293.8831, 293.8834, 293.8837,  
8 293.8841, 293.8844, 293.8847, 293.8851, 293.8854, 293.8857,  
9 293.8861, 293.8864, 293.8871, 293.8874, 293.8877, 293.8881,  
10 293.8884 and 293.8887 are hereby repealed.

11 **Sec. 106.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage  
12 and approval.

13 2. Sections 1 to 105, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

17 (b) On October 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

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#### LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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of provisional ballot under certain circumstances.**

**293.5842 Methods and procedures for registering and  
voting in person at polling place for early voting; casting of  
provisional ballot under certain circumstances.**

**293.5847 Methods and procedures for registering and  
voting in person at polling place on election day; casting of  
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293.5852 Provisional ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures.

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

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293.8834 Establishment of polling places as vote centers.

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

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

293.8847 Methods of distribution and other requirements for mail ballots and supporting materials; recordation of certain information by clerk.



**293.8851** Requirements for mail ballots distributed to certain voters who have not previously voted in election for federal office in Nevada; exceptions; treatment as provisional ballot under certain circumstances.

**293.8854** Procedure for voting by mail ballot; procedure for voting in person after mail ballot sent to voter.

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**293.8881** Period for counting mail ballots; counting must be public; rejection of certain mail ballots.

**293.8884** Process for counting mail ballots; requirements relating to empty envelopes and rejected mail ballots.

**293.8887** Certification and reporting of mail ballot results; secrecy of mail ballots; unlawful to disseminate information about mail ballot results before polls close and all votes cast on election day; penalty.

