ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 307—ASSEMBLYMEN DICKMAN, GRAY, GALLANT, HANSEN; DELONG, GURR, HAFEN, KOENIG, MCARTHUR AND O'NEILL

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS STONE, HANSEN, GOICOECHEA AND TITUS

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SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-664)

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

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

AN ACT relating to elections; establishing procedures for the use of absent ballots in an election; requiring, with certain exceptions, proof of identity for voting in person; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, under certain circumstances, to issue identification cards at no charge; requiring a voter to include certain personal identifying information with his or her absent ballot; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, a person from returning an absent ballot on behalf of a voter; repealing provisions that require county and city clerks to prepare and distribute mail ballots to certain registered voters for every election; repealing provisions relating to voting, collecting, verifying and counting mail ballots; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:** 

Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, that a person provide certain information to vote in person which may include, depending on the circumstances, proof of residency and identity, answering questions covering the personal data of the voter or providing additional personal data. (NRS 293.2725, 293.277, 293.285, 293.303, 293.3075, 293.3081, 293.3082, 293.3085, 293.3585,





293.541, 293C.270, 293C.275, 293C.292, 293C.3035, 293C.3585) Sections 37, 39, 41, 42, 45, 50, 108, 110, 111, 114 and 117 of this bill require, with certain exceptions, that a person provide one of the forms of proof of identity specified in section 4 of this bill to vote in person. Section 4 sets forth the acceptable forms of proof of identity to include certain government-issued documents or identity cards that show a recognizable photograph of the person to whom the document or card is issued. Section 43 of this bill requires the Secretary of State and each county and city clerk to ensure that instructions concerning the proof of identity required to vote are posted at each polling place. Sections 29, 31, 40, 49, 60-69, 104, 109 and 115 of this bill make various conforming changes to existing provisions to reflect the requirement to provide proof of identity to vote in person.

Sections 27 and 28 of this bill: (1) require the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue an identification card, free of charge, to a registered voter who does not possess one of the acceptable forms of proof of identity and who is experiencing financial hardship; and (2) require the registered voter to submit certain information with an application for the identification card. Section 128 of this bill makes conforming changes to reflect that such an identification card must be issued free of charge.

Sections 44 and 112 of this bill provide that a person applying to vote whose identity has been challenged must furnish proof of identity in response to such a challenge.

**Section 46** of this bill authorizes, under certain circumstances, a person who fails to provide proof of identity when voting in person to cast a provisional ballot. **Section 47** of this bill makes conforming changes to the information that must be provided to a person who casts a provisional ballot. **Section 48** of this bill provides that the provisional ballot of such a voter must be counted if the person provides proof of identity to the county or city clerk, not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day.

Section 71 of this bill clarifies that voting the absent ballot of another person is a category D felony.

Existing law establishes procedures for the preparation and distribution of mail ballots to each active registered voter for every election, as well as procedures for voting, returning, verifying and counting the mail ballots. (NRS 293.269911-293.269937, 293C.263-293C.26337) Section 129 of this bill repeals these provisions. Sections 5-26 and 77-100 of this bill set forth the process for requesting, voting, returning, verifying and counting absent ballots. Sections 30, 32-36, 51-59, 70, 73-75, 102, 103, 105-107, 113, 116, 118-127 of this bill make conforming changes to incorporate absent ballots into the relevant provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes relating to elections.

Existing law provides that a mail ballot that is mailed to the county or city clerk must be postmarked on or before the day of the election. (NRS 293.269921, 293C.26321) **Sections 16 and 88** of this bill provide that an absent ballot that is mailed to the county or city clerk must be postmarked at least 3 days before the day of the election.

Existing law provides that a person authorized by a voter may return a mail ballot on behalf of the voter. (NRS 293.269923, 293C.26323) **Sections 20 and 94** of this bill instead provide that, with certain exceptions, only the voter or, with the authorization of the voter, a member of the immediate family of the voter may return an absent ballot on behalf of the voter. **Sections 20 and 94** also prohibit a person from returning more than two absent ballots on behalf of a member of his or her immediate family.



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## 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 28, inclusive, of this
- Sec. 2. "Absent ballot" means a ballot voted by a person who expects to be or is absent from the polling place for his or her precinct or district on election day.
- "Absent voter" means a registered voter who has Sec. 3. received or who has voted an absent ballot.
- Sec. 4. "Proof of identity" means a document or identity card that:
- 1. Is issued by this State, the United States or a federally recognized Indian tribe;
- 2. Shows the name, signature and a recognizable photograph of the person to whom the document or identity card is issued; and
- If the document or identity card is issued by this State, bears an expiration date that is not earlier than 4 years before the date of the election for which the document or identity card is offered as proof of identity.
- Sec. 5. 1. When it appears to the satisfaction of the county clerk that an absent ballot central counting board will expedite the work of tallying the absent ballot vote of the county, the county clerk may appoint such a board.
- 2. In counties where an absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, no central election board may be appointed. The absent ballot central counting board shall perform the duties of the central election board.
- Sec. 6. 1. An absent ballot central counting board consists of election board officers appointed in such numbers as the county clerk determines to be required by the volume of absent ballots requested.
- The county clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with elections shall be deemed officers of the absent ballot central counting board.
- When requested by the county clerk, the sheriff shall appoint a deputy sheriff to keep order during the counting of the absent ballot votes by the absent ballot central counting board.
- 37 The absent ballot central counting board is under the direction of the county clerk. 38 39
  - Sec. 7. An absent ballot must be voted:
  - 1. On a paper ballot; or
  - By any other system authorized by state or federal law.



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- Sec. 8. As used in sections 8 to 15, inclusive, of this act, "sufficient written notice" means a:
- 1. Written request for an absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter and returned to the county clerk in person or by mail or approved electronic transmission;
- 2. Form prescribed by the Secretary of State that is completed and signed by the registered voter and returned to the county clerk in person or by mail or approved electronic transmission; or
  - 3. Form provided by the Federal Government.
- Sec. 9. 1. The county clerk of each county shall prepare an absent ballot for the use of registered voters who have requested absent ballots. The county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the absent ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the absent ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.
  - 2. The ballot must be prepared and ready for distribution to:
  - (a) Each registered voter who:

- (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election in which it is to be used; and
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, if possible.
- (b) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military oversees ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.
- 3. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to subsection 2 is most and of no effect.
- Sec. 10. 1. A person who, during the 6 months immediately preceding an election, distributes to more than a total of 500 registered voters a form to request an absent ballot for the election shall:
- (a) Distribute the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, which must, in 14-point type or larger at the top of the first page of the form:
  - (1) Identify the person who is distributing the form; and
- (2) Include the following notice stating, with the first sentence of the notice in bold type:

This is not an official elections notice from the Secretary of State or your county or city clerk. This is a form to





request an absent ballot that you may submit to your county or city clerk if you want to vote by absent ballot. However, even if you want to vote by absent ballot, you do not need to submit this form if you have already requested an absent ballot for this election year or are already entitled to receive an absent ballot for all elections.

- (b) Not later than 28 days before distributing such a form, provide to the county clerk of each county to which a form will be distributed written notification of the approximate number of forms to be distributed to voters in the county and of the first date on which the forms will be distributed.
- (c) Not return or offer to return to a county clerk a form that was mailed to a registered voter pursuant to this subsection.
  - (d) Not mail such a form later than 35 days before the election.
- 2. The provisions of this section do not authorize a person to vote by absent ballot if the person is not otherwise eligible to vote by absent ballot.
- Sec. 11. 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS and section 20 of this act, a registered voter who requests and receives an absent ballot may vote only by absent ballot at the election for which the absent ballot was issued.
- 2. If a registered voter has requested an absent ballot and the absent ballot has been mailed or issued, the county clerk shall notify the appropriate election board that the registered voter has requested an absent ballot.
- Sec. 12. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, NRS 293.272 and 293.502 and sections 14 and 15 of this act, a registered voter may request an absent ballot if, before 5 p.m. on the 14th calendar day preceding the election, the registered voter:
  - (a) Provides sufficient written notice to the county clerk; and
- (b) Has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the county clerk.
- 2. A registered voter with a disability may use the system for approved electronic transmission established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293D.200 to request an absent ballot in accordance with NRS 293.269951.
- 3. A registered voter may request an absent ballot for all elections held during the year he or she requests an absent ballot.
- 4. A county clerk shall consider a request from a registered voter who has given sufficient written notice on a form provided by the Federal Government as a request for an absent ballot for the primary election, presidential preference primary election and general election immediately following the date on which the county clerk received the request.





- 5. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- Sec. 13. 1. Every request for an absent ballot must be made available for public inspection.
- 2. A county clerk who allows a person to copy information from an application for an absent ballot is immune from any civil or criminal liability for any damage caused by the distribution of that information, unless the county clerk knowingly and willingly allows a person who intends to use the information to further an unlawful act to copy such information.
- Sec. 14. 1. Any registered voter who is unable to go to the polls:
- (a) Because of an illness or disability resulting in confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home; or
- (b) Because the registered voter is suddenly hospitalized, becomes seriously ill or is called away from home after the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot for the election pursuant to subsection 1 of section 12 of this act,
- ⇒ may submit a written request to the county clerk for an absent ballot. The request must be submitted before 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
- 2. If the county clerk determines that a request submitted pursuant to subsection 1 includes the information required pursuant to subsection 3, the county clerk shall, at the office of the county clerk, deliver an absent ballot to the person designated in the request to obtain the absent ballot for the registered voter.
- 3. A written request submitted pursuant to subsection 1 must include:
- (a) The name, address and signature of the registered voter requesting the absent ballot;
- (b) The name, address and signature of the person designated by the registered voter to obtain, deliver and return the absent ballot for the registered voter;
- (c) A brief statement of the illness or disability of the registered voter or of facts sufficient to establish that the registered voter was called away from home after the time had elapsed for requesting the absent ballot;
- (d) If the registered voter is confined in a hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home, a statement that he or she will be confined therein on the day of the election; and





- (e) Unless the person designated pursuant to paragraph (b) will mark and sign the absent ballot on behalf of the registered voter pursuant to subsection 5, a statement signed under penalty of perjury that only the registered voter will mark and sign the absent ballot.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, in order to vote the absent ballot, the registered voter must, in accordance with the instructions:
  - (a) Mark and fold the absent ballot;

- (b) Deposit the absent ballot in the return envelope and seal the return envelope;
- (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space provided for the signature;
- (d) Write in the space provided on the return envelope the last four digits of his or her social security number;
- (e) Close the attached flap over the signature and social security number; and
- (f) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized by law.
- 5. A person designated in a request submitted pursuant to subsection 3 may, on behalf of and at the direction of the registered voter, mark and sign the absent ballot. If the person marks and signs the absent ballot, the person must:
- (a) Indicate next to his or her signature that the absent ballot has been marked and signed on behalf of the registered voter; and
- (b) Submit a written statement with the absent ballot that includes the name, address and signature of the person.
- 6. An absent ballot prepared by or on behalf of the registered voter pursuant to this section must be mailed or delivered to the county clerk in accordance with section 16 of this act.
- 7. The procedure authorized by this section is subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 15. 1. A registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the appropriate county clerk may request that the registered voter receive an absent ballot for all elections at which the registered voter is eligible to vote.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, upon receipt of a request submitted by a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk shall:
- (a) Issue an absent ballot to the registered voter for each primary election, presidential preference primary election, general election and special election other than a special city election that





is conducted after the date the written statement is submitted to the county clerk.

- (b) Inform the applicable city clerk of receipt of the written statement. Upon receipt of the notice from the county clerk, the city clerk shall issue an absent ballot for each primary city election, general city election and special city election that is conducted after the date the city clerk receives notice from the county clerk.
- 3. If, at the direction of a registered voter with a physical disability or who is at least 65 years of age, a person:
- (a) Marks and signs an absent ballot issued to the registered voter pursuant to the provisions of this section on behalf of the registered voter, the person must:
- (1) Indicate next to his or her signature that the ballot has been marked and signed on behalf of the registered voter; and
- (2) Submit a written statement with the absent ballot that includes the name, address and signature of the person.
- (b) Assists the registered voter to mark and sign an absent ballot issued to the registered voter pursuant to the provisions of this section, the person or registered voter must submit a written statement with the absent ballot that includes the name, address and signature of the person.
- 4. A county clerk may not mail an absent ballot requested by a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1 if, after the request is submitted:
- (a) The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530;
- (b) The county clerk cancels the registration of the person pursuant to NRS 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540; or
- (c) An absent ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable, unless the registered voter has submitted a new request pursuant to subsection 1.
- 5. The procedure authorized pursuant to this section is subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 16. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, absent ballots must be:
- (a) Delivered by hand to the county clerk before the time set for closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293.273; or
  - (b) Mailed to the county clerk, and:
- (1) Postmarked at least 3 days before the day of the election; and





- (2) Received by the county clerk within the period for the counting of absent ballots pursuant to subsection 2 of section 21 of this act.
- 2. If an absent ballot is received not more than 3 days after the day of the election and the date of the postmark cannot be determined, the absent ballot shall be deemed to have been postmarked at least 3 days before the day of the election.

Sec. 17. The county clerk shall determine before issuing an absent ballot that the person who requested the absent ballot is a

registered voter in the proper county.

- Sec. 18. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter 293D of NRS, if the request for an absent ballot is made by mail or approved electronic transmission, the county clerk shall, as soon as the absent ballot for the precinct or district in which the voter resides has been prepared pursuant to section 9 of this act, send to the voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service is properly placed on the absent ballot:
  - (a) An absent ballot;
  - (b) A return envelope;
- (c) An envelope or similar device into which the ballot is inserted to ensure its secrecy;
  - (d) An identification envelope, if applicable; and
  - (e) Instructions.
- 2. If the county clerk fails to send an absent ballot pursuant to subsection 1 to a voter who resides within the continental United States, the county clerk may use approved electronic transmission to send an absent ballot and instructions to the voter. The voter may mail or deliver the absent ballot to the county clerk in a manner authorized by law or submit the absent ballot by approved electronic transmission.
- 3. The return envelope sent pursuant to subsection 1 must include postage prepaid by first-class mail if the absent voter is within the boundaries of the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military base.

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

- 5. Before depositing an absent ballot in the mail or sending an absent ballot by approved electronic transmission, the county clerk shall record:
  - (a) The date the absent ballot is issued;
- (b) The name of the absent voter to whom the absent ballot is issued, his or her precinct or district and his or her political





affiliation, if any, unless all the offices on the absent ballot are nonpartisan offices;

(c) The number of the absent ballot; and

(d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

6. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out

the provisions of subsection 2.

- Sec. 19. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951 and 293D.200, when an absent ballot is returned by an absent voter to the county clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in person, and record of its return is made in the absent ballot record for the election, the county clerk or an employee in the office of the county clerk shall check the signature used for the absent ballot in accordance with the following procedure:
- (a) The county clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the absent ballot against all signatures of the absent voter available in the records of the county clerk.
- (b) If at least two employees in the office of the county clerk believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the absent ballot matches the signature of the absent voter, the county clerk shall contact the absent voter and ask the absent voter to confirm whether the signature used for the absent ballot belongs to the absent voter.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if the county clerk determines pursuant to subsection 1 that the absent voter is entitled to cast the absent ballot and:
- (a) No absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, the county clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with any other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver, or cause to be delivered, that container to the appropriate election board.
- (b) An absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, the county clerk shall deposit the absent ballot in the proper ballot box or place the absent ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or under the control of the county clerk at all times. At the end of each day before election day, the county clerk may remove the absent ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the absent ballots in a container and seal the container with a numbered seal. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the county clerk shall deliver the absent ballots to the absent ballot central counting board to be processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the procedures established by the Secretary of State to ensure the confidentiality of the prepared ballots until after the polls have closed pursuant to NRS 293,273 or 293,305.





- 3. If the county clerk determines when checking the signature of the absent voter pursuant to subsection 1 that the absent voter did not sign the return envelope as required pursuant to section 20 of this act but is otherwise entitled to cast the absent ballot, the county clerk shall contact the absent voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a signature established pursuant to subsection 4. For the absent ballot to be counted, the absent voter must provide a signature within the period for the counting of absent ballots pursuant to subsection 2 of section 21 of this act.
- 4. Each county clerk shall prescribe procedures for an absent voter who did not sign the return envelope of an absent ballot in order to:
  - (a) Contact the absent voter;

- (b) Allow the absent voter to provide a signature; and
- (c) After a signature is provided, ensure the absent ballot is delivered to the appropriate election board or the absent ballot central counting board, as applicable.
- Sec. 20. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951, chapter 293D of NRS and subsection 2 of section 18 of this act and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, when a registered voter receives an absent ballot, the voter must mark and fold it in accordance with the instructions, deposit it in the return envelope, seal the envelope, affix his or her signature and last four digits of his or her social security number on the back of the envelope in the space provided therefor and mail or deliver the return envelope.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a registered voter who has requested an absent ballot applies to vote the absent ballot in person at:
- (a) The office of the county clerk, the voter must mark the absent ballot, seal it in the return envelope and affix his or her signature and last four digits of his or her social security number in the same manner as provided in subsection 1, and deliver the envelope to the county clerk.
- (b) A polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, the voter must surrender the absent ballot and provide satisfactory identification before being issued a ballot to vote at the polling place. A person who receives a surrendered absent ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."
- 3. If a registered voter who has requested an absent ballot by mail applies to vote in person at the office of the county clerk or a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and the voter does not have the absent ballot to deliver or surrender, the voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:





(a) Provides satisfactory identification;

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- (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and
- (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not voted during the election.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in sections 14 and 15 of this act, it is unlawful for any person to return an absent ballot other than the voter who requested the absent ballot or, at the request of the voter, a member of the immediate family of the voter. A person who returns an absent ballot and who is a member of the immediate family of the voter who requested the absent ballot:
- (a) Shall, under penalty of perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by the county clerk that the person is a member of the immediate family of the voter who requested the absent ballot and that the voter requested that the person return the absent ballot; and
- (b) Shall not return more than two absent ballots belonging to a member of the person's immediate family for any election.
- 5. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 4 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- Sec. 21. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951 and 293D.200, on the day of an election, the election boards receiving the absent ballots from the county clerk shall, in the presence of a majority of the election board officers, remove the absent ballots from the ballot box and the containers in which the absent ballots were transported pursuant to section 19 of this act and deposit the absent ballots in the regular ballot box in the following manner:
- (a) The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or approved electronic transmission, must be checked as if the voter were voting in person;
- (b) The signature used for the absent ballot must be compared with that on the application to register to vote;
- (c) If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast the absent ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on the absent ballot and return envelope or approved electronic transmission compared, the number strip or stub detached from the absent ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the absent ballot deposited in the regular ballot box; and
- (d) The election board officers shall indicate the roster "Voted" by the name of the voter.
- 2. The board must complete the count of all absent ballots on or before the seventh day following the election.





- Sec. 22. When all absent ballots delivered to the elections boards have been voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951 and 293D.200, the empty envelopes and the envelopes and approved electronic transmissions containing rejected absent ballots must be returned to the county clerk. On all envelopes and approved electronic transmissions containing rejected absent ballots the cause of rejection must be noted and the envelope or approved electronic transmission signed by a majority of the election board officers.
- Sec. 23. 1. In counties in which an absent ballot central counting board is appointed, the county clerk shall provide a ballot box in the county clerk's office for each different ballot listing in the county.
- 2. On each such box there must appear a statement indicating the precincts and district for which such box has been designated.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951 and 293D.200, each absent ballot voted must be deposited in a ballot box according to the precinct or district of the absent voter voting such absent ballot.
- Sec. 24. An error in the information included by a registered voter in a form to request an absent ballot does not constitute grounds for rejecting an absent ballot cast by the absent voter.
- Sec. 25. 1. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the counting board, if it is responsible for counting absent ballots, or the absent ballot central counting board shall withdraw all the absent ballots from each ballot box or container that holds absent ballots received before that day and ascertain that each box or container has the required number of absent ballots according to the county clerk's absent ballot record for the election.
- 2. The counting board or absent ballot central counting board shall count the number of absent ballots in the same manner as election boards.
- Sec. 26. 1. Each day after the initial withdrawal of the absent ballots pursuant to section 25 of this act and before the day of the election, the counting board, if it is responsible for counting absent ballots, or the absent ballot central counting board shall withdraw from the appropriate ballot boxes or containers all the absent ballots received the previous day and ascertain that each box or container has the required number of absent ballots according to the county clerk's absent ballot record for the election.
- 2. If any absent ballots are received by the county clerk on election day pursuant to section 14 of this act, the county clerk





shall deposit the absent ballots in the appropriate ballot boxes or containers.

- 3. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the appropriate board shall, in public, count the votes cast on the absent ballots.
- 4. If paper ballots are used, the results of the absent ballot vote in each precinct must be certified and submitted to the county clerk who shall have the results added to the regular votes of the precinct. The returns of absent ballots must be reported separately from the regular votes of the precinct, unless reporting the returns separately would violate the secrecy of a voter's ballot. The county clerks shall develop a procedure to ensure that each ballot is kept secret.
- 5. Any person who disseminates to the public in any way information pertaining to the count of absent ballots before the polls close is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Sec. 27. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue an identification card at no charge to a person who:
  - 1. Is a registered voter of this State;
- 2. Does not possess a form of proof of identity described in section 4 of this act;
- 3. Attests that he or she is experiencing a financial hardship; and
- 4. Submits an application pursuant to NRS 483.850 and section 28 of this act.
- Sec. 28. 1. A person who wishes to obtain an identification card at no charge pursuant to section 27 of this act must, in addition to the requirements of NRS 483.850, submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles:
- (a) Proof that the applicant is a registered voter of this State; and
- (b) An attestation that he or she is experiencing financial hardship.
- 2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not require a person who submits an application pursuant to this section to provide proof of financial hardship.
  - Sec. 29. NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.016 to 293.121, inclusive, *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.093 "Regular votes" means the votes cast by registered voters, except votes cast by:
  - 1. [A mail ballot;] An absent ballot;





- 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive: or
- 3. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.
  - **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.177 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.165 and 293.166, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary election unless the person named has filed a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than:
- (a) For a candidate for judicial office, the first Monday in January of the year in which the election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in January; and
- (b) For all other candidates, the first Monday in March of the year in which the election is to be held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.
- 2. A declaration of candidacy required to be filed pursuant to this chapter must be in substantially the following form:
  - (a) For partisan office:

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State of Nevada

County of .....

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





1	violation of the provisions of NRS 293.176, changed the
2	designation of my political party or political party affiliation
3	on an official application to register to vote in any state since
4	December 31 before the closing filing date for this election
5	that I generally believe in and intend to support the concepts
6	found in the principles and policies of that political party in
7	the coming election; that if nominated as a candidate of the
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9	nomination and not withdraw; that I will not knowingly
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11	violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in
12	this State; that I will qualify for the office if elected thereto
13	including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation
14	prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State
15	concerning the number of years or terms for which a person
16	may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and
17	willfully filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a
18	false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor
19	and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from
20	entering upon the duties of the office; and that I understand
21	that my name will appear on all ballots as designated in this
22	declaration.
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25	(Designation of name)
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28	(Signature of candidate for office)
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30	Subscribed and sworn to before me
31	this day of the month of of the year
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34	Notary Public or other person
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37	(b) For nonpartisan office:
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39	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY OF FOR THE
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For the purpose of having my name placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of
(Designation of name)
(Signature of candidate for office)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of the month of of the year

Notary Public or other person authorized to administer an oath





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





- 6. By filing the declaration of candidacy, the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed the filing officer for the office as his or her agent for service of process for the purposes of a proceeding pursuant to NRS 293.182. Service of such process must first be attempted at the appropriate address as specified by the candidate in the declaration of candidacy. If the candidate cannot be served at that address, service must be made by personally delivering to and leaving with the filing officer duplicate copies of the process. The filing officer shall immediately send, by registered or certified mail, one of the copies to the candidate at the specified address, unless the candidate has designated in writing to the filing officer a different address for that purpose, in which case the filing officer shall mail the copy to the last address so designated.
- 7. If the filing officer receives credible evidence indicating that a candidate has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her civil rights restored, the filing officer:
- (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the candidate has had his or her civil rights restored; and
- (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from such investigation to the Attorney General, if the filing officer is the Secretary of State, or to the district attorney, if the filing officer is a person other than the Secretary of State.
- 8. The receipt of information by the Attorney General or district attorney pursuant to subsection 7 must be treated as a challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 293.182 to which the provisions of NRS 293.2045 apply.
- 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
  - Sec. 32. NRS 293.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.217 1. The county clerk of each county shall appoint and notify registered voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places in the county as provided in NRS 293.220 to 293.227, inclusive, and [NRS 293.269929.] sections 5, 6 and 25 of this act. The registered voters appointed as election board officers for any polling place must not all be of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election board officers are appointed, if requested by the county clerk, the sheriff shall:
- (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county and for the central election board or the [mail] absent ballot central counting board; or





- (b) Deputize as a deputy sheriff for the election an election board officer of each polling place in the county and for the central election board or the [mail] absent ballot central counting board. The deputized officer shall receive no additional compensation for services rendered as a deputy sheriff during the election for which the officer is deputized.
- → Deputy sheriffs so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during hours of voting and attend closing of the polls.
- 2. The county clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of election board officer as set forth in NRS 293.2175.
  - **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, the Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the election laws of this State, prescribe:
- (a) The form of all ballots, [mail] absent ballots, diagrams, sample ballots, certificates, notices, declarations, applications to preregister and register to vote, lists, applications, registers, rosters, statements and abstracts required by the election laws of this State.
  - (b) The procedures to be followed and the requirements of:
- (1) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.
- (2) The use of the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 by electors and voters with disabilities pursuant to NRS 293.269951.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, the Secretary of State shall prescribe with respect to the matter to be printed on every kind of ballot:
- (a) The placement and listing of all offices, candidates and measures upon which voting is statewide, which must be uniform throughout the State.
- (b) The listing of all other candidates required to file with the Secretary of State, and the order of listing all offices, candidates and measures upon which voting is not statewide, from which each county or city clerk shall prepare appropriate ballot forms for use in any election in his or her county.
- 3. The Secretary of State shall place the condensation of each proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure near the spaces or devices for indicating the voter's choice.
- 4. The fiscal note for, explanation of, arguments for and against, and rebuttals to such arguments of each proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure must be included on all sample ballots.
- 5. The condensations and explanations for constitutional amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon





1 consultation with the Attorney General. The arguments and rebuttals 2 for or against constitutional amendments and statewide measures 3 proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared in the manner set forth in NRS 293.252. The fiscal notes for constitutional 4 5 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon consultation with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative 7 Counsel Bureau. The condensations, explanations, arguments, 9 rebuttals and fiscal notes must be in easily understood language and of reasonable length, and whenever feasible must be completed by 10 August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held. The 11 12 explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a 13 concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to 14 the constitutional amendment or statewide measure and a summary 15 of how the constitutional amendment or statewide measure adds to, 16 changes or repeals such existing laws. For a constitutional 17 amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates, increases 18 or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of 19 the digest must include a statement that the constitutional 20 amendment or statewide measure creates, generates, increases or 21 decreases, as applicable, public revenue. 22

- 6. The names of candidates for township and legislative or special district offices must be printed only on the ballots furnished to voters of that township or district.
  - 7. A county clerk:

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- (a) May divide paper ballots into two sheets in a manner which provides a clear understanding and grouping of all measures and candidates.
- (b) Shall prescribe the color or colors of the ballots and voting receipts used in any election which the clerk is required to conduct.
  - Sec. 34. NRS 293.2693 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2693 If a county or city uses paper ballots, including, without limitation, for [mail] absent ballots, the county or city clerk shall provide a voter education program specific to the voting system used by the county or city. The voter education program must include, without limitation, information concerning the effect of overvoting and the procedures for correcting a vote on a ballot before it is cast and counted and for obtaining a replacement ballot.
- **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.269951 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.269951 1. The Secretary of State shall allow:
- (a) An elector with a disability to use the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to register to vote in every election where the system of approved electronic transmission is available to a covered voter to register to





vote. The deadline for an elector with a disability to use the system of approved electronic transmission to register to vote is the same as the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.230 for a covered voter to register to vote.

- (b) A registered voter with a disability to use the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to apply for and cast [a] an absent ballot in every election where the system of approved electronic transmission is available to a covered voter to request and cast a military-overseas ballot. The deadlines for a registered voter with a disability to use the system of approved electronic transmission to request and cast [a] an absent ballot are the same as the deadlines set forth in NRS 293D.310 and 293D.400 for a covered voter to request and cast a military-overseas ballot.
- 2. Upon receipt of an application and *absent* ballot cast by a person with a disability using the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200, the local elections official shall affix, mark or otherwise acknowledge receipt of the application and *absent* ballot by means of a time stamp on the application.
- 3. The Secretary of State shall ensure that an elector with a disability or a registered voter with a disability may provide his or her digital signature or electronic signature on any document or other material that is necessary for the elector or registered voter to register to vote, apply for [a] an absent ballot or cast [a] an absent ballot, as applicable.
- 4. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content of a declaration for use by an elector with a disability or a registered voter with a disability to swear or affirm specific representations pertaining to identity, eligibility to vote, status as such an elector or registered voter and timely and proper completion of [a] an absent ballot.
- 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the duties of the county clerk upon receipt of [a] an absent ballot sent by a registered voter with a disability using the system of approved electronic transmission, including, without limitation, the procedures to be used in accepting, handling and counting the absent ballot.
- 6. The Secretary of State shall make available to an elector with a disability or a registered voter with a disability information regarding instructions on using the system for approved electronic transmission to register to vote and apply for and cast [a] an absent ballot.
- 7. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulation necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
  - 8. As used in this section:





- (a) "Covered voter" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.030.
- (b) "Digital signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 720.060.
- (c) "Electronic signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 719.100.
- (d) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.050.
  - **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or computer to vote shall, for the first election in which the person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is registered to vote.
  - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to federal law or chapter 293D of NRS [:] or section 14 of this act;
  - (b) Is disabled;

- (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; [or]
- (d) [Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.269913 and includes a copy of the information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant to NRS 293.269915.] Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary public or other person authorized to administer an oath; or
- (e) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the county clerk.
  - **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081, 293.3083 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer or is registered to vote by an automatic voter registration agency, or a person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:
- (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents *proof* of identity to the election board officer at the polling place; :
- (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check





which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card;] and

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





- (d) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;
- (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
- (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.
- 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.

**Sec. 38.** NRS 293.2733 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.2733 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the county clerk for the establishment within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election of F:
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- (b) A ballot drop box; or
- (c) Both a polling place and a ballot drop box.
- 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place [, a ballot drop box or both a polling place and a ballot drop box] within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election:
- (a) Must be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:
- (1) If the request is for a primary election, March 1 of the year in which the primary election is to be held.
- (2) If the request is for a presidential preference primary election, the first Friday in November of the year immediately preceding the year of the presidential preference primary election.
- (3) If the request is for a general election, August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held.
- (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling place. [or ballot drop box.] Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria the county clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling place. [or ballot drop box, as applicable.]
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2, the county clerk must establish at least one polling place for ballot box, as applicable,] within the boundaries of





the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable, approved by the Indian tribe for the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election. The county clerk is not required to establish a polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election if the county clerk established a temporary branch polling place for early voting pursuant to NRS 293.3572 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same election.

4. If the county clerk establishes one or more polling places [or ballot drop boxes] within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to subsection 3 for the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, the county clerk must continue to establish one or more polling places [or ballot drop boxes] within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.

**Sec. 39.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, 293.541, 293.57691 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote and must [sign]:

(a) Present proof of identity; and

- (b) Sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. 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.] on his or her proof of identity.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place are:
- (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
- (b) A driver's license;
- 38 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor 39 Vehicles;
  - (d) A military identification card; or
- 41 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental 42 agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description 43 or picture.





- 3.] The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
  - **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.283 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by NRS 293.277, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with his or her proof of [identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.
- **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:
- (a) A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and
  - (b) The election board officer shall:
    - (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;
    - (2) Require the registered voter to present proof of identity;
- (3) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;
- [(3)] (4) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277; and
- [(4)] (5) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature does not match, the *registered* 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 *registered* voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with his or her proof of [identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 3. If the signature of the *registered* voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to preregister or





register to vote, the *registered* voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

- 4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a *registered* voter may include his or her date of birth.
  - **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.287 1. A registered voter applying to vote at any primary election or presidential preference primary election shall give his or her name and political affiliation, if any, to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name and political affiliation [...] and require that the registered voter present proof of identity.
- 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by any registered voter upon:
  - (a) Any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293.303;
- (b) The ground that the person applying does not belong to the political party designated upon the roster; or
- (c) The ground that the roster does not show that the person designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong.
- 3. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner provided by NRS 293.303.
- 4. A registered voter who has designated on his or her application to register to vote an affiliation with a minor political party may vote a nonpartisan ballot at the primary election.
  - Sec. 43. NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:
  - 1. A sample ballot;
- 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of the polling place;
- 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:
- 4. Instructions concerning the proof of identity required to vote at the polling place;
- 5. Instructions concerning the identification required for persons who registered by mail or computer and are first-time voters for federal office in this State;
- [5.] 6. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to persons with disabilities;
- [6.] 7. General information concerning federal and state laws which prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and





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

**Sec. 44.** NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

- (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.
- (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.
- 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:
- (a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not belong to the political party designated upon the roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I belong to the political party designated upon the roster";
- (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the roster does not show that the challenged person designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I designated on the application to register to vote the political party to which I claim to belong";
- (c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster";
- (d) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person previously voted a ballot for the election, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or questions included on this ballot for this election"; or
- (e) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is not the person he or she claims to be, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this roster."
- → The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under penalty of perjury.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged" by the person's name.



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- 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue the person a nonpartisan ballot.
- 5. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.304.
- 6. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue the person a partisan ballot.
- 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.
- 8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person !:
- (a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or
- (b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who:
- (1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and
- (2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] furnishes proof of identity.
  - 9. The election board officers shall:
  - (a) Record on the challenge list:
    - (1) The name of the challenged person;
- (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and
  - (3) The result of the challenge; and
- (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.
  - **Sec. 45.** NRS 293.3075 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3075 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a





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

- (a) Determine [that] whether the person is a registered voter in the county and has not already voted in that county in the current election:
  - (b) Require the registered voter to present proof of identity;
- (c) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and

[(e)] (d) Verify the signature of the **registered** voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature of the *registered* voter does not match, the *registered* 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 *registered* voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with his or her proof of [identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 3. If the signature of the *registered* voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the *registered* voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 5. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the *registered* voter;
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.





- 7. A *registered* voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.
  - Sec. 46. NRS 293.3081 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

- 1. Declares that he or she has registered to vote and is eligible to vote at that election in that jurisdiction, but [his or her]:
- (a) The name of the person does not appear on a voter registration list as a voter eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction [or an];
- (b) An election official asserts that the person is not eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction; or
  - (c) The person fails to present proof of identity.
- 2. Applies by mail or computer, on or after January 1, 2003, to register to vote and has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State and fails to provide [the identification required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725] proof of identity to the election board officer at the polling place; or
- 3. Declares that he or she is entitled to vote after the polling place would normally close as a result of a court order or other order extending the time established for the closing of polls pursuant to a law of this State in effect 10 days before the date of the election.
- **Sec. 47.** NRS 293.3082 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3082 1. Before a person may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3081, the person must complete a written affirmation on a form provided by an election board officer, as prescribed by the Secretary of State, at the polling place which includes:
  - (a) The name of the person casting the provisional ballot;
  - (b) The reason for casting the provisional ballot;
- (c) A statement in which the person casting the provisional ballot affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a registered voter in the jurisdiction and is eligible to vote in the election;
  - (d) The date and type of election;
  - (e) The signature of the person casting the provisional ballot;
  - (f) The signature of the election board officer;
- (g) A unique affirmation identification number assigned to the person casting the provisional ballot;
- (h) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293.3081:





- (1) An indication by the person as to whether or not he or she provided the required identification at the time the person applied to register to vote;
- (2) The address of the person as listed on the application to register to vote;
- (3) Information concerning the place, manner and approximate date on which the person applied to register to vote;
- (4) Any other information that the person believes may be useful in verifying that the person has registered to vote; and
- (5) A statement informing the voter that if the voter does not provide [identification] proof of identity at the time the voter casts the provisional ballot, the required [identification] proof of identity must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted;
- (i) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.3081:
- (1) The address of the person as listed on the application to register to vote;
- (2) The voter registration number, if any, issued to the person; and
- (3) A statement informing the voter that the required [identification] proof of identity must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted; and
- (j) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081, the voter registration number, if any, issued to the person.
- 2. After a person completes a written affirmation pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) The election board officer shall provide the person with a receipt that includes the unique affirmation identification number described in subsection 1 and that explains how the person may use the free access system established pursuant to NRS 293.3086 to ascertain whether the person's vote was counted, and, if the vote was not counted, the reason why the vote was not counted;
- (b) The voter's name and applicable information must be entered into the roster in a manner which indicates that the voter cast a provisional ballot; and
- (c) The election board officer shall issue a provisional ballot to the person to vote.





**Sec. 48.** NRS 293.3085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. The county and city clerk shall not:

- (a) Include any provisional ballot in the unofficial results reported on election night; or
- (b) Open any envelope containing a provisional ballot before 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a provisional ballot must be counted if:
- (a) The county or city clerk determines that the person who cast the provisional ballot was registered to vote in the election, eligible to vote in the election and issued the appropriate ballot for the address at which the person resides;
- (b) A voter who failed to provide required identification at the polling place or with his or her mailed ballot provides the required identification to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day [;], including, if applicable, his or her proof of identity; or
- (c) A court order has not been issued by 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day directing that provisional ballots cast pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081 not be counted, and the provisional ballot was cast pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081.
- 4. A provisional ballot must not be counted if the county or city clerk determines that the person who cast the provisional ballot cast the wrong ballot for the address at which the person resides.
  - **Sec. 49.** NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.356 If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the election board shall, *except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of a polling place for early voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564, 293.3572, 293.3575 or 298.690.
  - **Sec. 50.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283

and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:

- (a) Determine [that] whether the person is a registered voter in the county.
  - (b) Require the registered voter to present proof of identity.
- (c) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.





[(e)] (d) Verify the signature of the **registered** voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.

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

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature of the *registered* voter does not match, the *registered* 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 *registered* voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with proof of [identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 3. If the signature of the *registered* voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the *registered* voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 5. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable, must contain:
- (a) The *registered* voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the *registered* voter's signature;
- (b) The *registered* voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
  - (c) The date of voting early in person.
- 6. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the *registered* voter;
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.





- 8. A *registered* voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.
- 9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a *registered* voter may include his or her date of birth.

**Sec. 51.** NRS 293.3625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3625 The county clerk shall make a record of the receipt at the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport official ballots pursuant to NRS 293.304, 293B.330 and 293B.335 ... and section 19 of this act. The record must include the numbers indicated on the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293.462.

Sec. 52. NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.365 [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269931,

**no**] *No* counting board in any precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used may commence to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are accounted for.

**Sec. 53.** NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.391 The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 [, reports prepared pursuant to NRS <del>293.269937</del> and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The records of voted ballots that are maintained in electronic form must. after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be sealed and deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The tally lists collected pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months, and all such sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after the preservation period. A notice of the destruction must be published by the clerk in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county not less than 2 weeks before the destruction.

- 2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk and preserved for at least the period during which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.
- 3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the board of county commissioners are subject to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the county clerk.
- 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material regarding that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1





- or 2, except the voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the county clerk.
- 5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the county clerk are not subject to the inspection of anyone, except in cases of a contested election, and then only by the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of such judge, body or board.
  - **Sec. 54.** NRS 293.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.462 1. Each container used to transport official ballots pursuant to NRS 293.304, 293B.330 and 293B.335 *and section 19 of this act* must:
  - (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and
- (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure detection of any opening of the container.
- 2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for identification.
  - **Sec. 55.** NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a county to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory deadline in a particular election, the county clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:
- (a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county; and
- (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered voter who [received a mail] requested an absent ballot for the election and has not returned the [mail] ballot before the date on which the notice will be transmitted.
- 2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be published:
- (a) In a county whose population is 47,500 or more, on at least 3 successive days.
- (b) In a county whose population is less than 47,500, at least twice in successive issues of the newspaper.
  - **Sec. 56.** NRS 293.4688 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.4688 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that:
- (a) All public information that is included on the Internet website required pursuant to NRS 293.4687 is accessible on a mobile device; and
- (b) A person may use a mobile device to submit any information or form related to elections that a person may otherwise submit electronically to the Secretary of State, including, without limitation,





an application to preregister or register to vote, *a request for an absent ballot* and a request for a military-overseas ballot.

2. As used in this section:

- (a) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.050.
- (b) "Mobile device" includes, without limitation, a smartphone or a tablet computer.

**Sec. 57.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:

- 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS [293.269911,] 293.269951, 293.2955 and 293.296 [...] and sections 12, 14 and 15 of this act.
- 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.
- 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:
  - (a) Related to elections: and
  - (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed form.
    - Sec. 58. NRS 293.5002 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5002 1. The Secretary of State shall establish procedures to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive, to:
  - (a) Preregister or register to vote; and
  - (b) Vote by [mail] absent ballot,
- → without revealing the confidential address of the person.
- 2. In addition to establishing appropriate procedures or developing forms pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State shall develop a form to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued to preregister or register to vote or to change the address of the person's current preregistration or registration, as applicable. The form must include:
- (a) A section that contains the confidential address of the person; and
  - (b) A section that contains the fictitious address of the person.





- 3. Upon receiving a completed form from a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued, the Secretary of State shall:
- (a) On the portion of the form that contains the fictitious address of the person, indicate the county and precinct in which the person will vote and forward this portion of the form to the appropriate county clerk; and
- (b) File the portion of the form that contains the confidential address.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any request received by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 shall be deemed a request for a permanent absent ballot.
  - 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:
- (a) The Secretary of State and each county clerk shall keep the portion of the form developed pursuant to subsection 2 that he or she retains separate from other applications for preregistration or registration.
- (b) The Secretary of State or a county or city clerk shall not make the name, confidential address, fictitious address, telephone number or electronic mail address of the person who has been issued a fictitious address available for:
  - (1) Inspection or copying; or
- (2) Inclusion in any list that is made available for public inspection,
- unless directed to do so by lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
  - **Sec. 59.** NRS 293.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.502 1. An elector:
- (a) Who complies with the requirements for registration set forth in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;
  - (b) Who, not more than 60 days before an election:
- (1) Is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is discharged from the Armed Forces; or
- (2) Is separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States;
- (c) Who presents evidence of the discharge from the Armed Forces or separation from employment described in paragraph (b) to the county clerk; and
- (d) Who is not registered to vote at the close of registration for that election.
  - → must be allowed to register to vote in the election.
    - 2. Such an elector must:





(a) Register in person; and

- (b) Vote in the office of the county clerk unless the elector is otherwise entitled to vote [a mail] an absent ballot pursuant to federal law.
- 3. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out a program of registration for such electors.

**Sec. 60.** NRS 293.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.505 1. All justices of the peace, except those located in county seats, are ex officio field registrars to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
- 2. The county clerk shall appoint at least one registered voter to serve as a field registrar of voters who, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5055, shall preregister and register voters within the county for which the field registrar is appointed. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, a candidate for any office may not be appointed or serve as a field registrar. A field registrar serves at the pleasure of the county clerk and shall perform such duties as the county clerk may direct. The county clerk shall not knowingly appoint any person as a field registrar who has been convicted of a felony involving theft or fraud. The Secretary of State may bring an action against a county clerk to collect a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each person who is appointed as a field registrar in violation of this subsection. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.
- 3. A field registrar shall demand of any person who applies for preregistration or registration all information required by the application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable, and shall administer all oaths required by this chapter.
- 4. When a field registrar has in his or her possession five or more completed applications to preregister or register to vote, the field registrar shall forward them to the county clerk, but in no case may the field registrar hold any number of them for more than 10 days.
- 5. Each field registrar shall forward to the county clerk all completed applications in his or her possession immediately after the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable. Within 5 days after the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable, a field registrar shall return all unused applications in his or her possession to the county clerk. If all of the unused applications are not returned to the county clerk, the field registrar shall account for the unreturned applications.
- 6. Each field registrar shall submit to the county clerk a list of the serial numbers of the completed applications to preregister or





register to vote and the names of the electors on those applications. The serial numbers must be listed in numerical order.

- 7. Each field registrar shall post notices sent to him or her by the county clerk for posting in accordance with the election laws of this State.
- 8. A field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or person assisting a voter pursuant to NRS 293.5235 shall not:
  - (a) Delegate any of his or her duties to another person; or
- (b) Refuse to preregister or register a person on account of that person's political party affiliation.
- 9. A person shall not hold himself or herself out to be or attempt to exercise the duties of a field registrar unless the person has been so appointed.
- 10. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or person assisting another person pursuant to NRS 293.5235 shall not:
- (a) Solicit a vote for or against a particular question or candidate;
- (b) Speak to a person on the subject of marking his or her ballot for or against a particular question or candidate; or
- (c) Distribute any petition or other material concerning a candidate or question which will be on the ballot for the ensuing election,
- → while preregistering or registering the person.
- 11. When the county clerk receives applications to preregister or register to vote from a field registrar, the county clerk shall issue a receipt to the field registrar. The receipt must include:
  - (a) The number of persons preregistered or registered; and
  - (b) The political party of the persons preregistered or registered.
- 12. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or person assisting another person pursuant to NRS 293.5235 shall not:
  - (a) Knowingly:

- (1) Register a person who is not a qualified elector or a person who has filed a false or misleading application to register to vote: or
- (2) Preregister a person who does not meet the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855; or
- (b) Preregister or register a person who fails to provide satisfactory [proof] evidence of [identification] his or her identity and the address at which the person actually resides.
- 13. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency, person assisting another person pursuant to NRS 293.5235 or any other person providing a form for the





application to preregister or register to vote to an elector for the purpose of preregistering or registering to vote:

- (a) If the person who assists another person with completing the form for the application to preregister or register to vote retains the form, shall enter his or her name on the duplicate copy or receipt retained by the person upon completion of the form; and
- (b) Shall not alter, deface or destroy an application to preregister or register to vote that has been signed by a person except to correct information contained in the application after receiving notice from the person that a change in or addition to the information is required.
- 14. If a field registrar violates any of the provisions of this section, the county clerk shall immediately suspend the field registrar and notify the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred.
- 15. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsection 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - **Sec. 61.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or register to vote, and providing [proof] evidence of residence and identity [;] in accordance with this subsection;
- (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5727 or chapter 293D of NRS;
- (d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar pursuant to NRS 293.5237;
- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or
- (f) By any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.
- The county clerk shall require a person to submit official identification as **[proof]** evidence of residence and identity **[,]** in accordance with this subsection, such as a driver's license or other official document, before preregistering or registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this





subsection and fails to provide **[proof]** evidence of residence and identity, the applicant must provide **[proof]** evidence of residence and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide **[proof]** evidence of the residence or identity of a person.

- 2. In addition to the methods for registering to vote described in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote pursuant to:
  - (a) NRS 293.269951, if applicable;

- (b) NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive; or
- (c) NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, the application to preregister or register to vote must be signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person preregistering or the elector registering.
- 4. Each person or elector who is or has been married must be preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her spouse.
- 5. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered and changes his or her name must complete a new application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector may obtain a new application:
  - (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
- (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or register to vote;
  - (d) At any voter registration agency; or
- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish [proof] evidence of his or her identity and subsequent change of name.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8 and NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, an elector who registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.
- 7. After the county clerk determines that the application to register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant





to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration card to the voter.

- 8. If a person or an elector submits an application to preregister or register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to the application if the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is not eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, as applicable. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall immediately notify the person or elector, as applicable, and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days after the district attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:
- (a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and
  - (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application.
- 9. If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the application pursuant to subsection 8, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant, unless the applicant is preregistered to vote and does not currently meet the requirements to be issued a voter registration card pursuant to NRS 293.4855.
- **Sec. 62.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.541

  1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration of a person or the registration of a voter if:
- (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that information in the application to preregister or register to vote
- information in the application to preregister or register to vote concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is fraudulent;
- (b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to subsection 3; and
- (c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory **[proof]** *evidence* of identity and residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk shall notify the person or voter by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to subsection 1. The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation. Unless the person or voter, within 15 days after the return receipt





has been filed in the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory **[proof]** *evidence* of identity and residence to the county clerk, the county clerk shall cancel the person's preregistration or the voter's registration, as applicable.

3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to provide the notice required by subsection 2 to a registered voter, the county clerk shall execute an affidavit of cancellation and attach a

copy of the affidavit of cancellation in the roster.

4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if, in addition to the proof of identity required pursuant to NRS 293.277 or 293.3585, the voter furnishes:

- (a) [Official identification which contains a photograph of the voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other official document;] *Proof of identity*; and
- (b) Satisfactory [identification that contains proof] evidence of the address at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with the address listed on the roster.
- 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and [a mail] an absent ballot is received from the voter, the [mail] absent ballot must be kept separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter presents satisfactory proof of identity to the county clerk [of identity] and satisfactory proof of residence before such ballots are counted on election day.
- 6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card does not provide [proof] evidence of the:
  - (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or
  - (b) Residence [or identity] of a person.

**Sec. 63.** NRS 293.5768 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.5768 1. The following agencies are automatic voter registration agencies:
  - (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles;
  - (b) The Department of Health and Human Services;
- (c) Any agency designated by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to receive applications for Medicaid;
- (d) The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange created by NRS 695I.200;
- (e) Any agency that has been designated by the Governor as an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to NRS 293.57682; and
- (f) Any agency of an Indian tribe that has been designated by the Governor to be an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to NRS 293.57684.





- 2. If, in the normal course of business, an automatic voter registration agency collects sufficient information that demonstrates a person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth, the provisions of NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, apply to the automatic voter registration agency when a person submits any of the following:
- (a) An application for the issuance or renewal of or change of address for any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
  - (b) An application for Medicaid through the system established by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 422.2703;
- (c) An application for health insurance through the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange; and
- (d) An application for any service or assistance from an automatic voter registration agency described in paragraph (e) or (f) of subsection 1.
  - 3. An automatic voter registration agency shall not:
- (a) Request any additional information for purposes of voter registration that is not required in the normal course of business; and
- (b) Transmit any information about a person using the system established pursuant to NRS 293.57686 if the person did not provide the agency in the normal course of business sufficient information that demonstrates the person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth.
- **Sec. 64.** NRS 293.57682 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.57682 1. The Governor may designate any agency in the Executive Department of the State Government not described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 293.5768 as an automatic voter registration agency if the agency collects in the regular course of business from a person applying to the agency to receive any service or assistance sufficient information that demonstrates a person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth.
- 2. Upon the designation of an agency as an automatic voter registration agency pursuant to subsection 1:
  - (a) The Governor shall notify the Secretary of State; and
- (b) The Secretary of State and the automatic voter registration agency shall comply with the provisions of NRS 293.57686.





**Sec. 65.** NRS 293.57684 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.57684 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the Governor for approval to allow an agency of the tribe to become an automatic voter registration agency in order to submit voter registration information of tribal members to the Secretary of State and the appropriate county clerk for the purpose of registering tribal members to vote or updating the voter registration information of tribal members for the purpose of correcting the statewide voter registration list pursuant to NRS 293.530.

- 2. If the Governor finds that the tribal agency collects in the regular course of business from a person applying to the agency to receive any service or assistance sufficient information that demonstrates the person is qualified to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, including, without limitation, [proof] evidence of identity, citizenship, residence and date of birth:
- (a) The Governor shall designate the tribal agency as an automatic voter registration agency; and
- (b) The Secretary of State and the Indian tribe shall comply with the provisions of NRS 293.57686.
- **Sec. 66.** NRS 293.57691 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.57691 1. A county clerk shall not reject as an application to register to vote the information received from an automatic voter registration agency solely on the basis that the information does not contain an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person who is applying to vote or update his or her voter registration information on the statewide voter registration list.
- 2. If the county clerk does not receive an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person from the automatic voter registration agency, the county clerk must obtain the person's signature or an electronic facsimile of the person's signature through one of the following methods:
- (a) Through the notice provided by the county clerk to the person pursuant to NRS 293.57693, if the notice is returned to the county clerk by the person and the returned notice includes the person's signature;
- (b) Requesting an electronic facsimile of the person's signature from the Department of Motor Vehicles or another state agency;
- (c) Requesting the person to submit an electronic facsimile of the person's signature through a method approved by the Secretary of State; or





- (d) Requesting the person to sign a paper or electronic form the first time the person applies to vote in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting by personal appearance. A signature provided by a person pursuant to this paragraph must be compared to [one of the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place set forth in NRS 293.277] the signature on the person's proof of identity before the person is allowed to vote in person.
- 3. In addition to the requirements of this section and NRS 293.2725, a person who is registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, must provide an affirmation signed under penalty of perjury that the person is eligible to vote the first time a person votes in person or by [mail] absent ballot if the person has not already provided such an affirmation to the county clerk.
  - **Sec. 67.** NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5837 1. An elector may register to vote in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection 2 to vote in person.
- 2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this section less than 14 days before the election, the elector may vote only in person:
- (a) During the period for early voting, at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote; or
  - (b) On the day of the election, at:
- (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote; or
  - (2) The polling place for his or her election precinct.
- 3. To vote in person, an elector who submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this section must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place described in subsection 2:
- (b) Inform an election board officer that, before appearing at the polling place, the elector submitted an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; and
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by





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

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

- (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
  - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
  - (h) A property tax statement; or
  - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 5. Subject to final verification, if an elector submits an application to register to vote and appears at a polling place to vote in person pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the elector submitted the application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 and that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
  - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.
  - **Sec. 68.** NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.





- 2. To register to vote in person during the period for early voting, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:
  - (1) A paper application; or

- (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- → If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as **[proof]** *evidence* of the elector's identity and residency.
- 3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
  - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service:
  - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
  - (d) A paycheck;
  - (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
  - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
  - (h) A property tax statement; or
  - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:
- 40 (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to 41 vote at the polling place upon:
  - (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
  - (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.





- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
  - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.
  - **Sec. 69.** NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- 2. To register to vote on the day of the election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:
  - (1) A paper application; or
- (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- → If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as **[proof]** *evidence* of the elector's identity and residency.
- 3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
  - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;
  - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
  - (d) A paycheck;
  - (e) An income tax return;





- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
  - (g) A motor vehicle registration;

- (h) A property tax statement; or
- (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
  - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
  - (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.
  - **Sec. 70.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not:
- (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of the election.
- (b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter, other than [a mail] an absent ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.
- (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 one at which the person is entitled to vote.
- (e) Show his or her ballot to another person, after voting, so as to reveal any of his or her votes on the ballot, other than on his or her [mail] absent ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.
- (f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for his or her name, address or political affiliation or for whom he or she intends to vote.
- (g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other than [a mail] an absent ballot or military-overseas ballot when permitted pursuant to this title.
- (h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface, damage or destroy [a mail] an absent ballot or military-overseas





ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

2. A voter shall not:

- (a) Accept a ballot from another person, other than an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties or a person who sends, transmits, distributes or delivers [a mail] an absent ballot or military-overseas ballot to the voter when permitted pursuant to this title.
- (b) Deliver to an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties 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 that he or she voted, other than any such mark that is permitted to be placed on [a mail] an absent ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.
- 3. [A person other than a county or city clerk shall not set up a ballot drop box that purports to be an official ballot drop box for mail ballots.
- —4.] 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. 71.** NRS 293.775 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.775 1. A person who is not a qualified elector and who votes or attempts to vote knowing that he or she is not a qualified elector is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 2. A person who votes or attempts to vote using the name of another person, including, without limitation, voting the absent ballot of another person, is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- **Sec. 72.** Chapter 293B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

The absent ballot inspection board shall:

- 1. Perform functions similar to those of the central ballot inspection board and the ballot duplicating board as those functions are applicable to absent ballots.
- 2. Bundle the empty absent ballot return envelopes according to ballot type or precinct and deliver the bundles to the county clerk.
- 3. Treat any absent ballot return envelope found not to contain a ballot as a rejected ballot and place each such envelope in a separate larger envelope on which must be written the ballot code or precinct and the reason for the rejection.





**Sec. 73.** NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293B.130 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting system is to be used, the county clerk shall prepare or cause to be prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

- (a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.
- (b) All unlawful votes, including, without limitation, overvotes or, in a primary election or presidential preference primary election, votes cast for a candidate of a major political party other than the party, if any, of the registration of the voter must not be counted.
  - (c) If the election is:

- (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year;
- (2) A presidential preference primary election; or
- (3) A general election,
- the total votes, other than [mail] absent ballots, must be accumulated by precinct.
- (d) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered which lacks a code identifying the precinct in which it was voted and, in a primary election or presidential preference primary election, identifying the major political party of the voter.
- 2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the accuracy certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293B.140.
- 3. The county clerk shall take such measures as he or she deems necessary to protect the program from being altered or damaged.
  - **Sec. 74.** NRS 293B.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293B.360 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of votes cast at any election conducted under a mechanical voting system, the county clerk shall create a computer program and processing accuracy board, and may create:
  - (a) A central ballot inspection board;
- (b) [A mail] An absent ballot [inspection] central counting board;
  - (c) A ballot duplicating board;
  - (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and
- (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the county clerk deems necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk may determine the number of members to constitute any board. The county clerk shall make any appointments from among competent persons who are registered voters in this State. The





members of each board must represent all political parties as equally as possible. The same person may be appointed to more than one board but must meet the particular qualifications for each board to which he or she is appointed.

- 3. If the county clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the county clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The members of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same political party.
- 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the pleasure of the county clerk.

**Sec. 75.** NRS 293B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

- (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting area where the computers are located during the period when ballots are being processed if those members do not interfere with the processing of the ballots.
  - (b) Receive ballots and maintain groupings of them by precinct.
- (c) Before each counting of the ballots or computer run begins, validate the testing material with the counting program.
- (d) Maintain a log showing the sequence in which the ballots of each precinct are processed, as a measure to ensure that the ballots of all precincts are processed.
- (e) After each counting of the ballots, again verify the testing material with the counting program to substantiate that there has been no substitution or irregularity.
- (f) Record an explanation of any irregularity that occurs in the processing.
  - (g) If the election is:
    - (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or
    - (2) A general election,
- resure that a list is compiled indicating the total votes, other than mail absent ballots, which each candidate accumulated in each precinct.
- (h) Collect all returns, programs, testing materials, ballots and other items used in the election at the computer center and package and deliver the items to the county clerk for sealing and storage.
- **Sec. 76.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 77 to 101, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 77. 1. When it appears to the satisfaction of the city clerk that an absent ballot central counting board will expedite the





work of tallying the absent ballot vote of the city, the city clerk may appoint such a board.

- 2. In a city where an absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, no central election board may be appointed. The absent ballot central counting board shall perform the duties of the central election board.
- Sec. 78. 1. An absent ballot central counting board consists of election board officers appointed in such numbers as the city clerk determines to be required by the volume of absent ballots requested.
- 2. The city clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with elections shall be deemed officers of the absent ballot central counting board.
- 3. When requested by the city clerk, the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall appoint an officer to keep order during the counting of the absent ballot votes by the absent ballot central counting board.
- 4. The absent ballot central counting board is under the direction of the city clerk.
- Sec. 79. An absent ballot for a city election must be voted on a paper ballot.
- Sec. 80. As used in sections 80 to 87, inclusive, of this act, "sufficient written notice" means a:
- I. Written request for an absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter and returned to the city clerk in person or by mail or approved electronic transmission;
- 2. Form prescribed by the Secretary of State that is completed and signed by the registered voter and returned to the city clerk in person or by mail or approved electronic transmission; or
  - 3. Form provided by the Federal Government.
- Sec. 81. 1. The city clerk shall prepare an absent ballot for the use of registered voters who have requested absent ballots. The city clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the absent ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the absent ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.
- 2. The ballot must be prepared and ready for distribution to a registered voter who:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides within or outside this State, not later than 20 days before the election in which it will be used.
- (b) Requested an absent ballot pursuant to the provisions of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than 45 days before the election.





3. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to subsection 2 is most and of no effect.

Sec. 82. 1. A person who, during the 6 months immediately preceding an election, distributes to more than a total of 500 registered voters a form to request an absent ballot for the election shall:

- (a) Distribute the form prescribed by the Secretary of State, which must, in 14-point type or larger at the top of the first page of the form:
  - (1) Identity the person who is distributing the form; and
- (2) Include the following notice stating, with the first sentence of the notice in bold type:

This is not an official elections notice from the Secretary of State or your county or city clerk. This is a form to request an absent ballot that you may submit to your county or city clerk if you want to vote by absent ballot. However, even if you want to vote by absent ballot, you do not need to submit this form if you have already requested an absent ballot for this election year or are already entitled to receive an absent ballot for all elections.

- (b) Not later than 28 days before distributing such a form, provide to the city clerk of each city to which a form will be distributed written notification of the approximate number of forms to be distributed to voters in the city and of the first date on which the forms will be distributed.
- (c) Not return or offer to return to a city clerk a form that was mailed to a registered voter pursuant to this subsection.
  - (d) Not mail such a form later than 35 days before the election.
- 2. The provisions of this section do not authorize a person to vote by absent ballot if the person is not otherwise eligible to vote by absent ballot.
- Sec. 83. 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS and section 94 of this act, a registered voter who requests and receives an absent ballot may vote only by absent ballot at the election for which the absent ballot was issued.
- 2. If a registered voter has requested an absent ballot and the absent ballot has been mailed or issued, the city clerk shall notify the appropriate election board that the registered voter has requested an absent ballot.
- Sec. 84. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502 and 293C.265 and sections 86 and 87 of this act, a registered voter





may request an absent ballot if, before 5 p.m. on the 14th calendar day preceding the election, the registered voter:

(a) Provides sufficient written notice to the city clerk; and

- (b) Has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the city clerk.
- 2. A city clerk shall consider a request from a registered voter who has given sufficient written notice on a form provided by the Federal Government as a request for an absent ballot for the primary city and general city elections immediately following the date on which the city clerk received the request.
- 3. It is unlawful for a person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person or to induce or coerce another person fraudulently to request an absent ballot in the name of another person. A person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

Sec. 85. 1. Every request for an absent ballot must be made available for public inspection.

- 2. A city clerk who allows a person to copy information from an application for an absent ballot is immune from any civil or criminal liability for any damage caused by the distribution of that information, unless the city clerk knowingly and willingly allows a person who intends to use the information to further an unlawful act to copy such information.
- Sec. 86. 1. Any registered voter who is unable to go to the polls:
- (a) Because of an illness or disability resulting in confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home; or
- (b) Because the registered voter is suddenly hospitalized, becomes seriously ill or is called away from home after the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot for the election pursuant to subsection 1 of section 84 of this act,
- may submit a written request to the city clerk for an absent ballot. The request must be submitted before 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
- 2. If the city clerk determines that a request submitted pursuant to subsection I includes the information required pursuant to subsection 3, the city clerk shall, at the office of the city clerk, deliver an absent ballot to the person designated in the request to obtain the absent ballot for the registered voter.
- 3. A written request submitted pursuant to subsection 1 must include:
- (a) The name, address and signature of the registered voter requesting the absent ballot;





(b) The name, address and signature of the person designated by the registered voter to obtain, deliver and return the absent ballot for the registered voter;

(c) A brief statement of the illness or disability of the registered voter or of facts sufficient to establish that the registered voter was called away from home after the time had elapsed for requesting

the absent ballot;

(d) If the registered voter is confined in a hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home, a statement that he or she will be confined therein on the day of the election; and

- (e) Unless the person designated pursuant to paragraph (b) will mark and sign the absent ballot on behalf of the registered voter pursuant to subsection 5, a statement signed under penalty of perjury that only the registered voter will mark and sign the absent ballot.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, in order to vote the absent ballot, the registered voter must, in accordance with the instructions:
  - (a) Mark and fold the absent ballot;
- (b) Deposit the absent ballot in the return envelope and seal the return envelope;
- (c) Affix his or her signature and the last four digits of his or her social security number on the return envelope in the space provided; and
- (d) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized by law.
- 5. A person designated in a request submitted pursuant to subsection 3 may, on behalf of and at the direction of the registered voter, mark and sign the absent ballot. If the person marks and signs the absent ballot pursuant to this section, the person must:
- (a) Indicate next to his or her signature that the absent ballot has been marked and signed on behalf of the registered voter; and
- (b) Submit a written statement with the absent ballot that indicates the name, address and signature of the person.
- 6. An absent ballot prepared by or on behalf of the registered voter pursuant to this section must be mailed or delivered to the city clerk in accordance with section 88 of this act.
- 7. The procedure authorized by this section is subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 87. 1. A registered voter who provides sufficient written notice to the appropriate city clerk may request that the





registered voter receive an absent ballot for all elections at which the registered voter is eligible to vote.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, upon receipt of a request submitted by a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall:
- (a) Issue an absent ballot to the registered voter for each primary city election, general city election and special city election that is conducted after the date the written statement is submitted to the city clerk.
- (b) Inform the applicable county clerk of receipt of the written statement. Upon receipt of the notice from the city clerk, the county clerk shall issue an absent ballot for each primary election, presidential preference primary election, general election and special election that is not a city election that is conducted after the date the county clerk receives notice from the city clerk.
- 3. If, at the direction of a registered voter with a physical disability or who is at least 65 years of age, a person:
- (a) Marks and signs an absent ballot issued to the registered voter pursuant to the provisions of this section on behalf of the registered voter, the person must:
- (1) Indicate next to his or her signature that the ballot has been marked and signed on behalf of the registered voter; and
- (2) Submit a written statement with the absent ballot that includes the name, address and signature of the person.
- (b) Assists the registered voter to mark and sign an absent ballot issued to the registered voter pursuant to this section, the person or registered voter must submit a written statement with the absent ballot that includes the name, address and signature of the person.
- 4. A city clerk may not mail an absent ballot requested by a registered voter pursuant to subsection 1 if, after the request is submitted:
- (a) The registered voter is designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530;
- (b) The county clerk cancels the registration of the person pursuant to NRS 293.530, 293.535 or 293.540; or
- (c) An absent ballot is returned to the county clerk as undeliverable, unless the registered voter has submitted a new request pursuant to subsection 1.
- 5. The procedure authorized pursuant to this section is subject to all other provisions of this chapter relating to voting by absent ballot to the extent that those provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 88. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, absent ballots must be:





- (a) Delivered by hand to the city clerk before the time set for closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293C.267; or
  - (b) Mailed to the city clerk, and:

- (1) Postmarked at least 3 days before the day of election; and
- (2) Received by the city clerk within the period for the counting of absent ballots pursuant to subsection 2 of section 95 of this act.
- 2. If an absent ballot is received not more than 3 days after the day of the election and the date of the postmark cannot be determined, the absent ballot shall be deemed to have been postmarked at least 3 days before the day of the election.

Sec. 89. The city clerk shall determine before issuing an absent ballot that the person who requested the absent ballot is a

registered voter in the proper city.

- Sec. 90. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter 293D of NRS, if the request for an absent ballot is made by mail or approved electronic transmission, the city clerk shall, as soon as the official absent ballot for the precinct or district in which the voter resides has been printed, send to the voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service is properly placed on the official absent ballot:
  - (a) An absent ballot;
  - (b) A return envelope;
- (c) An envelope or similar device into which the ballot is inserted to ensure its secrecy; and
  - (d) Instructions.
- 2. If the city clerk fails to send an absent ballot pursuant to subsection I to a voter who resides within the continental United States, the city clerk may use approved electronic transmission to send an absent ballot and instructions to the voter. The voter may mail the absent ballot to the city clerk or submit the absent ballot by approved electronic transmission.
- 3. The return envelope sent pursuant to subsection 1 must include postage prepaid by first-class mail if the absent voter is within the boundaries of the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military base.

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

5. Before depositing a ballot with the United States Postal Service or sending a ballot by approved electronic transmission, the city clerk shall record the date the ballot is issued, the name of the registered voter to whom it is issued, the registered voter's





precinct or district, the number of the ballot and any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.

6. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out

the provisions of subsection 2.

Sec. 91. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when an absent ballot is returned by an absent voter to the city clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in person, and record thereof is made in the absent ballot record book, the city clerk shall check the signature in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) The city clerk shall check the signature on the return envelope, facsimile or other approved electronic transmission against all signatures of the absent voter available in the records

of the city clerk.

- (b) If at least two employees in the office of the city clerk believe there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature on the absent ballot matches the signature of the absent voter, the city clerk shall contact the absent voter and ask the absent voter to confirm whether the signature on the absent ballot belongs to the absent voter.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if the city clerk determines pursuant to subsection 1 that the absent voter is entitled to cast a ballot and:
- (a) No absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, the city clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with any other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver, or cause to be delivered, that container to the appropriate election board.
- (b) An absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, the city clerk shall deposit the absent ballot in the proper ballot box or place the absent ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or under the control of the city clerk at all times. At the end of each day before election day, the city clerk may remove the absent ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the absent ballots in a container and seal the container with a numbered seal. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the city clerk shall deliver the absent ballots to the absent ballot central counting board to be processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the procedures established by the Secretary of State to ensure the confidentiality of the prepared ballots until after the polls have closed pursuant to NRS 293C.267 or 293C.297.
- 3. If the city clerk determines when checking the signature of the absent voter pursuant to subsection 1 that the absent voter did not sign the return envelope as required pursuant to section 94 of





this act, but is otherwise entitled to cast the absent ballot, the city clerk shall contact the absent voter and advise the absent voter of the procedures to provide a signature established pursuant to subsection 4. For the absent ballot to be counted, the absent voter must provide a signature within the period for the counting of absent ballots pursuant to subsection 2 of section 95 of this act.

4. Each city clerk shall prescribe procedures for an absent voter who did not sign the return envelope of an absent ballot in

order to:

- (a) Contact the absent voter;
- (b) Allow the absent voter to provide a signature; and
- (c) After a signature is provided, ensure the absent ballot is delivered to the appropriate election board or the absent ballot central counting board, as applicable.

Sec. 92. 1. If:

- (a) A request for an absent ballot is made by a registered voter in person; and
- (b) The governing body of the city, pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, has provided for voting by absent ballot in person,
- → the city clerk shall issue an absent ballot to the registered voter, and the ballot must be voted on the premises of the city clerk's office and returned to the city clerk. The city clerk shall follow the same procedure as in the case of absent ballots received by mail.
- 2. If the governing body of the city has provided for voting by absent ballot in person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, at least 20 days before a primary city election or general city election until 5 p.m. on:
  - (a) The Friday before the election; or

(b) If the city clerk's office is not scheduled to be open on the Friday before the election, the Thursday before the election,

- right each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by registered voters who are issued absent ballots in accordance with this section.
- Sec. 93. 1. During the period specified in subsection 2 of section 92 of this act when the city clerk's office is maintained with suitable equipment for voting an absent ballot in person:
- (a) A person may not electioneer for or against any candidate, measure or political party in or within 100 feet from the entrance to the city clerk's office.
  - (b) The city clerk shall keep continuously posted:
- (1) At each entrance to the city clerk's office, a sign on which is printed in large letters "Polling Place for Voting Absent Ballots"; and





(2) At the outer limits of the area within which electioneering is prohibited, a sign on which is printed in large letters "Distance Marker: No electioneering between this point and any entrance to the city clerk's office."

2. Ropes or other suitable objects may be used at the city

clerk's office to ensure compliance with this section.

3. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 94. 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS and subsection 2 of section 90 of this act and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, when a registered voter receives an absent ballot, the voter must mark and fold it in accordance with the instructions, deposit it in the return envelope, seal the envelope, affix his or her signature and last four digits of his or her social security number on the back of the envelope in the space provided therefor and mail or deliver the return envelope.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a registered voter who has requested an absent ballot applies to vote

the absent ballot in person at:

 (a) The office of the city clerk, the voter must mark the absent ballot, seal it in the return envelope and affix his or her signature and last four digits of his or her social security number in the same manner as provided in subsection 1, and deliver the envelope to the city clerk.

- (b) A polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, the voter must surrender the absent ballot and provide satisfactory identification before being issued a ballot to vote at the polling place. A person who receives a surrendered absent ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."
- 3. If a registered voter who has requested an absent ballot by mail applies to vote in person at the office of the city clerk or a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting, and the voter does not have the absent ballot to deliver or surrender, the voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the voter:
  - (a) Provides satisfactory identification;
  - (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and
- (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not voted during the election.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in sections 86 and 87 of this act, it is unlawful for any person to return an absent ballot other than the voter who requested the absent ballot or, at the request of the voter, a member of the immediate family of the voter. A person





who returns an absent ballot and who is a member of the immediate family of the voter who requested the absent ballot:

- (a) Shall, under penalty of perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by the city clerk that the person is a member of the immediate family of the voter who requested the absent ballot and that the voter requested that the person return the absent ballot; and
- (b) Shall not return more than two absent ballots belonging to a member of the person's immediate family for any election.
- 5. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 4 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- Sec. 95. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, on the day of an election, the election boards receiving the absent ballots from the city clerk shall, in the presence of a majority of the election board officers, remove the absent ballots from the ballot box and the containers in which the absent ballots were transported pursuant to section 91 of this act and deposit the absent ballots in the regular ballot box in the following manner:
- (a) The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or approved electronic transmission, must be called and checked as if the voter were voting in person;
- (b) The signature on the back of the return envelope or on the approved electronic transmission must be compared with that on the application to register to vote;
- (c) If the board determines that the voter is entitled to cast the absent ballot, the return envelope must be opened, the numbers on the absent ballot and return envelope or approved electronic transmission compared, the number strip or stub detached from the absent ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the absent ballot deposited in the regular ballot box; and
- (d) The election board officers shall indicate the roster "Voted" by the name of the voter.
- 2. Counting of absent ballots must continue through the seventh day following the elections.
- Sec. 96. When all absent ballots delivered to the election boards have been voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, the empty envelopes and the envelopes and approved electronic transmissions containing rejected absent ballots must be returned to the city clerk. On all envelopes and approved electronic transmissions containing the rejected absent ballots the cause of rejection must be noted and the envelope or approved electronic transmission signed by a majority of the election board officers.





- Sec. 97. 1. In cities in which an absent ballot central counting board is appointed, the city clerk shall provide a ballot box in the city clerk's office for each different ballot listing in the city.
- 2. On each box there must appear a statement indicating the precincts and district for which the box has been designated.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, each absent ballot voted must be deposited in a ballot box according to the precinct or district of the absent voter voting that ballot.

Sec. 98. An error in the information included by a registered voter in a form to request an absent ballot does not constitute grounds for rejecting an absent ballot cast by the registered voter.

- Sec. 99. 1. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the counting board, if it is responsible for counting absent ballots, or the absent ballot central counting board shall withdraw the absent ballots from each ballot box or container that holds absent ballots received before that day and ascertain whether each box or container has the required number of absent ballots according to the city clerk's absent ballot record for the election.
- 2. The counting board or absent ballot central counting board shall count the number of absent ballots in the same manner as election boards.
- Sec. 100. 1. Each day after the initial withdrawal of the absent ballots pursuant to section 99 of this act and before the day of the election, the counting board, if it is responsible for counting absent ballots, or the absent ballot central counting board shall withdraw from the appropriate ballot boxes or containers all the absent ballots received the previous day and determine whether each box or container has the required number of absent ballots according to the city clerk's absent ballot record for the election.
- 2. If any absent ballots are received by the city clerk on election day pursuant to section 86 of this act, the city clerk shall deposit the absent ballots in the appropriate ballot boxes or containers.
- 3. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the appropriate board shall, in public, count the votes cast on the absent ballots.
- 4. If paper ballots are used, the results of the absent ballot vote in each precinct must be certified and submitted to the city clerk, who shall have the results added to the regular votes of the precinct. The returns of absent ballots must be reported separately from the regular votes of the precinct, unless reporting the returns separately would violate the secrecy of a voter's ballot. The city





clerks shall develop a procedure to ensure that each ballot is kept secret.

5. Any person who disseminates to the public information relating to the count of absent ballots before the polls close is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 101. The absent ballot inspection board shall:

- 1. Perform functions similar to those of the central ballot inspection board and the ballot duplicating board as those functions are applicable to absent ballots.
- 2. Bundle the empty absent ballot return envelopes according to precinct and deliver the bundles to the city clerk.
- 3. Treat any absentee or mailing envelope found not to contain a ballot as a rejected ballot and place that envelope in a separate larger envelope on which must be written the ballot code or precinct and the reason for the rejection.

**Sec. 102.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in *subsection 2* and NRS 293.5817, [and 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive,] the 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. [The] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.112, the governing body of the city [may] shall provide for [the]:
- (a) Absent ballots to be voted in a city election pursuant to sections 80 to 97, inclusive, of this act, except for sections 92 and 93 of this act unless the governing body of the city provides for the applicability of those provisions pursuant to paragraph (b); and
  - (b) The conduct of [early]:
- (1) Early voting by personal appearance in a city election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive [.];
- (2) Voting by absent ballot in person in a city election pursuant to sections 92 and 93 of this act; 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. 103.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail fin accordance with the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive,] if:
  - (a) The election is a special election; or





- (b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the ballot includes only:
- (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered voters of only one ward; or
  - (2) One office or ballot question.

- 2. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, *and sections 80 to 97, inclusive, of this act* do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.
- **Sec. 104.** NRS 293C.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.185 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.190, a name may not be printed on a ballot to be used at a primary or general city election unless the person named has, in accordance with NRS 293C.145 or 293C.175, as applicable, timely filed a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and paid the filing fee established by the governing body of the city.
- 2. A declaration of candidacy required to be filed pursuant to this chapter must be in substantially the following form:

DECLARATION	ON OF CANDIDACY (	OF FOR THE
	OFFICE OF	
State of Nevada		

City 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 constructive, residence in the city, township or other area prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close of filing of declarations of candidacy for this office; that my telephone number is ....., and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is .....; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that if nominated as a candidate at the ensuing election I will accept the nomination and not withdraw; that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law





defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in this State; that I will qualify for the office if elected thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from entering upon the duties of 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.

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





- (a) May conduct an investigation to determine whether the candidate has been convicted of a felony and, if so, whether the candidate has had his or her civil rights restored; and
- (b) Shall transmit the credible evidence and the findings from such investigation to the city attorney.
- 8. The receipt of information by the city attorney pursuant to subsection 7 must be treated as a challenge of a candidate pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 of NRS 293C.186 to which the provisions of NRS 293.2045 apply.
- 9. Any person who knowingly and willfully files a declaration of candidacy which contains a false statement in violation of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**Sec. 105.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places and precincts in the city as provided in NRS 293.225, 293.227, 293C.227, 293C.228 and [293C.26329.] sections 77, 78 and 97 of this act. No candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election board officers are appointed, if requested by the city clerk, the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall:
- (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for the central election board [and] or the [mail] absent ballot central counting board; or
- (b) Deputize, as an officer for the election, an election board officer for each polling place and for the central election board [and] or the [mail] absent ballot central counting board. The deputized officer may not receive any additional compensation for the services he or she provides as an officer during the election for which the officer is deputized.
- → Officers so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during hours of voting and attend the closing of the polls.
- 2. The city clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of election board officer as set forth in NRS 293C.222.
- **Sec. 106.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or computer to vote shall, for the first city election in which the person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is registered to vote.
  - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:





- (a) Is entitled to vote [otherwise than in person] an absent ballot pursuant to federal law or chapter 293D of NRS [;] or section 86 of this act;
  - (b) Is disabled;

(c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and

Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

(d) [Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.26312 and includes a copy of the information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant to NRS 293C.26314.] Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary public or other person authorized to administer an oath; or

(e) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the city clerk.

**Sec. 107.** NRS 293C.2675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.2675 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the city clerk for the establishment within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city election or general city election of [:

(a) A] a polling place. [;

(b) A ballot drop box; or

— (c) Both a polling place and a ballot drop box.]

- 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place [, a ballot drop box or both a polling place and a ballot drop box] within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city election or general city election:
- (a) Must be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:
- (1) If the request is for a primary city election, March 1 of the year in which the primary city election is to be held.

(2) If the request is for a general city election, August 1 of the year in which the general city election is to be held.

- (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling place . [or ballot drop box.] Any proposed location for a polling place [or ballot drop box] must satisfy the criteria the city clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling place . [or ballot drop box, as applicable.]
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2, the city clerk must establish at least one polling place





[or ballot drop box] within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable, approved by the Indian tribe for the day of a primary city election or general city election. The city clerk is not required to establish a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary city election or general city election if the city clerk established a temporary branch polling place for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3572 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same election.

4. If the city clerk establishes one or more polling places [or ballot drop boxes] within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony pursuant to subsection 3 for the day of a primary city election or general city election, the city clerk must continue to establish one or more polling places [or ballot drop boxes] within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future primary city election or general city election unless otherwise requested by the Indian tribe.

**Sec. 108.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(a) Present proof of identity; and

- (b) Sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, the signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or [one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.] on his or her proof of identity.
- 2. [The forms of identification that may be used to identify a voter at the polling place are:
- (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
- (b) A driver's license;
- (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
   Vehicles;
- 38 (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.
- 42 3.] The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the 43 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.





- **Sec. 109.** NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293C.272 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by NRS 293C.270, the voter must be identified by:
  - (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with his or her proof of [identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.
- **Sec. 110.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272:
- (a) A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and
  - (b) The election board officer shall:
    - (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;
- (2) Require that the registered voter present proof of identity;
- (3) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;
- [(3)] (4) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270; and
- [(4)] (5) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature does not match, the *registered* 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 *registered* voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with proof of [identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 3. If the signature of the *registered* voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the





**registered** voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

- 4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a *registered* voter may include his or her date of birth.
- **Sec. 111.** NRS 293C.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.277 1. A registered voter who applies to vote at an election must give his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name of the *registered* voter ... and require that the registered voter present proof of identity.
- 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by a registered voter upon any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293C.292. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner provided in NRS 293C.292.
- **Sec. 112.** NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293C.292 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:
- (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct or district upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election; or
- (b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.
- 2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:
- (a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster";
- (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person previously voted a ballot for the election, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or questions included on this ballot for this election"; or
- (c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is not the person he or she claims to be, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this roster."
- The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under penalty of perjury.
- 3. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged" by the person's name.
- 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the election





board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293C.295.

- 5. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue him or her a ballot.
- 6. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.
- 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person  $\vdash$ :
- (a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or
- (b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who:
- (1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and
- (2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] furnishes proof of identity.
  - 8. The election board officers shall:
  - (a) Record on the challenge list:
    - (1) The name of the challenged person;
- (2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and
  - (3) The result of the challenge; and
- (b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.
- **Sec. 113.** NRS 293C.302 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.302 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a city to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory period in an election, the city clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving notice of the decision of the court:
- (a) Cause notice of the extended period to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or if no newspaper is of





general circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city; and

- (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered voter who **[received a mail]** *requested an absent* ballot for the election and has not returned the **[mail]** ballot before the date on which the notice will be transmitted.
- 2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be published:
- (a) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, on at least 3 successive days.
- (b) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, at least twice in successive issues of the newspaper.
- **Sec. 114.** NRS 293C.3035 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3035 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Determine [that] whether the person is a registered voter in the city and has not already voted in that city in the current election;
  - (b) Require that the registered voter present proof of identity;
- (c) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and
- **(e)** (d) Verify the signature of the **registered** voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature of the *registered* voter does not match, the *registered* 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 *registered* voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with proof of [identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 3. If the signature of the *registered* voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the *registered* voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.





- 5. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the *registered* voter;
- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.
- 7. A *registered* voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- **Sec. 115.** NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.356 1. If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the city clerk shall, *except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk's office and returned to the clerk.
- 2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568, each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in accordance with this section.
- **Sec. 116.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3564 1. The city clerk in a city providing for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, shall establish at least one permanent polling 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. 117.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:





- (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.
- (b) Require the registered voter to present proof of identity.
- (c) Instruct the *registered* voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
- **(e)** (d) Verify the signature of the **registered** voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.

[(d)] (e) Verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature does not match, the *registered* 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 *registered* voter; or
- (c) [Providing] Presenting the election board officer with proof of [identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.] identity.
- 3. If the signature of the *registered* voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the *registered* voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the *registered* voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- 5. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable, must contain:
- (a) The *registered* voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the *registered* voter's signature;
- (b) The *registered* voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
  - (c) The date of voting early in person.
- 6. When a *registered* voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the *registered* voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the *registered* voter;





- (b) Ensure that the *registered* voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the *registered* voter to cast a vote.

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- 8. A *registered* voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- 9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a *registered* voter may include his or her date of birth.
- **Sec. 118.** NRS 293C.3615 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3615 The city clerk shall make a record of the receipt at the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport official ballots pursuant to NRS 293C.295, 293C.630 and 293C.635 [...] and section 91 of this act. The record must include the numbers indicated on the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293C.700.

**Sec. 119.** NRS 293C.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.365 [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.26331, a] A counting board in any precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used may not begin to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are accounted for.

**Sec. 120.** NRS 293C.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.390 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 [, reports prepared pursuant to NRS 293C.263371 and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk. The records of voted ballots that are maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be sealed and deposited in the vaults of the city clerk. The tally lists collected pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months, and all such sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after that period. A notice of the destruction must be published by the city clerk in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the city or, if no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city, not less than 2 weeks before the destruction of the materials.

2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk and preserved for at least the period during





which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.

- 3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the governing body of the city are subject to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the city clerk.
- 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material relating to that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, except the voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the city clerk.
- 5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the city clerk are not subject to the inspection of any person, except in cases of a contested election, and only by the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of the judge, body or board.
- 6. As used in this section, "vaults of the city clerk" means any place of secure storage designated by the city clerk.
- **Sec. 121.** NRS 293C.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.640 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of votes cast at an election conducted under a mechanical voting system, the city clerk shall create a computer program and processing accuracy board, and may create:
  - (a) A central ballot inspection board;
  - (b) [A mail] An absent ballot inspection board;
  - (c) A ballot duplicating board;
  - (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and
- (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the city clerk deems necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the city clerk may determine the number of members to constitute any board. The city clerk shall make any appointments from among competent persons who are registered voters in this State. The same person may be appointed to more than one board but must meet the qualifications for each board to which he or she is appointed.
- 3. If the city clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the city clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The members of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same political party.
- 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the pleasure of the city clerk.





**Sec. 122.** NRS 293C.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.700 1. Each container used to transport official ballots pursuant to NRS 293C.295, 293C.630 and 293C.635 *and section 91 of this act* must:

- (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and
- (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure detection of any opening of the container.
- 2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for identification.

**Sec. 123.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:

- 1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS [293C.263,] 293C.281 and 293C.282 [...] and sections 84, 86 and 87 of this act.
- 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.
- 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:
  - (a) Related to elections; and
- (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed form.
- **Sec. 124.** NRS 293D.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293D.300 1. A covered voter who is registered to vote in this State may apply for a military-overseas ballot by submitting a federal postcard application, as prescribed under section 101(b)(2) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301(b)(2), or the application's electronic equivalent, if the federal postcard application or the application's electronic equivalent is received by the appropriate local elections official before the time set pursuant to NRS 293.273 for closing the polls on election day.
- 2. A covered voter who is not registered to vote in this State may use the federal postcard application or the application's electronic equivalent simultaneously to apply to register to vote





pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and to apply for a military-overseas ballot, if the federal postcard application or the application's electronic equivalent is received by the appropriate local elections official before the time set pursuant to NRS 293.273 for closing the polls on election day. If the federal postcard application is received after the time set for closing the polls, it must be treated as an application to register to vote for subsequent elections.

3. Upon receipt of the electronic equivalent of the federal postcard application pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the local elections official shall affix, mark or otherwise acknowledge receipt of the application by means of a time stamp on the application.

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

- (a) Both a federal postcard application and any other approved electronic military-overseas ballot application sent to the appropriate local elections official; and
- (b) A digital signature or an electronic signature of a covered voter on the documents described in paragraph (a).
- 5. A covered voter may use approved electronic transmission or any other method approved by the Secretary of State to apply for a military-overseas ballot.
- 6. A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying the federal write-in absentee ballot, as prescribed under section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20303, as an application for a military-overseas ballot simultaneously with the submission of the federal write-in absentee ballot, if the declaration and the federal write-in absentee ballot are received by the appropriate local elections official before the time set pursuant to NRS 293.273 for closing the polls on election day.
- 7. To receive the benefits of this chapter, a covered voter must inform the appropriate local elections official that he or she is a covered voter. Methods of informing the appropriate local elections official that a person is a covered voter include, without limitation:
- (a) The use of a federal postcard application or federal write-in absentee ballot;
- (b) The use of an overseas address on an approved voting registration application or ballot application; and
- (c) The inclusion on an application to register to vote or an application for a military-overseas ballot of other information sufficient to identify that the person is a covered voter.
- 8. This chapter does not prohibit a covered voter from [voting a mail] applying for an absent ballot pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 or 293C of NRS or voting in person.





**Sec. 125.** NRS 298.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

- (a) In person in the county of the State of Nevada which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified to vote there; or
- (b) By [mail] absent ballot in the county of the State of Nevada which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified to vote there and complies with the applicable requirements of [NRS 293.269911 to 293.269937,] sections 8 to 23, inclusive [.], of this act.
- 2. The Secretary of State may, in a manner consistent with the election laws of this State, adopt regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.

**Sec. 126.** NRS 298.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

298.600 As used in NRS 298.600 to 298.720, inclusive, the words and terms defined in NRS [298.610,] 298.620 and 298.630 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 127.** NRS 298.690 is hereby amended to read as follows: 298.690 1. In conducting a presidential preference primary election, the county clerk shall:

- (a) Distribute sample ballots for the presidential preference primary election;
- (b) Establish polling places for early voting by personal appearance;
- (c) Permit voting by registered voters of the major political party by [mail] absent ballot, [and] military-overseas ballot in the manner and within the time required by chapters 293 and 293D of NRS; and
- (d) Establish polling places for the day of the presidential preference primary election. The provisions of NRS 293.273 apply to the presidential preference primary election.
- 2. A registered voter who is entitled to cast a ballot at the presidential preference primary election may do so at any polling place in the county.

**Sec. 128.** NRS 483.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.820 1. A person who applies for an identification card in accordance with the provisions of NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, and who is not ineligible to receive an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.861, is entitled to receive an identification card if the person is:





- (a) A resident of this State and is 10 years of age or older and does not hold a valid driver's license or identification card from any state or jurisdiction; or
- (b) A seasonal resident who does not hold a valid Nevada driver's license.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825 [,] and section 27 of this act, the Department shall charge and collect the following fees for the issuance of an original, duplicate or changed identification card:

	An original or duplicate identification card
	issued to a person 65 years of age or older
	which expires on or before the fourth
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	An original or duplicate identification card
	issued to a person 65 years of age or older
	which expires on or before the eighth
8	anniversary of the person's birthday
	An original or duplicate identification card
	issued to a person under 18 years of age
	which expires on the eighth anniversary of
	the person's birthday
	A renewal of an identification card for a person
_	under 18 years of age which expires on the
6	eighth anniversary of the person's birthday
	An original or duplicate identification card
	issued to a person under 18 years of age
2	which expires on or before the fourth
	anniversary of the person's birthday
	A renewal of an identification card for a person
	under 18 years of age which expires on or before the fourth anniversary of the
3	person's birthday
	An original or duplicate identification card
	issued to any person at least 18 years of
	age, but less than 65 years of age, which
	expires on the eighth anniversary of the
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- 3. The Department shall not charge a fee for:
- (a) An identification card issued to a person who has voluntarily surrendered his or her driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.420; or
- (b) A renewal of an identification card for a person 65 years of age or older.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825 [...] and section 27 of this act, the increase in fees authorized in NRS 483.347 must be paid in addition to the fees charged pursuant to this section.
- 5. As used in this section, "photograph" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 483.125.
- **Sec. 129.** NRS 293.0653, 293.269911, 293.269913, 293.269915, 293.269917, 293.269919, 293.269921, 293.269923, 293.269925, 293.269927, 293.269929, 293.269931, 293.269933, 293.269935, 293.269937, 293C.263, 293C.26312, 293C.26314, 293C.26316, 293C.26318, 293C.26321, 293C.26323, 293C.26325, 293C.26327, 293C.26329, 293C.26331, 293C.26333, 293C.26335, 293C.26337 and 298.610 are hereby repealed.
- **Sec. 130.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.
  - 2. Sections 1 to 129, inclusive, of this act become effective:
  - (a) Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks; and
    - (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

## LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

## 293.0653 "Mail ballot" defined.





293.269911 Preparation and distribution of mail ballots; exceptions; mail ballot contents; time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal action which would prevent distribution.

293.269913 Methods of distribution and other requirements for mail ballots and supporting materials;

recordation of certain information by county clerk.

293.269915 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.

293.269917 Procedure for voting by mail ballot; procedure

for voting in person after mail ballot sent to voter.

293.269919 Unlawful to mark and sign mail ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign mail ballot; exceptions.

293.269921 Procedure for timely returning mail ballot; treatment of mail ballot when postmark cannot be determined; requirements for ballot drop boxes.

293.269923 Persons authorized to return mail ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of mail ballot; penalty.

293.269925 Establishment of procedures for processing and counting mail ballots.

293.269927 Duties of county clerk upon return of mail ballot: Procedure for checking signatures; safeguarding and delivery of mail ballots for counting; procedure to contact voter to remedy certain defects in returned mail ballot.

293.269929 Appointment and membership of mail ballot central counting board; board under direction of county clerk.

293.269931 Period for counting mail ballots; counting must be public; rejection of certain mail ballots.

293.269933 Process for counting mail ballots; requirements relating to empty envelopes and rejected mail ballots.

293.269935 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.

293.269937 County clerk to test accuracy of electronic devices used to verify signatures on mail ballots; daily audit required during processing of mail ballots.

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293C.26314 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.

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298.610 "Mail ballot" defined.





