ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 257-COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to elections. (BDR 24-749)

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

> CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 2, 3, 6, 7, 18, 30, 31, 34, 35, 44) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring each county and city clerk to establish polling places where any registered voter of the county or city, respectively, may vote in person on the day of certain elections; authorizing an elector to register to vote during the period for early voting and on the day of certain elections; setting forth the requirements for such registration; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires a county clerk to establish the boundaries of election precincts and authorizes election precincts to be combined into election districts. (NRS 293.205-293.209) Existing law prohibits a person from applying for or receiving a ballot at any election precinct or district other than the one at which the person is entitled to vote. (NRS 293.730)

Section 2 of this bill requires each county clerk to establish one or more polling places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of a primary or general election. Section 3 of this bill requires the county clerk to publicize notice of and post publicly a list of the location of each such polling place. Section 4 of this bill requires the county clerk to prepare an election roster for each such polling place. Section 5 of this bill sets forth the procedures for a person to vote in person at each such polling place. Sections 11-13, 15, 16, 22 and 26-28 of this bill make conforming changes.

Sections 30-33 of this bill set forth corresponding provisions requiring city clerks to establish polling places at which any person who is entitled to vote in the





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city by personal appearance may do so on the day of a primary city or general city election. Sections 38, 40, 41, 49 and 52 of this bill make conforming changes.

Under existing law, voter registration for any primary, primary city, general or general city election closes on the third Tuesday before the election. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) **Sections 6, 7, 34 and 35** of this bill authorize an elector to register to vote for a primary, primary city, general or general city election: (1) during the period for early voting by personal appearance; and (2) on the day of the election. Under **sections 6, 7, 34 and 35**, the county or city clerk shall designate one or more polling places in the county or city as a site for registering to vote during early voting and on election day. To register to vote, an elector must appear at such a site, complete an application to register to vote and provide proof of identity and residence. Upon completion of the application, the elector is deemed registered to vote and may vote in that election only at the polling place at which he or she registered to vote. **Sections 8-11, 13, 14, 16-28, 36-39 and 41-52** of this bill make conforming changes.

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

- **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 2. 1. Each county clerk shall establish one or more polling places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary election or general election.
- 2. Any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so at any polling place established pursuant to subsection 1.
- Sec. 3. 1. Each county clerk shall publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place established by the county clerk pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- 2. The county clerk shall post a list of each location established pursuant to section 2 of this act on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The county clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.
- 3. No additional polling place may be established pursuant to section 2 of this act after the publication pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 4. For each polling place established pursuant to section 2 of this act, the county clerk shall prepare a roster that contains, for every registered voter in the county, the voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter





identification number, the voter's precinct or district number and a place for the voter's signature.

- Sec. 5. 1. Upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to section 2 of this act, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county and has not already voted in the election;
 - (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster; and
- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.
- 2. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election.
- When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
 - (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
- 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to section 2 of this act may be challenged pursuant to 28 NRS 293.303.
 - Sec. 6. 1. Each county clerk shall designate one or more permanent polling places for early voting by personal appearance in the county as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote.
 - An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote during the period for early voting at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the county clerk of the county where the elector resides.
 - 3. To register to vote during the period for early voting, an elector must:
 - (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place designated by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote during the period for early voting;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
 - (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.



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- 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to register to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;

- (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (c) A military identification card; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a physical description or picture of the elector.
- 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residency of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service:
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;
 - (e) An income tax return;
- 22 (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement;
- 26 (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; 27 or
 - (j) Any other official document which the county clerk, field registrar or other person designated by the county clerk to accept applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines, in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true residential address of the elector.
 - 6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote and the verification of his or her identity and residency.
 - 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) May vote during the period for early voting only at the polling place for early voting at which the elector registers to vote; and
 - (b) If the elector applies to vote at the polling place for early voting at which he or she registers to vote, must sign his or her name in the roster provided by the county clerk and designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to this section.





Sec. 7. 1. Each county clerk shall:

(a) Designate one or more polling places in the county as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of a primary election or general election.

(b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the county that has been established pursuant to paragraph (a).

- (c) Post a list of the locations established pursuant to paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The county clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in a reasonable quantity without charge.
- 2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote on the day of the primary election or general election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the county clerk of the county where the elector resides.
- 3. To register to vote on the day of the primary election or general election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
- (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.
- 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to register to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;
- (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (c) A military identification card; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a physical description or picture of the elector.
- 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residency of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;





- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;

- (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement;
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
 - (j) Any other official document which the county clerk, field registrar or other person designated by the county clerk to accept applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines, in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true residential address of the elector.
 - 6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote and the verification of his or her identity and residency.
 - 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) May vote in the primary election or general election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote; and
- (b) If the elector applies to vote at the polling place at which he or she registers to vote, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, must sign his or her name in the roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to this section.
 - **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.095 "Roster" means the record in printed or electronic form furnished to election board officers which [contains a list of eligible voters and] is to be used for obtaining the signature of each person applying for a ballot [.] and, except for a roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to sections 6, 7, 34 and 35 of this act, contains a list of eligible voters.
 - **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.12757 A person may sign a petition required under the election laws of this State on or after the date the person is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.517 or subsection 7 of NRS 293.5235 H or section 6, 7, 34 or 35 of this act.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the county clerks. After the notification, each of the county





clerks shall determine the number of registered voters who have signed the documents submitted in the county clerk's county and, in the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully contained within the county clerk's county. This determination must be completed within 9 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110, and within 3 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.172 or 293.200. For the purpose of verification pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall not include in his or her tally of total signatures any signature included in the incorrect petition district.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted to a county clerk, the county clerk shall examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the county clerk is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include an examination of at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures, whichever is greater. If documents were submitted to the county clerk for more than one petition district wholly contained within that county, a separate random sample must be performed for each petition district.
- 3. If a petition district comprises more than one county and the petition is for an initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or a statewide measure, and if more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted for that petition district, the appropriate county clerks shall examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the county clerks within the petition district is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include an examination of at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures presented in the petition district, whichever is greater. The Secretary of State shall determine the number of signatures that must be verified by each county clerk within the petition district.
- 4. In determining from the records of registration the number of registered voters who signed the documents, the county clerk may





use the signatures contained in the file of applications to register to vote. If the county clerk uses that file, the county clerk shall ensure that every application in the file is examined, including any application in his or her possession which may not yet be entered into the county clerk's records. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the county clerk shall rely only on the appearance of the signature and the address and date included with each signature in making his or her determination.

5. If:

- (a) Pursuant to NRS 293.506, a county clerk establishes a system to allow persons to register to vote by computer; for
- (b) A person registers to vote pursuant to section 6, 7, 34 or 35 of this act; or
- (c) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and signs his or her application to register to vote using a digital signature or an electronic signature,
- the county clerk may rely on such other indicia as prescribed by the Secretary of State in making his or her determination.
- 6. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, when the county clerk is determining the number of registered voters who signed the documents from each petition district contained fully or partially within the county clerk's county, he or she must use the statewide voter registration list available pursuant to NRS 293.675.
- 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, upon completing the examination, the county clerk shall immediately attach to the documents a certificate properly dated, showing the result of the examination, including the tally of signatures by petition district, if required, and transmit the documents with the certificate to the Secretary of State. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises more than one county, the appropriate county clerks shall comply with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate must be filed in the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits the certificate to the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or 306.015.
- 8. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk which is required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the subject of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures on the petition.





- 9. For any petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200, 306.035 or 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.
- 10. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish further procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.
 - Sec. 11. NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has the right:
 - 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

- (a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of candidates; and
- (b) Accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of candidates.
- 2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place.
 - 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.
- 4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line to vote or register to vote before 7 p.m. at [his or her] a polling place at which he or she is entitled to vote [before 7 p.m.] or register to vote and the voter has not already cast a vote in that election.
- 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another ballot in its place.
 - 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.
 - 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and delivered in a timely manner.
 - 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting during early voting or on election day.
 - 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly, disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or a citizen who is overseas.
 - 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and recounting all votes accurately.
 - 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.
 - **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2 and] NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
 - 2. [Whenever at any election all the votes of the polling place, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers





shall close the polls, and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.

- 3.1 Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.
- [4.] 3. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this title.

Sec. 13. NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an election board may *not* perform its duty in serving registered voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless it has before it [the]:
 - (a) The roster for the polling place $\frac{1}{100}$; and
- (b) If the polling place is designated pursuant to section 7 of this act as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of the primary or general election, the roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to that section.
- An election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at a polling place established pursuant to section 2 or 30 of this act, respectively, in an election if the election board has before it the roster for the county or city, as applicable.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.541, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525 H or if the person registered to vote on the day of the primary or general election pursuant to section 7 of this act, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the *correct* roster when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place are:
- (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
 - (b) A driver's license;
- 44 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;





(d) A military identification card; or

- (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.
 - **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, a registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the roster, [and] verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277 [-] and verify pursuant to the procedure prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 of section 5 of this act that the registered voter has not already voted in the election.
- 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
 - **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.296 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.296 1. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice, except:
 - (a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or
 - (b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.
- 2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with respect to the casting of that ballot.
- 3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to the election board or any member thereof or when the registered voter requests such assistance in any manner.
- 4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, the county clerk and election board officer shall, upon the request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make





reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at this or her a polling place H at which he or she is entitled to vote.

Sec. 17. NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any 293.305 [registered]:

(a) Registered voters waiting to vote ; or

(b) If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section 7 of this act as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of the election, persons waiting to register to vote,

the doors of the polling place must be closed after all such **[voters]** persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting must continue until those **voters** persons have voted.

- The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the polling place and such admittance will not interfere unduly with the voting ... or voter registration.
 - **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3564 1. [The] Each county clerk [may] shall establish at least one permanent polling [places] place for early voting by personal appearance in the county. [at the locations selected pursuant to NRS 293.3561.1
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, anyl Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do so at any polling place for early voting.
- 3. If it is impractical for the county clerk to provide at each polling place for early voting a ballot in every form required in the county, the county clerk may:
- (a) Provide appropriate forms of ballots for all offices within a township, city, town or county commissioner election district, as determined by the county clerk; and
- (b) Limit voting at that polling place to registered voters in that 32 33 township, city, town or county commissioner election district. 34
 - **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.3576 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.3576 1. The county clerk shall publish during the week before the period for early voting and at least once each week during the period for early voting in a newspaper of general circulation a schedule stating:
 - (a) The location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting.
 - (b) The dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location.
 - (c) The location of each permanent polling place for early voting designated by the county clerk pursuant to section 6 of this act as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote.



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- 2. The county clerk shall post a copy of the schedule on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the last day of that period.
- 3. The county clerk shall make copies of the schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge during the period of posting.
- 4. No additional polling places for early voting may be established after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

Sec. 20. NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:
 - (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.
- (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting [...] or the roster designated for electors who register to vote during the period for early voting pursuant to section 6 of this act.
- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.
- (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election. [pursuant to this section.]
- 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election. [pursuant to this section.]
 - 5. The roster for early voting must contain:
 - (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;





- 1 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that 2 information is available; and
 - (c) The date of voting early in person.

- 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
 - (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
- 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.
 - Sec. 21. NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically are used during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an election other than a presidential preference primary election:
 - 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:
- (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The statement must include:
 - (1) The title of the election;
- (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;
- (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording device for that day; {and}
- (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day [-]; and
- (5) The number of signatures in the roster designated for electors who register to vote during the period for early voting pursuant to section 6 of this act, if applicable.
 - (b) Secure:
- (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by NRS 293.3594; and
- (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.3594.
- 2. At the close of the last voting day, the county clerk shall deliver to the ballot board for early voting:
 - (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;
 - (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;





- (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting; and
 - (d) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.
- 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:
- (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots; and
- (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a numbered seal. The official statement of ballots must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.
 - Sec. 22. NRS 293.4689 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.4689 1. If a county clerk maintains a website on the Internet for information related to elections, the website must contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the county clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without limitation:
- (a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on election day in such a format that *an elector or* a registered voter may search the list to determine the location of the polling place *or places* at which the *elector or* registered voter is **[required]** *entitled* to cast a ballot; and
- (b) The abstract of votes required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.388.
- 2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.
- 3. If the information required to be maintained by a county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, another county clerk or a city clerk, the county clerk may provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to that information.
 - **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.517 1. 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 register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to his or her identity and right to vote, and providing proof of residence and identity;





- (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the county clerk an application to register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.524 or chapter 293D of NRS 11 or section 6, 7, 34 or 35 of this act;
- (d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar pursuant to NRS 293.5237; or
- (e) By submitting an application to register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- The county clerk shall require a person to submit official identification as proof of residence and identity, such as a driver's license or other official document, before registering the person. If the applicant 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 293.3081 or 293.3083. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card issued pursuant to subsection 6 does not provide proof of the residence or identity of a person.
- 2. The application to register to vote must be signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the elector registering.
- 3. Each elector who is or has been married must be registered under his or her own given or first name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her spouse.
- 4. An elector who is registered and changes his or her name must complete a new application to register to vote. The elector may obtain a new application:
 - (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
 - (b) By submitting an application to register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk requesting the county clerk to mail an application to register to vote;
 - (d) At any voter registration agency; or
- (e) By submitting an application to register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- → If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of identity and subsequent change of name.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, an elector who registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.





- 6. After the county clerk determines that the application to register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration card to the voter which contains:
- (a) The name, address, political affiliation and precinct number of the voter;
 - (b) The date of issuance; and

- (c) The signature of the county clerk.
- 7. If an elector submits an application to register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to the application to register to vote if the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application to register to vote of the elector is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall immediately notify the elector and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days after the district attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:
- (a) The application to register to vote of the elector is complete and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the elector is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and
- (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application to register to vote.
- → If the District Attorney advises the county clerk to process the application to register to vote, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant pursuant to subsection 6.
 - **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300, and sections 6, 7, 34 and 35 of this act, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election and on the third Saturday preceding any recall or special election, except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.
- 2. For a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which registration is open. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. during the last 2 days before registration closes if approved by the board of county commissioners.





3. For a general election:

- (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which registration is open. The office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the board of county commissioners.
- (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which registration is open, according to the following schedule:
 - (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and
- (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.
- 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating:
 - (1) The day and time that registration 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 close of registration for any election.
- 5. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered year.
- 6. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary or general election and ending on the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election, an elector may register to vote only:
- (a) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or
- (b) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- 7. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.
 - Sec. 25. NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of registration and the election, the county clerk shall prepare for teach:





- (a) Each polling place a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote at the polling place.
- (b) Each polling place designated pursuant to section 6 of this act a roster designated for electors who register to vote during the period for early voting pursuant to that section.
- (c) Each polling place designated pursuant to section 7 of this act a roster designated for electors who register to vote on the day of the election pursuant to that section.
- 2. The **[roster]** *rosters* must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county or city clerk to an election board officer of the proper polling place before the opening of the polls.
 - **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, sample ballots must include:
 - (a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;
- (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015, 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;
- (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;
- (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and
 - (e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent.
- 3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment if:
- (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment were not included;
- (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided





at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample ballot; and

- (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 4. A county clerk may establish a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website. If a county clerk establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.
- 5. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means pursuant to subsection 4, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.
- 6. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the county clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the county by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place or places. If the location of the location place or places has changed since the last election:
- (a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before distributing the sample ballots; or
- (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE *OR PLACES* HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

- 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, a sample ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type; and
- (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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

8. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.





9. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

10. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to

that person from the county are in large type.

- 11. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:
 - (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

(b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and

(c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his or her regularly designated polling place.

12. The cost of distributing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.

Sec. 27. NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.730 1. A person shall not:

- (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of the election.
- (b) Except an election board officer, receive from any voter a ballot prepared by the voter.
 - (c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of the polls.
- (d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than [the] one at which the person is entitled to vote.
- (e) Show his or her ballot to any person, after voting, so as to reveal any of the names voted for.
- (f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for whom he or she intends to vote.
 - (g) Except an election board officer, deliver a ballot to a voter.
- (h) Except an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties, inside a polling place, ask another person his or her name, address or political affiliation.





2. A voter shall not:

- (a) Receive a ballot from any person other than an election board officer.
- (b) Deliver to an election board or to any member thereof any ballot other than the one received.
- (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may afterward be identified as the one voted by the person.
- 3. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
 - Sec. 28. NRS 293.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.790 If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to vote at the same election, at any polling place other than [the] one in which the person is [registered] entitled to vote, such person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- **Sec. 29.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 30 to 35, inclusive, of this act
- Sec. 30. 1. Each city clerk shall establish one or more polling places in the city where any person entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so on the day of a primary city election or general city election.
- 2. Any person entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so at any polling place established pursuant to subsection 1.
- Sec. 31. 1. Each city clerk shall publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place established by the city clerk pursuant to section 30 of this act.
- 2. The city clerk shall post a list of the locations established pursuant to section 30 of this act on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body of the city. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The city clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.
- 3. No additional polling place may be established pursuant to section 30 of this act after the publication pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 32. For each polling place established pursuant to section 30 of this act, the city clerk shall prepare a roster that contains, for every registered voter in the city, the voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number, the voter's precinct or district number and a place for the voter's signature.





- Sec. 33. 1. Upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to section 30 of this act, the election board officer shall:
 - (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the city;
 - (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster; and

- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.
- 2. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election.
- 3. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
 - (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
- 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to section 30 of this act may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- Sec. 34. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, each city clerk shall designate one or more permanent polling places for early voting by personal appearance in the city as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote.
- 2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote during the period for early voting at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the city clerk of the city where the elector resides.
- 35 3. To register to vote during the period for early voting, an elector must:
 - (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote during the period for early voting;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
 - (c) Provide proof of his or her residence and identity as described in subsections 4 and 5.
 - 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to register to vote pursuant to this section:





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- (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles:
 - (c) A military identification card; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a physical description or picture of the elector.
- The following documents may be used to establish the residency of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service:
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;
 - (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence:
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement;
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
- (i) Any other official document which the city clerk or other 25 person designated by the city clerk to accept applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines, in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true residential 27 28 address of the elector.
 - 6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote and the verification of his or her identity and residency.
 - 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) May vote during the period for early voting only at the polling place for early voting at which the elector registers to vote; and
 - (b) If the elector applies to vote at the polling place for early voting at which he or she registers to vote, must sign his or her name in a roster provided by the city clerk and designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to this section.
 - The provisions of this section do not apply to a city election if:
 - (a) The governing body of the city did not provide for the conduct of early voting by personal appearance pursuant to NRS 293C.110; or





- (b) All ballots must be cast by mail pursuant to NRS 293C.112. Sec. 35. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, each city clerk shall:
- (a) Designate one or more polling places in the city as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote on the day of a primary city election or general city election.

(b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the city that has been established pursuant to paragraph (a).

- (c) Post a list of the locations established pursuant to paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body of the city. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The city clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in a reasonable quantity without charge.
- 2. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote on the day of the primary city election or general city election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the city clerk of the city where the elector resides.
- 3. To register to vote on the day of the primary city election or general city election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
- (c) Provide proof of his or her residence and identity as described in subsections 4 and 5.
- 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to register to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;
 - (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (c) A military identification card; or
 - (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a physical description or picture of the elector.
 - 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residency of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;





- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;

- (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement;
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or
 - (j) Any other official document which the city clerk or other person designated by the city clerk to accept applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines, in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true residential address of the elector.
 - 6. An elector who registers pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon the completion of an application to register to vote and the verification of his or her identity and residency.
 - 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) May vote in the primary city election or general city election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote or changes his or her address, as applicable; and
 - (b) If the elector applies to vote at the polling place at which he or she registers to vote, must sign his or her name in a roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to this section.
 - 8. The provisions of this section do not apply to a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail pursuant to NRS 293C.112.
 - **Sec. 36.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, conduct of any city election is under the control of the governing body of the city, and it shall, by ordinance, provide for the holding of the election, appoint the necessary election officers and election boards and do all other things required to carry the election into effect.
 - 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.112, the governing body of the city shall provide for:
 - (a) Absent ballots to be voted in a city election pursuant to NRS 293C.305 to 293C.325, inclusive, and 293C.330 to 293C.340, inclusive: and
 - (b) The conduct of:





- (1) Early voting by personal appearance in a city election pursuant to NRS 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive [;], and section 34 of this act;
- (2) Voting by absent ballot in person in a city election pursuant to NRS 293C.327; or
- (3) Both early voting by personal appearance as described in subparagraph (1) and voting by absent ballot in person as described in subparagraph (2).
 - Sec. 37. NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city

11 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail if:

- (a) The election is a special election; or
- (b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the ballot includes only:
- (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered voters of only one ward; or
 - (2) One office or ballot question.
- 2. The provisions of NRS 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, and section 35 of this act, 293C.305 to 293C.340, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, and section 34 of this act do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.
- 3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.
- Sec. 38. NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 2] and NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions
- of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

 2. Whenever at any election all the votes of the polling place,
- as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers shall close the polls and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.
- 3.1 Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.
- [4.] 3. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this chapter.
 - Sec. 39. NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525 or if the person





registered to vote pursuant to section 35 of this act, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the roster when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

- 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a voter at the polling place are:
- (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote;
 - (b) A driver's license;

- (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (d) A military identification card; or
- (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.

Sec. 40. NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, a registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the roster, [and] verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270 [...] and verify pursuant to the procedure prescribed pursuant to subsection 2 of section 33 of this act that the registered voter has not already voted in the election.
- 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
 - (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
 - (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
 - (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.
 - 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
 - **Sec. 41.** NRS 293C.282 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293C.282 1. Any registered voter who, because of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English, is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to





assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice, except:

- (a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or
- (b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.
- 2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with respect to the casting of that ballot.
- 3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to the election board or any member thereof or when the registered voter requests such assistance in any manner.
- 4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, the city clerk and election board officer shall, upon the request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at [his or her] a polling place [...] at which he or she is entitled to vote.
- Sec. 42. NRS 293C.297 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.297

 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any [registered]:
 - (a) Registered voters waiting to vote ; or
- 21 (b) If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section 22 35 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote 23 on the day of the election, persons waiting to register to vote,
 - the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those **[voters]** persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting must continue until those **[voters]** persons have voted.
 - 2. The officer appointed by the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed to observe or for any other lawful purpose if there is room within the polling place and their admittance will not interfere with the voting in voter registration.
 - **Sec. 43.** NRS 293C.355 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.355 The provisions of NRS 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, *and section 34 of this act*, apply to a city only if the governing body of the city has provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of
- 38 NRS 293C.110. **Sec. 44.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as 40 follows:
 - 293C.3564 1. [The] Each city clerk [may] in a city providing for early voting pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110 shall establish at least one permanent polling [places] place for early voting by personal





appearance in the city . [at the locations selected pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.]

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

Sec. 45. NRS 293C.3576 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293C.3576 1. The city clerk shall publish during the week before the period for early voting and at least once each week during the period for early voting in a newspaper of general circulation a schedule stating:
- (a) The location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting.
- (b) The dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location.
- (c) The location of each permanent polling place for early voting designated by the city clerk pursuant to section 34 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote.
- 2. The city clerk shall post a copy of the schedule on the bulletin board used for posting notice of the meetings of the city council. The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the last day of that period.
- 3. The city clerk shall make copies of the schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge during the period of posting.
- 4. No additional polling places for early voting may be established after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 46. NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:
 - (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.
 - (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting [...] or the roster designated for electors who register to vote during the period for early voting pursuant to section 34 of this act.
 - (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.
- 40 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election. [pursuant to this section.]
- 42 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:





- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in the current election. [pursuant to this section.]
 - 5. The roster for early voting must contain:
- (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;
- (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
 - (c) The date of voting early in person.
- 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
 - (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
 - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
- 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- **Sec. 47.** NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically are used during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an election other than a presidential preference primary election:
 - 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:
- (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The statement must include:





- (1) The title of the election;
- (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;
- (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording device for that day; {and}
- (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day : ; and
- (5) The number of signatures in the roster designated for electors who register to vote during early voting pursuant to section 34 of this act, if applicable.
 - (b) Secure:

- (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by NRS 293C.3594; and
- (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293C.3594.
- 2. At the close of the last voting day, the city clerk shall deliver to the ballot board for early voting:
 - (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;
 - (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;
- (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting; and
 - (d) Any other items as determined by the city clerk.
- 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:
- (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots: and
- (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a number seal. The official statement of ballots must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.
 - Sec. 48. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300, *and sections 34 and 35 of this act*, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election and on the third Saturday preceding any recall or special election, except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.
- 2. For a primary city election or special city election, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which registration is open. In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.





3. For a general election:

- (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which registration is open. The office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.
- (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which registration is open, according to the following schedule:
 - (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and
- (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.
- 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city indicating:
 - (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
- (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.
- → If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city in this State.
- (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.
- 5. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary city election or general city election and ending on the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election, an elector may register to vote only:
- (a) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520; or
- (b) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- 6. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.
 - **Sec. 49.** NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.530 1. A city clerk may establish a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website. If a city clerk establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a





sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

2. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

3. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the city by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place !-! or places. If the location of [the] a polling place or places has changed since the last election:

(a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before distributing the sample ballots; or

(b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE OR PLACES HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a sample ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type:
- (b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question, including arguments for and against the measure or question, as required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217; and
- (c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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

- 5. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.
- 6. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- 7. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided





pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

- 8. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to that person from the city are in large type.
- 9. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:
 - (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;
- (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and
- (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at the voter's regularly designated polling place.
- 10. The cost of distributing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.
 - Sec. 50. NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided by special charter, registration of electors in incorporated cities must be accomplished in the manner provided in this chapter.
 - 2. [The] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the county the roster of all electors eligible to vote at a regular or special city election.
 - 3. The city clerk shall prepare for each polling place designated pursuant to:
- (a) Section 34 of this act a roster designated for electors who register to vote during the period for early voting pursuant to that section.
- (b) Section 35 of this act a roster designated for electors who register to vote on the day of the city election pursuant to that section.
- 4. The rosters must be prepared, one for each ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. The entries in the roster must be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.





- [4.] 5. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or copies of the applications to register to vote in the county clerk's office.
 - Sec. 51. NRS 293C.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.540 Not later than 3 days before the day on which any regular or special city election is held, the county clerk shall deliver to the city clerk the official **register rosters** for the city.

Sec. 52. NRS 293C.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293C.715 1. If a city clerk maintains a website on the Internet for information relating to elections, the website must contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the city clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without limitation:
- (a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on election day in such a form that *an elector or* a registered voter may search the list to determine the location of the polling place *or places* at which the *elector or* registered voter is [required] *entitled* to cast a ballot; and
- (b) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.387.
- 2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.
- 3. If the information required to be maintained by a city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, a county clerk or another city clerk, the city clerk may provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to that information.
- **Sec. 53.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expense of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.
 - **Sec. 54.** This act becomes effective:
- 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
 - 2. On October 1, 2017, for all other purposes.





