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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 321—ASSEMBLYMEN  
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SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.  
(BDR 24-927)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 17, 51, 52, 56, 59, 60, 64, 65)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; establishing procedures for the use of mail ballots in every election; establishing various requirements relating to mail ballots; revising the requirements for signature verification of mail ballots; revising the deadline to submit a request for the establishment of a polling place within an Indian reservation or Indian colony for an election; revising the personal data that may be requested if a voter’s signature is challenged at the polls; requiring the Secretary of State to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to obtain certain information relating to the statewide voter registration list; authorizing a county clerk, city clerk or registrar of voters and deputies thereof charged with powers and duties relating to elections to request certain personal information be maintained in a confidential manner; repealing provisions related to absent ballots, mailing ballots and affected elections; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

- 1 Existing law authorizes a registered voter to request an absent ballot to vote at
- 2 an election and sets forth various requirements and procedures to be used for voting
- 3 and processing absent ballots. (NRS 293.3088-293.340, 293C.304-293C.340)



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4 Existing law also provides that a county or city clerk may designate certain election  
5 precincts as mailing precincts or absent ballot mailing precincts and all registered  
6 voters who live in such an election precinct are mailed a mailing ballot and may  
7 vote by mailing ballot. (NRS 293.343-293.355, 293C.342-293C.352) Existing law  
8 further provides that for elections that are affected by certain emergencies or  
9 disasters, the county and city clerks are required to mail each registered voter a mail  
10 ballot and sets forth requirements and procedures to be used for mail ballots. (NRS  
11 293.8801-293.8887) **Section 91** of this bill repeals the existing provisions for  
12 absent ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots. **Sections 2, 3-17 and 51-63** of this  
13 bill: (1) require the county and city clerks to send each active registered voter and  
14 each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration  
15 information not later than 14 days before an election a mail ballot for all elections;  
16 and (2) reenact, with certain changes, various requirements relating to the  
17 preparation and distribution of mail ballots and procedures for voting, returning,  
18 verifying and counting mail ballots. **Sections 18-24, 30-33, 35-45, 47-49, 66-69,**  
19 **72, 73, 76-79 and 81-86** of this bill make conforming changes to revise references  
20 to absent ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots for affected elections.

21 **Sections 3 and 51** of this bill provide that a voter may elect not to receive a  
22 mail ballot by submitting a written notice to the county or city clerk which must be  
23 received by the county or city clerk, as applicable, not later than 60 days before the  
24 day of the election.

25 **Sections 2.2 and 2.4** of this bill require the county clerk to establish a  
26 minimum number of polling places for primary elections and general elections in  
27 the county for early voting by personal appearance and polling places for voting on  
28 the day of the election based on the population of the county.

29 Existing law provides that an absent ballot or mail ballot that is mailed to the  
30 county or city clerk must be postmarked on or before the day of the election and  
31 received by 5 p.m. on the seventh day following the election. (NRS 293.317,  
32 293.8861, 293C.319) **Sections 8 and 56** of this bill revise this deadline to instead  
33 require a mail ballot that is mailed to the county or city clerk to be received by 5  
34 p.m. on the fourth day following an election. **Sections 8 and 56** also require the  
35 county and city clerk to establish ballot drop boxes at every polling location in the  
36 county or city, as applicable. **Section 45** of this bill makes it a category E felony for  
37 a person other than a county clerk or city clerk to establish a ballot drop box.

38 Existing law establishes a process for county and city clerks to verify signatures  
39 on absent ballots, mailing ballots and mail ballots. (NRS 293.325, 293.355,  
40 293.8874, 293C.325, 293C.352) **Sections 11 and 59** of this bill authorize the  
41 county and city clerks to review the signature of a voter manually or by electronic  
42 means and establish requirements for an electronic device to verify the signature of  
43 a voter.

44 **Sections 16 and 64** of this bill require each county clerk and city clerk and all  
45 members of their staff whose duties include administering an election to complete a  
46 class on forensic signature verification that is approved by the Secretary of State at  
47 least once each year. **Sections 17 and 65** of this bill provide that if a county or city  
48 clerk uses an electronic device to verify signatures on mail ballots, the clerk must:  
49 (1) conduct a test of the accuracy of every electronic device before the election; (2)  
50 perform daily audits of the electronic device during the processing of ballots for the  
51 election; and (3) prepare an audit report. **Sections 34 and 80** of this bill require the  
52 audit reports to be deposited in the vaults of the county or city with other election  
53 materials.

54 Existing law allows a voter who has failed to affix his or her signature on an  
55 absent, mailing or mail ballot or for whom there is a reasonable question of fact as  
56 to whether the signature used for the absent, mailing or mail ballot matches the  
57 signature of the voter to provide a signature or confirmation not later than 5 p.m. on  
58 the seventh day following an election or the ninth day following an affected



59 election. (NRS 293.325, 293.355, 293.8874, 293C.325, 293C.352) **Sections 11 and**  
60 **59** revise this deadline to require a voter to provide a signature or confirmation by  
61 the sixth day following an election. **Sections 11 and 59** also establish methods by  
62 which the county or city clerk may verify the identity of a voter for whom there is a  
63 reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used on his or her mailing  
64 ballot matches the voter's signature.

65 Existing law requires certain persons who register to vote to show certain proof  
66 of identity and residency the first time voting in an election for federal office in this  
67 State. A person who registers to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles using the  
68 process commonly known as the Automatic Voter Registration System is not  
69 required to show proof of identity or residency the first time voting in an election  
70 for federal office in this State if the person presented to the Department of Motor  
71 Vehicles certain proof of identity and residency. (NRS 293.2725, 293.5742)  
72 **Section 25** of this bill makes a technical change to clarify that a person who  
73 registers to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles using the Automatic Voter  
74 Registration System is not required to show proof of identity or residency the first  
75 time voting in an election for federal office in this State if the person presented to  
76 the Department of Motor Vehicles certain proof of identity and residency.

77 Existing law authorizes an Indian tribe to submit a request for the establishment  
78 of a polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony,  
79 which must be submitted by the first Friday in January for a primary election and  
80 the first Friday in July for a general election. (NRS 293.2733, 293.3572,  
81 293C.2675, 293C.3572) **Sections 26, 28, 70 and 74** of this bill revise the deadline  
82 for the request for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries of an  
83 Indian reservation or Indian colony for early voting and the day of a primary  
84 election or general election to March 1 for a primary election and August 1 for a  
85 general election. **Sections 26 and 70** also authorize an Indian tribe to submit a  
86 request for the establishment of a ballot drop box within the boundaries of an  
87 Indian reservation or Indian colony by the same deadlines.

88 Existing law provides that if the signature of a voter who appears to vote in  
89 person at the polls does not match the voter's signature on file, the voter must be  
90 identified by answering questions covering the personal data reported on an  
91 application to register to vote or providing other personal data. (NRS 293.285,  
92 293.3585, 293C.275, 293C.3585) **Sections 27, 29, 71 and 75** of this bill provide  
93 that the questions covering the personal data of a voter may include the voter's date  
94 of birth.

95 Existing law authorizes a person to register to vote through the Thursday  
96 preceding the day of the election by submitting an application to register to vote by  
97 computer using the system established by the Secretary of State before the person  
98 appears at a polling place to vote in person using a provisional ballot. (NRS  
99 293.560, 293.5837, 293C.527) **Sections 42.5, 43 and 80.5** of this bill extend this  
100 deadline to allow a person to register to vote using this method through the day of  
101 the election.

102 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain the  
103 statewide voter registration list. (NRS 293.675) **Section 44** of this bill requires the  
104 Secretary of State to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Registrar of  
105 Vital Statistics to match information in the statewide voter registration list with the  
106 records from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics concerning the death of residents  
107 of the State to maintain the statewide voter registration list.

108 Existing law authorizes certain persons to obtain a court order to require a  
109 county assessor, county recorder, county clerk, city clerk or Secretary of State to  
110 maintain the personal information of the person contained in their records in a  
111 confidential manner. (NRS 247.530, 247.540, 250.130, 250.140, 293.908) **Sections**  
112 **46, 87 and 88** of this bill authorize a county or city clerk or registrar of voters  
113 charged with the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy appointed



114 by the county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the elections division to request a  
115 court order to require a county assessor, county recorder, county clerk, city clerk or  
116 the Secretary of State maintain the personal information of the person contained in  
117 their records in a confidential manner.

118 Existing law authorizes certain persons to request that the Department of Motor  
119 Vehicles display an alternate address on the person's driver's license, commercial  
120 driver's license or identification card. (NRS 481.091) **Section 89** of this bill  
121 authorizes a county clerk, city clerk, registrar of voters charged with powers and  
122 duties related to elections and any deputy in the elections division of the county or  
123 city to also request that the Department display an alternate address on the person's  
124 driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 17, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *“Mail ballot” means a mail ballot distributed to an*  
5 *active registered voter pursuant to the provisions of sections 3 to*  
6 *15, inclusive, of this act and sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this*  
7 *act.*

8 **Sec. 2.2.** *For a primary election or general election, the*  
9 *county clerk must establish:*

10 1. *In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, at least*  
11 *25 polling places for early voting by personal appearance, which*  
12 *may be any combination of temporary or permanent polling places*  
13 *for early voting.*

14 2. *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less*  
15 *than 700,000, at least 15 polling places for early voting by*  
16 *personal appearance, which may be any combination of temporary*  
17 *or permanent polling places for early voting.*

18 3. *In a county whose population is less than 100,000, at least*  
19 *1 permanent polling place for early voting by personal*  
20 *appearance.*

21 **Sec. 2.4.** 1. *For a primary election or general election, the*  
22 *county clerk must establish:*

23 (a) *In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, at least*  
24 *100 polling places where a person can vote in person on the day of*  
25 *the election.*

26 (b) *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less*  
27 *than 700,000, at least 25 polling places where a person can vote in*  
28 *person on the day of the election.*

29 (c) *In a county whose population is less than 100,000, at least*  
30 *1 permanent polling place where a person can vote in person on*  
31 *the day of the election.*



1       2. For the purposes of subsection 1, a polling place where a  
2 person can vote on the day of the election may include a vote  
3 center.

4       **Sec. 3. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
5 county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered  
6 voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or  
7 updates his or her voter registration information not later than the  
8 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The  
9 county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of  
10 the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including,  
11 without limitation, by providing, upon request, the absent ballot in  
12 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.

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

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

20       (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions  
21 of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or

22       (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.

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

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

27       (a) Each active registered voter who:

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

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

32       (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the  
33 dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a)  
34 but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection  
35 1, not later than 13 days before the election.

36       (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-  
37 overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
38 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
39 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time  
40 required by those provisions.

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



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

4       **Sec. 4.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
5 section 3 of this act and chapter 293D of NRS, the county clerk  
6 shall send to each active registered voter by first-class mail, or by  
7 any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an  
8 equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal  
9 Service is properly placed:

10       (a) A mail ballot;

11       (b) A return envelope;

12       (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted  
13 to ensure its secrecy; and

14       (d) Instructions.

15       2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the  
16 county clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to  
17 an address of the voter that is different from the address to which  
18 the mail ballot is mailed.

19       3. The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-  
20 class mail if the active registered voter is within the boundaries of  
21 the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military  
22 base.

23       4. Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter,  
24 the county clerk shall record:

25       (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;

26       (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his  
27 or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,  
28 unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;

29       (c) The number of the mail ballot; and

30       (d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

31       **Sec. 5.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a  
32 person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or  
33 preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently  
34 deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously  
35 voted in any election for federal office in this State, the county  
36 clerk must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of  
37 the information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS  
38 293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.

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

41       (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to  
42 vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be  
43 registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to  
44 preregister or register to vote:

45       (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or



1 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
2 paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including  
3 a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but  
4 not including a voter registration card;

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

11 (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757,  
12 inclusive, and at that time presents to the Department of Motor  
13 Vehicles:

14 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification;

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

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

24 (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
25 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
26 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

27 (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person  
28 pursuant to the provisions of the Voting Accessibility for the  
29 Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

30 (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the  
31 provisions of any other federal law.

32 3. If a person fails to provide the identification required  
33 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with  
34 his or her mail ballot:

35 (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and

36 (b) The county clerk must:

37 (1) Contact the person;

38 (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required  
39 before 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election; and

40 (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b)  
41 of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail  
42 ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting  
43 board.



1     **Sec. 6. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this*  
2 *act and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the*  
3 *voter must, in accordance with the instructions:*

4       (i) *Mark and fold the mail ballot;*

5       (ii) *Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the*  
6 *return envelope;*

7       (iii) *Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the*  
8 *space provided for the signature; and*

9       (iv) *Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized*  
10 *by law.*

11     **2.** *Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS,*  
12 *voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon*  
13 *the mail ballot as prepared pursuant to section 3 of this act, and*  
14 *no person may write in the name of an additional candidate for*  
15 *any office.*

16     **3.** *If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote*  
17 *in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a*  
18 *polling place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to*  
19 *complying with all other requirements for voting in person that*  
20 *are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or*  
21 *sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not*  
22 *voted during the election. A person who receives a surrendered*  
23 *mail ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."*

24     **Sec. 7. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, a*  
25 *person shall not mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of a voter*  
26 *or assist a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to the*  
27 *provisions of sections 3 to 15, inclusive, of this act.*

28     **2.** *At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is*  
29 *at least 65 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may*  
30 *mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the*  
31 *voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to this section.*

32     **3.** *If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a*  
33 *voter pursuant to this section, the person must indicate next to his*  
34 *or her signature that the mail ballot has been marked and signed*  
35 *on behalf of the voter.*

36     **4.** *If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot*  
37 *pursuant to this section, the person or the voter must include on*  
38 *the return envelope his or her name, address and signature.*

39     **Sec. 8. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and*  
40 *chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for*  
41 *any election, the mail ballot must be:*

42       (i) *Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by*  
43 *hand to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the*  
44 *county pursuant to this section; or*

45       (ii) *Mailed to the county clerk, and;*





1           (1) *Postmarked on or before the day of the election; and*  
2           (2) *Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth*  
3 *day following the election.*

4           2. *If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on*  
5 *the third day following the election and the date of the postmark*  
6 *cannot be determined, the mail ballot shall be deemed to have*  
7 *been postmarked on or before the day of the election.*

8           3. *Each county clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every*  
9 *polling place in the county, including, without limitation, a polling*  
10 *place for early voting. A county clerk may establish a ballot drop*  
11 *box at any other location in the county where mail ballots can be*  
12 *delivered by hand and collected during the period for early voting*  
13 *and on election day. No person other than a clerk may establish a*  
14 *drop box for mail ballots.*

15           4. *A ballot drop box must be:*

16           (a) *Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of*  
17 *sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail*  
18 *ballots; and*

19           (b) *Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots*  
20 *and being locked.*

21           5. *A ballot drop box must be:*

22           (a) *Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the*  
23 *office of the county clerk or a polling place in the county; and*

24           (b) *Made available for use during the hours when the office of*  
25 *the county clerk, or the polling place, is open for business or*  
26 *voting, as applicable.*

27           **Sec. 9.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at*  
28 *the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or*  
29 *on behalf of the voter, a person authorized by the voter may return*  
30 *the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery*  
31 *to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the*  
32 *county, pursuant to section 8 of this act.*

33           2. *Except for an election board officer in the course of the*  
34 *election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:*

35           (a) *Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a*  
36 *voter's mail ballot;*

37           (b) *Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or*

38           (c) *If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and*  
39 *authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by*  
40 *mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless*  
41 *otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:*

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



1           (2) *Before the deadline established by the United States*  
2 *Postal Service for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of*  
3 *the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as*  
4 *applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the mail*  
5 *ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the*  
6 *election.*

7           3. *A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is*  
8 *guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in*  
9 *NRS 193.130.*

10       **Sec. 10.** *1. The county clerk shall establish procedures for*  
11 *the processing and counting of mail ballots.*

12       2. *The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:*

13       (a) *May authorize mail ballots to be processed, verified and*  
14 *counted by computer or other electronic means; and*

15       (b) *Must not conflict with the provisions of sections 3 to 15,*  
16 *inclusive, of this act.*

17       **Sec. 11.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*  
18 *when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the*  
19 *county clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot*  
20 *record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of*  
21 *the clerk shall check the signature used for the mail ballot by*  
22 *electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant*  
23 *to subsection 3.*

24       2. *To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic*  
25 *means:*

26       (a) *The electronic device must take a digital image of the*  
27 *signature used for the mail ballot and compare the digital image*  
28 *with the signatures of the voter from his or her application to*  
29 *register to vote or application to preregister to vote available in the*  
30 *records of the county clerk.*

31       (b) *If the electronic device does not match the signature of the*  
32 *voter, the signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the*  
33 *provisions of subsection 3.*

34       3. *To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the*  
35 *county clerk shall use the following procedure:*

36       (a) *The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for*  
37 *the mail ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the*  
38 *records of the clerk.*

39       (b) *If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe*  
40 *there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature*  
41 *used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the*  
42 *clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether*  
43 *the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.*

44       4. *For purposes of subsection 3:*



1 (a) *There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
2 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
3 *voter if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple,*  
4 *significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter*  
5 *available in the records of the clerk.*

6 (b) *There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
7 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
8 *voter if:*

9 (1) *The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of*  
10 *the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for*  
11 *the first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of*  
12 *punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common*  
13 *nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two*  
14 *last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant*  
15 *and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in*  
16 *the records of the clerk; or*

17 (2) *There are only slight dissimilarities between the*  
18 *signature used for the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter*  
19 *available in the records of the clerk.*

20 5. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk*  
21 *determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*  
22 *clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place*  
23 *the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely*  
24 *locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk*  
25 *shall deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting*  
26 *board to be processed and prepared for counting.*

27 6. *If the clerk determines when checking the signature used*  
28 *for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature*  
29 *or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail*  
30 *ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether*  
31 *the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
32 *voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*  
33 *clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures*  
34 *to provide a signature or a confirmation that the signature used*  
35 *for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail*  
36 *ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a signature or a*  
37 *confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day*  
38 *following the election.*

39 7. *The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed*  
40 *to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the manner*  
41 *required by law for the mail ballot, or for whom there is a*  
42 *reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for*  
43 *the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:*

44 (a) *Contact the voter;*



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1 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation  
2 that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as  
3 applicable; and

4 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as  
5 applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot  
6 central counting board.

7 8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
8 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the  
9 voter, the voter must be identified by:

10 (a) Answering questions from the county clerk covering the  
11 personal data which is reported on the application to register to  
12 vote;

13 (b) Providing the county clerk, orally or in writing, with other  
14 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

15 (c) Providing the county clerk with proof of identification as  
16 described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card  
17 issued to the voter.

18 9. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 7 for  
19 contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as  
20 soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:

21 (a) Mail;

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

24 (c) Electronic means, which may include, without limitation,  
25 electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with sufficient  
26 information to contact the voter by such means.

27 **Sec. 12. 1.** The county clerk shall appoint a mail ballot  
28 central counting board for the election.

29 2. The clerk shall appoint and notify voters to act as election  
30 board officers for the mail ballot central counting board in such  
31 numbers as the clerk determines to be required by the volume of  
32 mail ballots required to be sent to each active registered voter in  
33 the county for the election. The voters appointed as election board  
34 officers for the mail ballot central counting board must not all be  
35 of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or  
36 election or a relative of the candidate within the second degree of  
37 consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as such an election  
38 board officer.

39 3. The clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with  
40 elections shall be deemed officers of the mail ballot central  
41 counting board.

42 4. The mail ballot central counting board is under the  
43 direction of the clerk.

44 **Sec. 13. 1.** The mail ballot central counting board may  
45 begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of



1 *the election. The board must complete the count of all mail ballots*  
2 *on or before the seventh day following the election. The counting*  
3 *procedure must be public.*

4 *2. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to*  
5 *present the appearance of a single ballot, the mail ballots must be*  
6 *rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written*  
7 *the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed by an*  
8 *election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box*  
9 *after the count is completed.*

10 **Sec. 14.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*  
11 *each mail ballot central counting board shall process the mail*  
12 *ballots in the following manner:*

13 *1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope,*  
14 *must be checked as if the voter were voting in person;*

15 *2. An election board officer shall indicate in the roster*  
16 *“Received” by the name of the voter;*

17 *3. If the board determines the voter is entitled to cast a mail*  
18 *ballot and all other processing steps have been completed, the*  
19 *return envelope must be opened and the mail ballot counted;*

20 *4. An election board officer shall indicate “Voted” by the*  
21 *name of the voter; and*

22 *5. When all mail ballots delivered to the board have been*  
23 *voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*  
24 *the empty envelopes and the envelopes containing rejected mail*  
25 *ballots must be returned to the clerk. On all envelopes containing*  
26 *rejected mail ballots, the cause of rejection must be noted and the*  
27 *envelope signed by an election board officer.*

28 **Sec. 15.** *1. The voting results of the mail ballot vote in each*  
29 *precinct must be certified and submitted to the county clerk, who*  
30 *shall have the results added to the votes of the precinct that were*  
31 *not cast by mail ballot. The returns of the mail ballot vote must be*  
32 *reported separately from the other votes that were not cast by mail*  
33 *ballot in the precinct unless reporting the returns separately would*  
34 *violate the secrecy of a voter’s ballot.*

35 *2. The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each*  
36 *mail ballot is kept secret.*

37 *3. No voting results of mail ballots may be released until all*  
38 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*  
39 *the election. Any person who disseminates to the public in any way*  
40 *information pertaining to the count of mail ballots before all*  
41 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*  
42 *the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

43 **Sec. 16.** *At least once each year, each county clerk and all*  
44 *members of his or her staff whose duties include administering an*



1 *election must complete a training class on forensic signature*  
2 *verification that is approved by the Secretary of State.*

3 **Sec. 17.** *If a county clerk uses an electronic device in an*  
4 *election to verify signatures on mail ballots:*

5 1. *The county clerk must conduct a test of the accuracy of the*  
6 *electronic devices before the election. The test must be conducted*  
7 *in a manner that ensures the electronic device will use the same*  
8 *standards for determining the validity of a signature as would be*  
9 *used by a natural person verifying the signature pursuant to*  
10 *section 11 of this act.*

11 2. *The county clerk must perform daily audits of each*  
12 *electronic device during the processing of mail ballots for the*  
13 *election. The daily audit must include a review of a sample of at*  
14 *least 1 percent of the signatures verified each day. The county*  
15 *clerk shall appoint election board officers who must not all be of*  
16 *the same political party to manually review the signatures. The*  
17 *county clerk must prepare a report of each daily audit.*

18 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise  
20 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS ~~293.013~~ 293.016 to  
21 293.121, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, have the meanings  
22 ascribed to them in those sections.

23 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.093 "Regular votes" means the votes cast by registered  
25 voters, except votes cast by:

- 26 1. ~~An absent~~ A mail ballot;
- 27 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,
- 28 inclusive; or
- 29 3. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
- 30 inclusive.

31 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.206 1. On or before the last day in March of every even-  
33 numbered year, the county clerk shall provide the Secretary of State  
34 and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau with a copy or  
35 electronic file of a map showing the boundaries of all election  
36 precincts in the county.

37 2. If the Secretary of State determines that the boundaries of an  
38 election precinct do not comply with the provisions of NRS  
39 293.205, the Secretary of State must provide the county clerk with a  
40 written statement of noncompliance setting forth the reasons the  
41 precinct is not in compliance. Within 15 days after receiving the  
42 notice of noncompliance, the county clerk shall make any  
43 adjustments to the boundaries of the precinct which are required to  
44 bring the precinct into compliance with the provisions of NRS  
45 293.205 and shall submit a corrected copy or electronic file of the



1 precinct map to the Secretary of State and the Director of the  
2 Legislative Counsel Bureau.

3 3. If the initial or corrected election precinct map is not filed as  
4 required pursuant to this section or the county clerk fails to make the  
5 necessary changes to the boundaries of an election precinct pursuant  
6 to subsection 2, the Secretary of State may establish appropriate  
7 precinct boundaries in compliance with the provisions of NRS  
8 293.205 to ~~293.213,~~ **293.210**, inclusive. If the Secretary of State  
9 revises the map pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of State  
10 shall submit a copy or electronic file of the revised map to the  
11 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the appropriate  
12 county clerk.

13 4. As used in this section, "electronic file" includes, without  
14 limitation, an electronic data file of a geographic information  
15 system.

16 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293.217 1. The county clerk of each county shall appoint and  
18 notify registered voters to act as election board officers for the  
19 various polling places in the county as provided in NRS 293.220 to  
20 ~~293.243,~~ **293.227**, inclusive, and ~~293.384.~~ **section 12 of this act.**  
21 The registered voters appointed as election board officers for any  
22 polling place must not all be of the same political party. No  
23 candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate  
24 within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be  
25 appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election  
26 board officers are appointed, if requested by the county clerk, the  
27 sheriff shall:

28 (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county  
29 and for the central election board or the ~~absent~~ **mail** ballot central  
30 counting board; or

31 (b) Deputize as a deputy sheriff for the election an election  
32 board officer of each polling place in the county and for the central  
33 election board or the ~~absent~~ **mail** ballot central counting board.  
34 The deputized officer shall receive no additional compensation for  
35 services rendered as a deputy sheriff during the election for which  
36 the officer is deputized.

37 ➤ Deputy sheriffs so appointed and deputized shall preserve order  
38 during hours of voting and attend closing of the polls.

39 2. The county clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of  
40 election board officer as set forth in NRS 293.2175.

41 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of  
43 NRS, the Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the  
44 election laws of this State, prescribe:





1 (a) The form of all ballots, ~~absent~~ mail ballots, diagrams,  
2 sample ballots, certificates, notices, declarations, applications to  
3 preregister and register to vote, lists, applications, registers, rosters,  
4 statements and abstracts required by the election laws of this State.

5 (b) The procedures to be followed and the requirements of:

6 (1) A system established pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using  
7 a computer to register voters and to keep records of registration.

8 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant  
9 to NRS 293.671 for using a computer to register voters.

10 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, the  
11 Secretary of State shall prescribe with respect to the matter to be  
12 printed on every kind of ballot:

13 (a) The placement and listing of all offices, candidates and  
14 measures upon which voting is statewide, which must be uniform  
15 throughout the State.

16 (b) The listing of all other candidates required to file with the  
17 Secretary of State, and the order of listing all offices, candidates and  
18 measures upon which voting is not statewide, from which each  
19 county or city clerk shall prepare appropriate ballot forms for use in  
20 any election in his or her county.

21 3. The Secretary of State shall place the condensation of each  
22 proposed constitutional amendment or statewide measure near the  
23 spaces or devices for indicating the voter's choice.

24 4. The fiscal note for, explanation of, arguments for and  
25 against, and rebuttals to such arguments of each proposed  
26 constitutional amendment or statewide measure must be included on  
27 all sample ballots.

28 5. The condensations and explanations for constitutional  
29 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or  
30 referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon  
31 consultation with the Attorney General. The arguments and rebuttals  
32 for or against constitutional amendments and statewide measures  
33 proposed by initiative or referendum must be prepared in the  
34 manner set forth in NRS 293.252. The fiscal notes for constitutional  
35 amendments and statewide measures proposed by initiative or  
36 referendum must be prepared by the Secretary of State, upon  
37 consultation with the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative  
38 Counsel Bureau. The condensations, explanations, arguments,  
39 rebuttals and fiscal notes must be in easily understood language and  
40 of reasonable length, and whenever feasible must be completed by  
41 August 1 of the year in which the general election is to be held. The  
42 explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a  
43 concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to  
44 the constitutional amendment or statewide measure and a summary  
45 of how the constitutional amendment or statewide measure adds to,





1 changes or repeals such existing laws. For a constitutional  
2 amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates, increases  
3 or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of  
4 the digest must include a statement that the constitutional  
5 amendment or statewide measure creates, generates, increases or  
6 decreases, as applicable, public revenue.

7 6. The names of candidates for township and legislative or  
8 special district offices must be printed only on the ballots furnished  
9 to voters of that township or district.

10 7. A county clerk:

11 (a) May divide paper ballots into two sheets in a manner which  
12 provides a clear understanding and grouping of all measures and  
13 candidates.

14 (b) Shall prescribe the color or colors of the ballots and voting  
15 receipts used in any election which the clerk is required to conduct.

16 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293.2693 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 293.2693 If a county or city uses paper ballots, including,  
18 without limitation, for ~~[absent] mail~~ ballots, ~~[and ballots voted in a~~  
19 ~~mailing precinct,]~~ the county or city clerk shall provide a voter  
20 education program specific to the voting system used by the county  
21 or city. The voter education program must include, without  
22 limitation, information concerning the effect of overvoting and the  
23 procedures for correcting a vote on a ballot before it is cast and  
24 counted and for obtaining a replacement ballot.

25 **Sec. 24.** NRS 293.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.272 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and  
27 in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by mail or  
28 computer to vote shall, for the first election in which the person  
29 votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless he or  
30 she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is  
31 registered to vote.

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

33 (a) ~~Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.343~~  
34 ~~to 293.355, inclusive;~~

35 ~~—(b)—~~ Is entitled to vote ~~[an absent ballot]~~ *otherwise than in*  
36 *person* pursuant to federal law ~~[, NRS 293.316]~~ or chapter 293D of  
37 NRS;

38 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) Is disabled;

39 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person  
40 pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and  
41 Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;

42 ~~[(e)]~~ ~~Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an~~  
43 ~~absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary~~  
44 ~~public or other person authorized to administer an oath;~~



1 ~~—(f) Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the county~~  
2 ~~clerk;] or~~

3 ~~[(g)] (d)~~ Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of ~~[NRS~~  
4 ~~293.8847] section 4 of this act~~ and includes a copy of the  
5 information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of  
6 NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant  
7 to ~~[NRS 293.8851.] section 5 of this act.~~

8 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in  
10 NRS 293.3081, 293.3083 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and  
11 in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer,  
12 ~~[or registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742.]~~ or a person who  
13 preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed  
14 to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an  
15 election for federal office in this State:

16 (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the  
17 election board officer at the polling place:

18 (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person,  
19 which shows his or her physical address; or

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

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

26 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the  
27 person, which shows his or her physical address; or

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

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

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

35 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote  
36 by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to  
37 vote, and submits with an application to preregister or register to  
38 vote:

39 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or

40 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,  
41 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check  
42 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not  
43 including a voter registration card;

44 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to  
45 vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register



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

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

8 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification;

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.2733 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 293.2733 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is  
32 located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may  
33 submit a request to the county clerk for the establishment ~~of a~~  
34 ~~polling place~~ within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or  
35 Indian colony for the day of a primary election or general election  
36 ~~of:~~

37 (a) *A polling place;*

38 (b) *A ballot drop box; or*

39 (c) *Both a polling place and a ballot drop box.*

40 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place , *a ballot*  
41 *drop box or both a polling place and a ballot drop box* within the  
42 boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a  
43 primary election or general election:

44 (a) Must be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe on  
45 or before:



1 (1) If the request is for a primary election, ~~the first Friday in~~  
2 ~~January~~ *March 1* of the year in which the primary election is to be  
3 held.

4 (2) If the request is for a general election, ~~the first Friday in~~  
5 ~~July~~ *August 1* of the year in which the general election is to be  
6 held.

7 (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the  
8 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling  
9 place ~~or~~ *or ballot drop box*. Any proposed location must satisfy the  
10 criteria the county clerk uses for the establishment of any other  
11 polling place ~~or~~ *or ballot drop box, as applicable*.

12 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the  
13 county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set  
14 forth in subsection 2, the county clerk must establish at least one  
15 polling place *or ballot box, as applicable* within the boundaries of  
16 the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as  
17 applicable, approved by the Indian tribe for the day of a primary  
18 election or general election. The county clerk is not required to  
19 establish a polling place within the boundaries of an Indian  
20 reservation or Indian colony for the day of a primary election or  
21 general election if the county clerk established a temporary branch  
22 polling place for early voting pursuant to NRS 293.3572 within the  
23 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same  
24 election.

25 4. If the county clerk establishes one or more polling places *or*  
26 *ballot drop boxes* within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or  
27 Indian colony pursuant to subsection 3 for the day of a primary  
28 election or general election, the county clerk must continue to  
29 establish one or more polling places *or ballot drop boxes* within the  
30 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or  
31 locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future  
32 primary election or general election unless otherwise requested by  
33 the Indian tribe.

34 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283  
36 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:

37 (a) A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her  
38 name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

39 (b) The election board officer shall:

40 (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;

41 (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature  
42 card;

43 (3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner  
44 set forth in NRS 293.277; and



1 (4) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in  
2 that county in the current election.

3 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified  
4 by:

5 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer  
6 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to  
7 register to vote;

8 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,  
9 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

10 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of  
11 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter  
12 registration card issued to the voter.

13 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to  
14 the signature on the application to preregister or register to vote, the  
15 voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the  
16 Secretary of State.

17 *4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a*  
18 *voter may include his or her date of birth.*

19 **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early  
21 voting, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the county  
22 clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting  
23 which may include, without limitation, the clerk's office pursuant to  
24 NRS 293.3561.

25 2. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole  
26 or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to  
27 the county clerk for the establishment of a temporary branch polling  
28 place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian  
29 reservation or Indian colony.

30 3. A request for the establishment of a temporary branch  
31 polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian  
32 reservation or Indian colony:

33 (a) Must be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe on  
34 or before:

35 (1) If the request is for a primary election, ~~the first Friday in~~  
36 ~~January~~ *March 1* of the year in which the general election is to be  
37 held.

38 (2) If the request is for a general election, ~~the first Friday in~~  
39 ~~July~~ *August 1* of the year in which the general election is to be  
40 held.

41 (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the  
42 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the  
43 temporary branch polling place and proposed hours of operation  
44 thereof. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria established



1 by the county clerk for the selection of temporary branch polling  
2 places pursuant to NRS 293.3561.

3 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the  
4 county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set  
5 forth in subsection 3, the county clerk must establish at least one  
6 temporary branch polling place for early voting within the  
7 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony. The location  
8 and hours of operation of such a temporary branch polling place for  
9 early voting must be approved by the Indian tribe. The county clerk  
10 is not required to establish a temporary branch polling place within  
11 the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony if the  
12 county clerk determines that it is not logistically feasible to establish  
13 a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian  
14 reservation or Indian colony.

15 5. If the county clerk establishes one or more temporary branch  
16 polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or  
17 Indian colony pursuant to subsection 4 for early voting, the county  
18 clerk must continue to establish one or more temporary branch  
19 polling places within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or  
20 Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe  
21 for early voting in future elections unless otherwise requested by the  
22 Indian tribe.

23 6. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293.3568 do not  
24 apply to a temporary branch polling place. Voting at a temporary  
25 branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and  
26 during any hours within the period for early voting by personal  
27 appearance, as determined by the county clerk.

28 7. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be  
29 uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

30 8. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or  
31 lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by  
32 the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling  
33 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct  
34 early voting at that location.

35 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283  
37 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a  
38 person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer  
39 shall:

40 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.

41 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a  
42 signature card.

43 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in  
44 NRS 293.277.



1 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in  
2 the current election.

3 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must  
4 be identified by:

5 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer  
6 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to  
7 register to vote;

8 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,  
9 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

10 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of  
11 identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter  
12 registration card issued to the voter.

13 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to  
14 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must  
15 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of  
16 State.

17 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
18 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
19 in that county in the current election.

20 5. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable,  
21 must contain:

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

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

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

28 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified  
29 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the  
30 voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only  
31 for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

32 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which  
33 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer  
34 shall:

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

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

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

40 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may  
41 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

42 *9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a*  
43 *voter may include his or her date of birth.*



1       **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.3625 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293.3625 The county clerk shall make a record of the receipt at  
3 the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport  
4 official ballots pursuant to NRS 293.304, ~~293.325,~~ 293B.330 and  
5 293B.335. The record must include the numbers indicated on the  
6 container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293.462.

7       **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
8       293.363 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected election~~  
9 ~~that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,~~  
10 ~~inclusive:]~~

11       1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare  
12 to count the ballots voted. The counting procedure must be public  
13 and continue without adjournment until completed.

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

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

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

36       (c) When it has been ascertained that the number of ballots  
37 agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have  
38 voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy  
39 between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of  
40 the discrepancy must be made.

41       **Sec. 32.** NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
42       293.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected election~~  
43 ~~that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,~~  
44 ~~inclusive,]~~ *in section 13 of this act*, no counting board in any  
45 precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used





1 may commence to count the votes until all ballots used or unused  
2 are accounted for.

3 **Sec. 33.** NRS 293.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.387 1. As soon as the returns from all the precincts and  
5 districts in any county have been received by the board of county  
6 commissioners, the board shall meet and canvass the returns. The  
7 canvass must be completed on or before the 10th day following the  
8 election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected~~  
9 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
10 ~~293.8887, inclusive.]~~

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

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

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

15 3. The county clerk shall, as soon as the result is declared,  
16 enter upon the records of the board an abstract of the result, which  
17 must contain the number of votes cast for each candidate. The  
18 board, after making the abstract, shall cause the county clerk to  
19 certify the abstract and, by an order made and entered in the minutes  
20 of its proceedings, to make:

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

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

24 ↪ and transmit them to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th  
25 day following the election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following~~  
26 ~~an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS~~  
27 ~~293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

28 4. The Secretary of State shall, immediately after any primary  
29 election, compile the returns for all candidates voted for in more  
30 than one county. The Secretary of State shall make out and file in  
31 his or her office an abstract thereof, and shall certify to the county  
32 clerk of each county the name of each person nominated, and the  
33 name of the office for which the person is nominated.

34 **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.391 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots,  
36 challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected  
37 pursuant to NRS 293B.400, *reports prepared pursuant to section*  
38 *17 of this act* and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed,  
39 must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county  
40 commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The  
41 records of voted ballots that are maintained in electronic form must,  
42 after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be  
43 sealed and deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The tally lists  
44 collected pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the  
45 board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the



1 county clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this  
2 subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months, and all such  
3 sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after the  
4 preservation period. A notice of the destruction must be published  
5 by the clerk in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the  
6 county not less than 2 weeks before the destruction.

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

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

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

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

29 **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.393 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293.393 1. On or before the 10th day after any general  
31 election or any other election at which votes are cast for any United  
32 States Senator, Representative in Congress, member of the  
33 Legislature or any state officer who is elected statewide, ~~for, if~~  
34 ~~applicable, on or before the 13th day after an affected election that is~~  
35 ~~subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive,]~~  
36 the board of county commissioners shall open the returns of votes  
37 cast and make abstracts of the votes.

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

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

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



1     **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     293.462 1. Each container used to transport official ballots  
3 pursuant to NRS 293.304, ~~[293.325.]~~ 293B.330 and 293B.335 must:  
4     (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and  
5     (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure  
6 detection of any opening of the container.  
7     2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for  
8 identification.

9     **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
10     293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a  
11 county to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory  
12 deadline in a particular election, the county clerk shall, as soon as  
13 practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:  
14     (a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in a  
15 newspaper of general circulation in the county; and  
16     (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered  
17 voter who ~~[requested an absent voter's]~~ *received a mail* ballot for  
18 the election and has not returned the *mail* ballot before the date on  
19 which the notice will be transmitted.

20     2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1  
21 must be published:  
22     (a) In a county whose population is 47,500 or more, on at least 3  
23 successive days.  
24     (b) In a county whose population is less than 47,500, at least  
25 twice in successive issues of the newspaper.

26     **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.4688 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
27     293.4688 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that:  
28     (a) All public information that is included on the Internet  
29 website required pursuant to NRS 293.4687 is accessible on a  
30 mobile device; and  
31     (b) A person may use a mobile device to submit any information  
32 or form related to elections that a person may otherwise submit  
33 electronically to the Secretary of State, including, without limitation,  
34 an application to preregister or register to vote ~~[, a request for an~~  
35 ~~absent ballot]~~ and a request for a military-overseas ballot.

36     2. As used in this section:  
37     (a) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
38 NRS 293D.050.  
39     (b) "Mobile device" includes, without limitation, a smartphone  
40 or a tablet computer.

41     **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
42     293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:  
43     1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant  
44 to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3  
45 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach



1 members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions  
2 of NRS 293.2955, 293.296 ~~[, 293.313, 293.316]~~ and ~~[293.3165.]~~  
3 *section 3 of this act.*

4 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information  
5 concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or  
6 register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for  
7 use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without  
8 limitation, providing such information through a  
9 telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is  
10 deaf.

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

14 (a) Related to elections; and

15 (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed  
16 form.

17 **Sec. 40.** NRS 293.5002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293.5002 1. The Secretary of State shall establish procedures  
19 to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued  
20 pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive, to:

21 (a) Preregister or register to vote; and

22 (b) Vote by ~~absent~~ *mail* ballot,

23 ↪ without revealing the confidential address of the person.

24 2. In addition to establishing appropriate procedures or  
25 developing forms pursuant to subsection 1, the Secretary of State  
26 shall develop a form to allow a person for whom a fictitious address  
27 has been issued to preregister or register to vote or to change the  
28 address of the person's current preregistration or registration, as  
29 applicable. The form must include:

30 (a) A section that contains the confidential address of the  
31 person; and

32 (b) A section that contains the fictitious address of the person.

33 3. Upon receiving a completed form from a person for whom a  
34 fictitious address has been issued, the Secretary of State shall:

35 (a) On the portion of the form that contains the fictitious address  
36 of the person, indicate the county and precinct in which the person  
37 will vote and forward this portion of the form to the appropriate  
38 county clerk; and

39 (b) File the portion of the form that contains the confidential  
40 address.

41 4. ~~[Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any request~~  
42 ~~received by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 shall be~~  
43 ~~deemed a request for a permanent absent ballot.~~  
44 ~~—5.]~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law:



1 (a) The Secretary of State and each county clerk shall keep the  
2 portion of the form developed pursuant to subsection 2 that he or  
3 she retains separate from other applications for preregistration or  
4 registration.

5 (b) The county clerk shall not make the name, confidential  
6 address or fictitious address of the person who has been issued a  
7 fictitious address available for:

8 (1) Inspection or copying; or

9 (2) Inclusion in any list that is made available for public  
10 inspection,

11 ↪ unless directed to do so by lawful order of a court of competent  
12 jurisdiction.

13 **Sec. 41.** NRS 293.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.502 1. An elector:

15 (a) Who complies with the requirements for registration set forth  
16 in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52  
17 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

18 (b) Who, not more than 60 days before an election:

19 (1) Is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States  
20 or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is discharged from  
21 the Armed Forces; or

22 (2) Is separated from employment outside the territorial  
23 limits of the United States or is the spouse or dependent of an  
24 elector who is separated from employment outside the territorial  
25 limits of the United States;

26 (c) Who presents evidence of the discharge from the Armed  
27 Forces or separation from employment described in paragraph (b) to  
28 the county clerk; and

29 (d) Is not registered to vote at the close of registration for that  
30 election,

31 ↪ must be allowed to register to vote in the election.

32 2. Such an elector must:

33 (a) Register in person; and

34 (b) Vote in the office of the county clerk unless the elector is  
35 otherwise entitled to vote ~~an absent~~ *a mail* ballot pursuant to  
36 federal law.

37 3. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out a  
38 program of registration for such electors.

39 **Sec. 42.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration  
41 of a person or the registration of a voter if:

42 (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district  
43 attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that  
44 information in the application to preregister or register to vote



1 concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is  
2 fraudulent;

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

6 (c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory proof of  
7 identity and residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.

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

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

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

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

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

32 (a) Official identification which contains a photograph of the  
33 voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other  
34 official document; and

35 (b) Satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address  
36 at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with  
37 the address listed on the roster.

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



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

- 3 (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or  
4 (b) Residence or identity of a person.

5 **Sec. 42.5.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,  
7 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

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

16 (3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system  
17 pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is  
18 the Thursday preceding the primary or general election, unless the  
19 system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS  
20 293.5842 or 293.5847.

21 (4) By computer using the system established by the  
22 Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the ~~Thursday~~  
23 ~~preceding~~ *day of* the primary or general election . ~~[- unless the~~  
24 ~~system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS~~  
25 ~~293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~

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

30 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,  
31 inclusive, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a  
32 primary or general election set forth in subsection 1, no person may  
33 register to vote for the election.

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

13 **Sec. 43.** NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293.5837 1. ~~Through the Thursday preceding the day of the~~  
15 ~~election, an~~ An elector may register to vote in the county or city, as  
16 applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an  
17 application to register to vote by computer using the system  
18 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671  
19 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection  
20 2 to vote in person.

21 2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote  
22 pursuant to this section ~~in~~ *less than 14 days before the election*, the  
23 elector may vote only in person:

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

27 (b) On the day of the election, at:

28 (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 ~~or~~  
29 ~~293.8834~~ or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in  
30 which the elector is eligible to vote; or

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

32 3. To vote in person, an elector who submits an application to  
33 register to vote pursuant to this section must:

34 (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place described  
35 in subsection 2;

36 (b) Inform an election board officer that, before appearing at the  
37 polling place, the elector submitted an application to register to vote  
38 by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State  
39 pursuant to NRS 293.671; and

40 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, provide his or  
41 her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by  
42 the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical  
43 address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

44 4. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the  
45 Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the





1 elector's current residential address, the following documents may  
2 be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current  
3 residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her  
4 application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:

5 (a) A military identification card;

6 (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric,  
7 gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable  
8 television service;

9 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

10 (d) A paycheck;

11 (e) An income tax return;

12 (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a  
13 residence;

14 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

15 (h) A property tax statement; or

16 (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.

17 5. Subject to final verification, if an elector submits an  
18 application to register to vote and appears at a polling place to vote  
19 in person pursuant to this section:

20 (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to  
21 vote at the polling place upon:

22 (1) The determination that the elector submitted the  
23 application to register to vote by computer using the system  
24 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 and  
25 that the application to register to vote is complete; and

26 (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency  
27 pursuant to this section.

28 (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to  
29 vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:

30 (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;

31 (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that  
32 polling place; and

33 (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is  
34 verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote  
35 and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.

36 **Sec. 44.** NRS 293.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and  
38 maintain an official statewide voter registration list, which may be  
39 maintained on the Internet, in consultation with each county and city  
40 clerk.

41 2. The statewide voter registration list must:

42 (a) Be a uniform, centralized and interactive computerized list;

43 (b) Serve as the single method for storing and managing the  
44 official list of registered voters in this State;



1 (c) Serve as the official list of registered voters for the conduct  
2 of all elections in this State;

3 (d) Contain the name and registration information of every  
4 legally registered voter in this State;

5 (e) Include a unique identifier assigned by the Secretary of State  
6 to each legally registered voter in this State;

7 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~7.1~~ 8, be  
8 coordinated with the appropriate databases of other agencies in this  
9 State;

10 (g) Be electronically accessible to each state and local election  
11 official in this State at all times;

12 (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~8.1~~ 9, allow for  
13 data to be shared with other states under certain circumstances; and

14 (i) Be regularly maintained to ensure the integrity of the  
15 registration process and the election process.

16 3. Each county and city clerk shall:

17 (a) Except for information related to the preregistration of  
18 persons to vote, electronically enter into the statewide voter  
19 registration list all information related to voter registration obtained  
20 by the county or city clerk at the time the information is provided to  
21 the county or city clerk; and

22 (b) Provide the Secretary of State with information concerning  
23 the voter registration of the county or city and other reasonable  
24 information requested by the Secretary of State in the form required  
25 by the Secretary of State to establish or maintain the statewide voter  
26 registration list.

27 4. In establishing and maintaining the statewide voter  
28 registration list, the Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative  
29 agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles to match  
30 information in the database of the statewide voter registration list  
31 with information in the appropriate database of the Department of  
32 Motor Vehicles to verify the accuracy of the information in an  
33 application to register to vote.

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

38 6. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its  
39 database:

40 (a) Is capable of processing any information related to an  
41 application to register to vote, an application to update voter  
42 registration information or a request to verify the accuracy of voter  
43 registration information as quickly as is feasible; and

44 (b) Does not limit the number of applications to register to vote,  
45 applications to update voter registration information or requests to



1 verify the accuracy of voter registration information that may be  
2 processed by the database in any given day.

3 7. *The Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative*  
4 *agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to match*  
5 *information in the database of the statewide voter registration list*  
6 *with information in the records of State Registrar of Vital*  
7 *Statistics concerning the death of a resident of this State to*  
8 *maintain the statewide voter registration list. The Secretary of*  
9 *State must compare the records of the State Registrar of Vital*  
10 *Statistics to those in the statewide voter registration list at least*  
11 *once per month.*

12 8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 481.063 or any  
13 provision of law providing for the confidentiality of information, the  
14 Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with an agency of  
15 this State pursuant to which the agency provides to the Secretary of  
16 State any information in the possession of the agency that the  
17 Secretary of State deems necessary to maintain the statewide voter  
18 registration list.

19 ~~[8.]~~ 9. The Secretary of State may:

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

23 (b) Provide to the chief officer of elections of another state any  
24 information which is requested and which the Secretary of State  
25 deems necessary for the chief officer of elections of that state to  
26 maintain a voter registration list, if the Secretary of State is satisfied  
27 that the information provided pursuant to this paragraph will be used  
28 only for the maintenance of that voter registration list.

29 **Sec. 45.** NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course  
31 of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not:

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

34 (b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of  
35 the voter, other than ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot  
36 or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with  
37 his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

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

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

42 (e) Show his or her ballot to another person, after voting, so as  
43 to reveal any of his or her votes on the ballot, other than on his or  
44 her ~~[absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ mail ballot or military-overseas



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

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

5 (g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other  
6 than ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-  
7 overseas ballot when permitted pursuant to this title.

8 (h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface,  
9 damage or destroy ~~[an absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or  
10 military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with  
11 his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

12 2. A voter shall not:

13 (a) Accept a ballot from another person, other than an election  
14 board officer in the course of the election board officer's official  
15 duties or a person who sends, transmits, distributes or delivers ~~[an~~  
16 ~~absent ballot, mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas  
17 ballot to the voter when permitted pursuant to this title.

18 (b) Deliver to an election board officer in the course of the  
19 election board officer's official duties any ballot other than the one  
20 received.

21 (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may  
22 afterward be identified as the one that he or she voted, other than  
23 any such mark that is permitted to be placed on ~~[an absent ballot,~~  
24 ~~mailing ballot,]~~ a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by  
25 or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to  
26 this title.

27 3. *A person other than a county or city clerk shall not set up a*  
28 *ballot drop box that purports to be an official ballot drop box for*  
29 *mail ballots.*

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

33 **Sec. 46.** NRS 293.908 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 293.908 1. The following persons may request that personal  
35 information contained in the records of the Secretary of State or a  
36 county or city clerk be kept confidential:

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

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

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

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

42 (e) Any district attorney or attorney employed by the district  
43 attorney who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities  
44 prosecutes persons for:

45 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or



1 (2) Domestic violence.

2 (f) Any state or county public defender who as part of his or her  
3 normal job responsibilities defends persons for:

4 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or

5 (2) Domestic violence.

6 (g) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker,  
7 employed by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as  
8 part of his or her normal job responsibilities:

9 (1) Interacts with the public; and

10 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child  
11 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable  
12 dangers.

13 (h) Any county manager in this State.

14 (i) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State  
15 or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her  
16 employer:

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

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

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

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

26 (k) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
27 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (j), inclusive.

28 ~~(k)~~ (l) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child  
29 of a person described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (j) inclusive, who  
30 was killed in the performance of his or her duties.

31 2. As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

41 **Sec. 47.** NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
42 293B.130 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting  
43 system is to be used, the county clerk shall prepare or cause to be  
44 prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material  
45 suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be



1 employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the  
2 computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

3 (a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.

4 (b) All unlawful votes, including, ~~[but not limited to,]~~ *without*  
5 *limitation*, overvotes or, in a primary election, votes cast for a  
6 candidate of a major political party other than the party, if any, of  
7 the registration of the voter must not be counted.

8 (c) If the election is:

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

10 (2) A general election,

11 → the total votes, other than ~~[absentee votes and votes in a mailing~~  
12 ~~precinct,]~~ *mail ballots*, must be accumulated by precinct.

13 (d) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by  
14 appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered which lacks a code  
15 identifying the precinct in which it was voted and, in a primary  
16 election, identifying the major political party of the voter.

17 2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the  
18 accuracy certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of  
19 NRS 293B.140.

20 3. The county clerk shall take such measures as he or she  
21 deems necessary to protect the program from being altered or  
22 damaged.

23 **Sec. 48.** NRS 293B.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293B.360 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of  
25 votes cast at any election conducted under a mechanical voting  
26 system, the county clerk shall create a computer program and  
27 processing accuracy board, and may create:

28 (a) A central ballot inspection board;

29 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ *A mail* ballot ~~[mailing precinct]~~ inspection  
30 board;

31 (c) A ballot duplicating board;

32 (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

33 (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the county  
34 clerk deems necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.

35 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county  
36 clerk may determine the number of members to constitute any  
37 board. The county clerk shall make any appointments from among  
38 competent persons who are registered voters in this State. The  
39 members of each board must represent all political parties as equally  
40 as possible. The same person may be appointed to more than one  
41 board but must meet the particular qualifications for each board to  
42 which he or she is appointed.

43 3. If the county clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the  
44 county clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The



1 members of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same  
2 political party.

3 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the  
4 pleasure of the county clerk.

5 **Sec. 49.** NRS 293B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293B.380 1. The ballot processing and packaging board must  
7 be composed of persons who are qualified in the use of the data  
8 processing equipment to be operated for the voting count.

9 2. The board shall:

10 (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting  
11 area where the computers are located during the period when ballots  
12 are being processed if those members do not interfere with the  
13 processing of the ballots.

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

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

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

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

23 (f) Record an explanation of any irregularity that occurs in the  
24 processing.

25 (g) If the election is:

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

27 (2) A general election,

28 ➔ ensure that a list is compiled indicating the total votes, other than  
29 ~~absentee votes and votes in a mailing precinct,~~ *mail ballots*, which  
30 each candidate accumulated in each precinct.

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

34 **Sec. 50.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
35 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this  
36 act.

37 **Sec. 51. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*  
38 *city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered*  
39 *voter in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates*  
40 *his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days*  
41 *before the election a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk*  
42 *shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail*  
43 *ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without*  
44 *limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point*  
45 *type to a person who is elderly or disabled.*



1       2. *The city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a*  
2 *mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a*  
3 *written notice in the form prescribed by the city clerk which must*  
4 *be received by the city clerk not later than 60 days before the day*  
5 *of the election.*

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

8       (a) *Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions*  
9 *of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or*

10       (b) *Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.*

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

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

15       (a) *Each active registered voter who:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

36       **Sec. 52. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,*  
37 *section 51 of this act and chapter 293D of NRS, the city clerk shall*  
38 *send to each active registered voter by first-class mail, or by any*  
39 *class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent*  
40 *logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service is*  
41 *properly placed:*

42       (a) *A mail ballot;*

43       (b) *A return envelope;*

44       (c) *An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted*  
45 *to ensure its secrecy; and*





1 (d) *Instructions.*

2 2. *In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the*  
3 *city clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an*  
4 *address of the voter that is different from the address to which the*  
5 *mail ballot is mailed.*

6 3. *The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-*  
7 *class mail if the active registered voter is within the boundaries of*  
8 *the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military*  
9 *base.*

10 4. *Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter,*  
11 *the city clerk shall record:*

12 (a) *The date the mail ballot is issued;*

13 (b) *The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his*  
14 *or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,*  
15 *unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;*

16 (c) *The number of the mail ballot; and*

17 (d) *Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.*

18 **Sec. 53.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if*  
19 *a person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or*  
20 *preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently*  
21 *deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously*  
22 *voted in any election for federal office in this State, the city clerk*  
23 *must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the*  
24 *information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS*  
25 *293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.*

26 2. *The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person*  
27 *who:*

28 (a) *Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to*  
29 *vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be*  
30 *registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to*  
31 *preregister or register to vote:*

32 (1) *A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or*

33 (2) *A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,*  
34 *paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including*  
35 *a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but*  
36 *not including a voter registration card;*

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

43 (c) *Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757,*  
44 *inclusive, and at that time presents to the Department of Motor*  
45 *Vehicles:*



1 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification;  
2 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
3 paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including  
4 a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but  
5 not including a voter registration card; or

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

11 (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
12 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee  
13 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

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

17 (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person pursuant to the  
18 provisions of any other federal law.

19 3. If a person fails to provide the identification required  
20 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 with  
21 his or her mail ballot:

22 (a) The mail ballot must be treated as a provisional ballot; and

23 (b) The city clerk must:

24 (1) Contact the person;

25 (2) Allow the person to provide the identification required  
26 before 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election; and

27 (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b)  
28 of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail  
29 ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting  
30 board.

31 **Sec. 54. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in section 55 of  
32 this act and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot,  
33 the voter must, in accordance with the instructions:

34 (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

35 (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
36 return envelope;

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

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

41 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS,  
42 voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon  
43 the mail ballot as prepared pursuant to section 51 of this act, and  
44 no person may write in the name of an additional candidate for  
45 any office.



1       3. *If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote*  
2 *in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a*  
3 *polling place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to*  
4 *complying with all other requirements for voting in person that*  
5 *are set forth in this chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or*  
6 *sign an affirmation under penalty of perjury that the voter has not*  
7 *voted during the election. A person who receives a surrendered*  
8 *mail ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."*

9       **Sec. 55.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a*  
10 *person shall not mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of a voter*  
11 *or assist a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to the*  
12 *provisions of sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act.*

13       2. *At the direction of a voter who has a physical disability, is*  
14 *at least 65 years of age or is unable to read or write, a person may*  
15 *mark and sign a mail ballot on behalf of the voter or assist the*  
16 *voter to mark and sign a mail ballot pursuant to this section.*

17       3. *If a person marks and signs a mail ballot on behalf of a*  
18 *voter pursuant to this section, the person must indicate next to his*  
19 *or her signature that the mail ballot has been marked and signed*  
20 *on behalf of the voter.*

21       4. *If a person assists a voter to mark and sign a mail ballot*  
22 *pursuant to this section, the person must include on the return*  
23 *envelope his or her name, address and signature.*

24       **Sec. 56.** *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2*  
25 *and chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted*  
26 *for any election, the mail ballot must be:*

27       (a) *Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by*  
28 *hand to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the*  
29 *city, pursuant to this section; or*

30       (b) *Mailed to the city clerk, and:*

31       (1) *Postmarked on or before the day of the election; and*

32       (2) *Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth*  
33 *day following the election.*

34       2. *If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on*  
35 *the third day following the election and the date of the postmark*  
36 *cannot be determined, the mail ballot shall be deemed to have*  
37 *been postmarked on or before the day of the election.*

38       3. *Each city clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every*  
39 *polling place in the city, including, without limitation, a polling*  
40 *place for early voting. A city clerk may establish a drop box at any*  
41 *other location in the city where mail ballots can be delivered by*  
42 *hand and collected during the period for early voting and on*  
43 *election day. No person other than a clerk may establish a drop*  
44 *box for mail ballots.*

45       4. *A ballot drop box must be:*



1 (a) *Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of*  
2 *sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail*  
3 *ballots; and*

4 (b) *Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots*  
5 *and being locked.*

6 5. *A ballot drop box must be:*

7 (a) *Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the*  
8 *office of the city clerk, or a polling place in the city; and*

9 (b) *Made available for use during the hours when the office of*  
10 *the city clerk, or the polling place, is open for business or voting,*  
11 *as applicable.*

12 **Sec. 57. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at*  
13 *the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or*  
14 *on behalf of the voter, a person authorized by the voter may return*  
15 *the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery*  
16 *to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the city*  
17 *pursuant to section 56 of this act.*

18 2. *Except for an election board officer in the course of the*  
19 *election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:*

20 (a) *Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a*  
21 *voter's mail ballot;*

22 (b) *Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or*

23 (c) *If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and*  
24 *authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by*  
25 *mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless*  
26 *otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:*

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

30 (2) *Before the deadline established by the United States*  
31 *Postal Service for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of*  
32 *the election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as*  
33 *applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the mail*  
34 *ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the*  
35 *election.*

36 3. *A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is*  
37 *guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in*  
38 *NRS 193.130.*

39 **Sec. 58. 1.** *The city clerk shall establish procedures for the*  
40 *processing and counting of mail ballots.*

41 2. *The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:*

42 (a) *May authorize mail ballots to be processed and counted by*  
43 *computer or other electronic means; and*

44 (b) *Must not conflict with the provisions of sections 51 to 65,*  
45 *inclusive, of this act.*



1       **Sec. 59. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*  
2 *when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the city*  
3 *clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot record*  
4 *for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk*  
5 *shall check the signature used for the ballot by electronic means*  
6 *pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3.*

7       **2.** *To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic*  
8 *means:*

9       **(a)** *The electronic device must take a digital image of the*  
10 *signature used for the mail ballot and electronically compare the*  
11 *digital image with the signatures of the voter from his or her*  
12 *application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote*  
13 *available in the records of the city clerk.*

14       **(b)** *If the electronic device does not match the signature of the*  
15 *voter, the signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the*  
16 *provisions of subsection 3.*

17       **3.** *To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the*  
18 *city clerk shall use the following procedure:*

19       **(a)** *The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for*  
20 *the mail ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the*  
21 *records of the clerk.*

22       **(b)** *If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe*  
23 *there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature*  
24 *used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the*  
25 *clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether*  
26 *the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.*

27       **4.** *For purposes of subsection 3:*

28       **(a)** *There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
29 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
30 *voter if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple,*  
31 *significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter*  
32 *available in the records of the clerk.*

33       **(b)** *There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
34 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
35 *voter if:*

36       **(1)** *The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of*  
37 *the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for*  
38 *the first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of*  
39 *punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common*  
40 *nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two*  
41 *last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant*  
42 *and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in*  
43 *the records of the clerk; or*



1           (2) *There are only slight dissimilarities between the*  
2 *signature used for the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter*  
3 *available in the records of the clerk.*

4           5. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk*  
5 *determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*  
6 *clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place*  
7 *the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely*  
8 *locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk*  
9 *shall deliver the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting*  
10 *board to be processed and prepared for counting.*

11          6. *If the clerk determines when checking the signature used*  
12 *for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature*  
13 *or failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail*  
14 *ballot or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether*  
15 *the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
16 *voter, but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the*  
17 *clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures*  
18 *to provide a signature or a confirmation that the signature used*  
19 *for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail*  
20 *ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a signature or a*  
21 *confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day*  
22 *following the election.*

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

28           (a) *Contact the voter;*

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

32           (c) *After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as*  
33 *applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot*  
34 *central counting board.*

35          8. *If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*  
36 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*  
37 *voter, the voter must be identified by:*

38           (a) *Answering questions from the city clerk covering the*  
39 *personal data which is reported on the application to register to*  
40 *vote;*

41           (b) *Providing the city clerk, orally or in writing, with other*  
42 *personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or*

43           (c) *Providing the city clerk with proof of identification as*  
44 *described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card*  
45 *issued to the voter.*



1       9. *The procedures established pursuant to subsection 7 for*  
2 *contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as*  
3 *soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:*

4       (a) *Mail;*

5       (b) *Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available*  
6 *in the records of the clerk; and*

7       (c) *Electronic means, which may include, without limitation,*  
8 *electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with sufficient*  
9 *information to contact the voter by such means.*

10       **Sec. 60.** 1. *The city clerk shall appoint a mail ballot central*  
11 *counting board for the election.*

12       2. *The clerk shall appoint and notify voters to act as election*  
13 *board officers for the mail ballot central counting board in such*  
14 *numbers as the clerk determines to be required by the volume of*  
15 *mail ballots required to be sent to each active registered voter in*  
16 *the city for the election. The voters appointed as election board*  
17 *officers for the mail ballot central counting board must not all be*  
18 *of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or*  
19 *election or a relative of the candidate within the second degree of*  
20 *consanguinity or affinity may be appointed as such an election*  
21 *board officer.*

22       3. *The clerk's deputies who perform duties in connection with*  
23 *elections shall be deemed officers of the mail ballot central*  
24 *counting board.*

25       4. *The mail ballot central counting board is under the*  
26 *direction of the clerk.*

27       **Sec. 61.** 1. *The mail ballot central counting board may*  
28 *begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of*  
29 *the election. The board must complete the count of all mail ballots*  
30 *on or before the seventh day following the election. The counting*  
31 *procedure must be public.*

32       2. *If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to*  
33 *present the appearance of a single ballot, the mail ballots must be*  
34 *rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written*  
35 *the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed by an*  
36 *election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box*  
37 *after the count is completed.*

38       **Sec. 62.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*  
39 *each mail ballot central counting board shall process the mail*  
40 *ballots in the following manner:*

41       1. *The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope,*  
42 *must be checked as if the voter were voting in person;*

43       2. *An election board officer shall indicate in the roster*  
44 *"Received" by the name of the voter;*





1       3. *If the board determines the voter is entitled to cast a mail*  
2 *ballot and all other processing steps have been completed, the*  
3 *return envelope must be opened and the mail ballot counted;*

4       4. *An election board officer shall indicate "Voted" by the*  
5 *name of the voter; and*

6       5. *When all mail ballots delivered to the board have been*  
7 *voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200,*  
8 *the empty envelopes and the envelopes containing rejected mail*  
9 *ballots must be returned to the clerk. On all envelopes containing*  
10 *rejected mail ballots, the cause of rejection must be noted and the*  
11 *envelope signed by an election board officer.*

12       **Sec. 63.** 1. *The voting results of the mail ballot vote in each*  
13 *precinct must be certified and submitted to the city clerk, who shall*  
14 *have the results added to the votes of the precinct that were not*  
15 *cast by mail ballot. The returns of the mail ballot vote must be*  
16 *reported separately from the other votes that were not cast by mail*  
17 *ballot in the precinct unless reporting the returns separately would*  
18 *violate the secrecy of a voter's ballot.*

19       2. *The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each*  
20 *mail ballot is kept secret.*

21       3. *No voting results of mail ballots may be released until all*  
22 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*  
23 *the election. Any person who disseminates to the public in any way*  
24 *information pertaining to the count of mail ballots before all*  
25 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*  
26 *the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

27       **Sec. 64.** *At least once each year, each city clerk and all*  
28 *members of his or her staff whose duties include administering an*  
29 *election must complete a training class on forensic signature*  
30 *verification that is approved by the Secretary of State.*

31       **Sec. 65.** *If a city clerk uses an electronic device in an*  
32 *election to verify signatures on mail ballots:*

33       1. *The city clerk must conduct a test of the accuracy of the*  
34 *electronic devices before the election. The test must be conducted*  
35 *in a manner that ensures the electronic device will use the same*  
36 *standards for determining the validity of a signature as would be*  
37 *used by a natural person verifying the signature pursuant to*  
38 *section 59 of this act.*

39       2. *The city clerk must perform daily audits of each electronic*  
40 *device during the processing of mail ballots for the election. The*  
41 *daily audit must include a review of a sample of at least 1 percent*  
42 *of the signatures verified each day. The city clerk shall appoint*  
43 *election board officers who must not all be of the same political*  
44 *party to manually review the signatures. The city clerk must*  
45 *prepare a report of each daily audit.*





1       **Sec. 66.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 2~~  
3 ~~and]~~ NRS 293.5817 ~~[ ] and sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act,~~  
4 the conduct of any city election is under the control of the governing  
5 body of the city, and it shall, by ordinance, provide for the holding  
6 of the election, appoint the necessary election officers and election  
7 boards and do all other things required to carry the election into  
8 effect.

9       2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.112, the]~~ *The*  
10 governing body of the city ~~[shall]~~ *may* provide for ~~[:~~

11 ~~—(a) Absent ballots to be voted in a city election pursuant to NRS~~  
12 ~~293C.304 to 293C.340, inclusive, except for the provisions of NRS~~  
13 ~~293C.327 and 293C.328 unless the governing body of the city~~  
14 ~~provides for the applicability of those provisions pursuant to~~  
15 ~~paragraph (b); and~~

16 ~~—(b) The]~~ *the* conduct of ~~[:~~

17 ~~—(1) Early]~~ *early* voting by personal appearance in a city  
18 election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and  
19 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive. ~~];~~

20 ~~—(2) Voting by absent ballot in person in a city election~~  
21 ~~pursuant to NRS 293C.327 and 293C.328; or~~

22 ~~—(3) Both early voting by personal appearance as described in~~  
23 ~~subparagraph (1) and voting by absent ballot in person as described~~  
24 ~~in subparagraph (2).]~~

25       **Sec. 67.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
26       293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city  
27 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail *in accordance*  
28 *with the provisions of sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act,* if:

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

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

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

34           (2) One office or ballot question.

35       2. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,  
36 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, ~~[293C.304 to 293C.340,~~  
37 ~~inclusive,]~~ and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an  
38 election conducted pursuant to this section.

39 ~~[3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this~~  
40 ~~section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been~~  
41 ~~designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.]~~

42       **Sec. 68.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43       293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered  
44 voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places  
45 and precincts in the city as provided in NRS 293.225, 293.227,



1 293C.227 to ~~[293C.245,]~~ 293C.228, inclusive, and ~~[293C.382.]~~  
2 *section 60 of this act*. No candidate for nomination or election or a  
3 relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity  
4 or affinity may be appointed as an election board officer.  
5 Immediately after election board officers are appointed, if requested  
6 by the city clerk, the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall:

7 (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for  
8 the central election board ~~[or]~~ and the ~~[absent]~~ mail ballot central  
9 counting board; or

10 (b) Deputize, as an officer for the election, an election board  
11 officer for each polling place and for the central election board ~~[or]~~  
12 and the ~~[absent]~~ mail ballot central counting board. The deputized  
13 officer may not receive any additional compensation for the services  
14 he or she provides as an officer during the election for which the  
15 officer is deputized.

16 ➔ Officers so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during  
17 hours of voting and attend the closing of the polls.

18 2. The city clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of  
19 election board officer as set forth in NRS 293C.222.

20 **Sec. 69.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293C.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2  
22 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by  
23 mail or computer to vote shall, for the first city election in which the  
24 person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless  
25 he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is  
26 registered to vote.

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

28 (a) ~~[Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS~~  
29 ~~293C.342 to 293C.352, inclusive;~~

30 ~~—(b)]~~ Is entitled to vote ~~[an absent ballot]~~ *otherwise than in*  
31 *person* pursuant to federal law, ~~[NRS 293C.317]~~ or chapter 293D of  
32 NRS;

33 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Is disabled;

34 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person  
35 pursuant to the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and  
36 Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.;

37 ~~[(e)]~~ ~~Submits or has previously submitted a written request for an~~  
38 ~~absent ballot that is signed by the registered voter before a notary~~  
39 ~~public or other person authorized to administer an oath;~~

40 ~~—(f)]~~ ~~Requests an absent ballot in person at the office of the city~~  
41 ~~clerk;]~~ or

42 ~~[(g)]~~ (d) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of ~~[NRS~~  
43 ~~293.8847]~~ *section 52 of this act* and includes a copy of the  
44 information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of



1 NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant  
2 to ~~[NRS 293.8851.]~~ *section 53 of this act.*

3 **Sec. 70.** NRS 293C.2675 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 293C.2675 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is  
6 located in whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit  
7 a request to the city clerk for the establishment ~~[of a polling place]~~  
8 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for  
9 the day of a primary city election or general city election ~~[ ] of:~~

- 10 (a) *A polling place;*  
11 (b) *A ballot drop box; or*  
12 (c) *Both a polling place and a ballot drop box.*

13 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place , *a ballot*  
14 *drop box or both a polling place and a ballot drop box* within the  
15 boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a  
16 primary city election or general city election:

17 (a) Must be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or  
18 before:

19 (1) If the request is for a primary city election, ~~[the first~~  
20 ~~Friday in January]~~ *March 1* of the year in which the primary city  
21 election is to be held.

22 (2) If the request is for a general city election, ~~[the first~~  
23 ~~Friday in July]~~ *August 1* of the year in which the general city  
24 election is to be held.

25 (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the  
26 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling  
27 place ~~[ ]~~ *or ballot drop box.* Any proposed location for a polling  
28 place *or ballot drop box* must satisfy the criteria the city clerk uses  
29 for the establishment of any other polling place ~~[ ]~~ *or ballot drop*  
30 *box, as applicable.*

31 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city  
32 clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in  
33 subsection 2, the city clerk must establish at least one polling place  
34 *or ballot drop box* within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or  
35 Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable, approved by  
36 the Indian tribe for the day of a primary city election or general city  
37 election. The city clerk is not required to establish a polling place  
38 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for  
39 the day of a primary city election or general city election if the city  
40 clerk established a temporary branch polling place for early voting  
41 pursuant to NRS 293C.3572 within the boundaries of the Indian  
42 reservation or Indian colony for the same election.

43 4. If the city clerk establishes one or more polling places *or*  
44 *ballot drop boxes* within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or  
45 Indian colony pursuant to subsection 3 for the day of a primary city



1 election or general city election, the city clerk must continue to  
2 establish one or more polling places *or ballot drop boxes* within the  
3 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or  
4 locations approved by the Indian tribe for the day of any future  
5 primary city election or general city election unless otherwise  
6 requested by the Indian tribe.

7 **Sec. 71.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772  
9 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272:

10 (a) A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her  
11 name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

12 (b) The election board officer shall:

13 (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;

14 (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature  
15 card;

16 (3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner  
17 set forth in NRS 293C.270; and

18 (4) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in  
19 that city in the current election.

20 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified  
21 by:

22 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer  
23 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to  
24 register to vote;

25 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,  
26 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

27 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of  
28 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter  
29 registration card issued to the voter.

30 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to  
31 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must  
32 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of  
33 State.

34 **4. *For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a***  
35 ***voter may include his or her date of birth.***

36 **Sec. 72.** NRS 293C.302 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293C.302 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a city  
38 to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory period in an  
39 election, the city clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving  
40 notice of the decision of the court:

41 (a) Cause notice of the extended period to be published in a  
42 newspaper of general circulation in the city or if no newspaper is of  
43 general circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation  
44 in the nearest city; and



(b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered voter who ~~requested an absent voter's~~ *received a mail* 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. 73.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3564 1. The city clerk in a city ~~providing for early voting pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110~~ shall establish at least one permanent polling 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. 74.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the city clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

2. 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 of a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.

3. A request for the establishment of a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony:

(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, ~~the first Friday in January~~ *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, ~~the first Friday in July~~ *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 temporary branch polling place and proposed hours thereof. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria established by the city clerk pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.



1 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city  
2 clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in  
3 subsection 3, the city clerk must establish at least one temporary  
4 branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the  
5 Indian reservation or Indian colony. The location and hours of  
6 operation of such a temporary branch polling place for early voting  
7 must be approved by the Indian tribe. The city clerk is not required  
8 to establish a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries  
9 of the Indian reservation or Indian colony if the city clerk  
10 determines that it is not logistically feasible to establish a temporary  
11 branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation  
12 or Indian colony.

13 5. If the city clerk establishes one or more temporary branch  
14 polling places within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or  
15 Indian colony pursuant to subsection 4 for early voting, the city  
16 clerk must continue to establish one or more temporary branch  
17 polling places within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or  
18 Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe  
19 for early voting in future elections unless otherwise requested by the  
20 Indian tribe.

21 6. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293C.3568 do not  
22 apply to a temporary branch polling place. Voting at a temporary  
23 branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and  
24 during any hours within the period for early voting by personal  
25 appearance, as determined by the city clerk.

26 7. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be  
27 uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

28 8. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or  
29 lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by  
30 the leasing of the property for use as a temporary branch polling  
31 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct  
32 early voting at that location.

33 **Sec. 75.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772  
36 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a  
37 person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer  
38 shall:

39 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.

40 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a  
41 signature card.

42 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in  
43 NRS 293C.270.

44 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the  
45 current election.



1 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified  
2 by:

3 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer  
4 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to  
5 register to vote;

6 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,  
7 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

8 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of  
9 identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter  
10 registration card issued to the voter.

11 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to  
12 the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must  
13 update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of  
14 State.

15 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the  
16 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in  
17 that city in the current election.

18 5. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable,  
19 must contain:

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

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

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

26 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified  
27 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the  
28 voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only  
29 for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

30 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which  
31 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer  
32 shall:

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

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

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

38 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may  
39 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

40 ***9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a***  
41 ***voter may include his or her date of birth.***

42 **Sec. 76.** NRS 293C.3615 is hereby amended to read as  
43 follows:

44 293C.3615 The city clerk shall make a record of the receipt at  
45 the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport



1 official ballots pursuant to NRS 293C.295, ~~293C.325,~~ 293C.630  
2 and 293C.635. The record must include the numbers indicated on  
3 the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293C.700.

4 **Sec. 77.** NRS 293C.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293C.362 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected~~  
6 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
7 ~~293.8887, inclusive.]~~

8 1. When the polls are closed, the counting board shall prepare  
9 to count the ballots voted. The counting procedure must be public  
10 and continue without adjournment until completed.

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

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

24 (b) If the ballots in the container or box are found to exceed the  
25 number of names as are indicated on the roster as having voted, the  
26 ballots must be replaced in the container or box and a counting  
27 board officer shall, with his or her back turned to the container or  
28 box, draw out a number of ballots equal to the excess. The excess  
29 ballots must be marked on the back thereof with the words "Excess  
30 ballots not counted." The ballots when so marked must be  
31 immediately sealed in an envelope and returned to the city clerk  
32 with the other ballots rejected for any cause.

33 (c) When it has been determined that the number of ballots  
34 agrees with the number of names of registered voters shown to have  
35 voted, the board shall proceed to count. If there is a discrepancy  
36 between the number of ballots and the number of voters, a record of  
37 the discrepancy must be made.

38 **Sec. 78.** NRS 293C.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293C.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected~~  
40 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~  
41 ~~293.8887, inclusive.]~~ *in section 61 of this act,* a counting board in  
42 any precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used  
43 may not begin to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are  
44 accounted for.





**Sec. 79.** NRS 293C.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.387 1. The election returns from a special election, primary city election or general city election must be filed with the city clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault designated by the city clerk. No person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until they are canvassed by the mayor and the governing body of the city.

2. After the governing body of a city receives the returns from all the precincts and districts in the city, it shall meet with the mayor to canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the 10th day following the election . ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.~~

3. In completing the canvass of the returns, the governing body of the city and the mayor shall:

(a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and

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

4. After the canvass is completed, the governing body of the city and mayor shall declare the result of the canvass.

5. The city clerk shall enter upon the records of the governing body of the city an abstract of the result. The abstract must be prepared in the manner prescribed by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State and must contain the number of votes cast for each candidate.

6. After the abstract is entered, the:

(a) City clerk shall seal the election returns, maintain them in a vault for at least 22 months and give no person access to them during that period, unless access is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the governing body of the city.

(b) Governing body of the city shall, by an order made and entered in the minutes of its proceedings, cause the city clerk to:

(1) Certify the abstract;

(2) Make a copy of the certified abstract;

(3) Make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State;

(4) Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th day following the election ; ~~for, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;~~ and

(5) Transmit on paper or by electronic means to each public library in the city, or post on a website maintained by the city or the city clerk on the Internet or its successor, if any, a copy of the certified abstract within 30 days after the election.



1 7. After the abstract of the results from a:

2 (a) Primary city election has been certified, the city clerk shall  
3 certify the name of each person nominated and the name of the  
4 office for which the person is nominated.

5 (b) General city election has been certified, the city clerk shall:

6 (1) Issue under his or her hand and official seal to each  
7 person elected a certificate of election; and

8 (2) Deliver the certificate to the persons elected upon their  
9 application at the office of the city clerk.

10 8. The officers elected to the governing body of the city qualify  
11 and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first  
12 regular meeting of that body next succeeding that in which the  
13 canvass of returns was made pursuant to subsection 2.

14 **Sec. 80.** NRS 293C.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 293C.390 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled  
16 ballots, challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots  
17 collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400, *reports prepared pursuant to*  
18 *section 65 of this act* and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and  
19 sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of the  
20 city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk. The records of voted  
21 ballots that are maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of  
22 the votes by the governing body of the city, be sealed and deposited  
23 in the vaults of the city clerk. The tally lists collected pursuant to  
24 this title must, after canvass of the votes by the governing body of  
25 the city, be deposited in the vaults of the city clerk without being  
26 sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be preserved  
27 for at least 22 months, and all such sealed materials must be  
28 destroyed immediately after that period. A notice of the destruction  
29 must be published by the city clerk in at least one newspaper of  
30 general circulation in the city or, if no newspaper is of general  
31 circulation in that city, in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
32 nearest city, not less than 2 weeks before the destruction of the  
33 materials.

34 2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of  
35 the votes by the governing body of the city, be deposited in the  
36 vaults of the city clerk and preserved for at least the period during  
37 which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after which  
38 the unused ballots may be destroyed.

39 3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who  
40 voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the governing  
41 body of the city are subject to the inspection of any elector who may  
42 wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the city  
43 clerk.

44 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material  
45 relating to that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1



1 or 2, except the voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted  
2 ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited  
3 with the city clerk.

4 5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted  
5 ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited  
6 with the city clerk are not subject to the inspection of any person,  
7 except in cases of a contested election, and only by the judge, body  
8 or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the  
9 parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of the judge, body  
10 or board.

11 6. As used in this section, "vaults of the city clerk" means any  
12 place of secure storage designated by the city clerk.

13 **Sec. 80.5.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,  
16 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

22 (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if  
23 open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is  
24 the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general  
25 city election.

26 (3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which  
27 the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506  
28 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding  
29 the primary city election or general city election, unless the system  
30 is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842  
31 or 293.5847.

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

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

42 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,  
43 inclusive, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a  
44 primary city election or general city election set forth in subsection  
45 1, no person may register to vote for the election.



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

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

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

8 (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility  
9 pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.

10 ↪ If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the  
11 publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in  
12 the nearest city in this State.

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

17 4. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520  
18 may be open during the periods described in this section for such  
19 hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in  
20 subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.

21 **Sec. 81.** NRS 293C.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293C.640 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of  
23 votes cast at an election conducted under a mechanical voting  
24 system, the city clerk shall create a computer program and  
25 processing accuracy board, and may create:

26 (a) A central ballot inspection board;

27 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ A *mail* ballot ~~[mailing-precinct]~~ inspection  
28 board;

29 (c) A ballot duplicating board;

30 (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

31 (e) Such additional boards or appoint such officers as the city  
32 clerk deems necessary for the expeditious processing of ballots.

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the city clerk  
34 may determine the number of members to constitute any board. The  
35 city clerk shall make any appointments from among competent  
36 persons who are registered voters in this State. The same person  
37 may be appointed to more than one board but must meet the  
38 qualifications for each board to which he or she is appointed.

39 3. If the city clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the city  
40 clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The members  
41 of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same political  
42 party.

43 4. All persons appointed pursuant to this section serve at the  
44 pleasure of the city clerk.



1       **Sec. 82.** NRS 293C.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293C.700 1. Each container used to transport official ballots  
3 pursuant to NRS 293C.295, ~~293C.325,~~ 293C.630 and 293C.635  
4 must:

5       (a) Be constructed of metal or any other rigid material; and

6       (b) Contain a seal which is placed on the container to ensure  
7 detection of any opening of the container.

8       2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for  
9 identification.

10       **Sec. 83.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11       293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:

12       1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided  
13 pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify  
14 the public, through means designed to reach members of the public  
15 who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.281,  
16 293C.282 ~~293C.310, 293C.317 and 293C.318.~~ *and section 51 of*  
17 *this act.*

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

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

28       (a) Related to elections; and

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

31       **Sec. 84.** NRS 293D.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32       293D.300 1. A covered voter who is registered to vote in this  
33 State may apply for a military-overseas ballot by submitting a  
34 federal postcard application, as prescribed under section 101(b)(2)  
35 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52  
36 U.S.C. § 20301(b)(2), or the application's electronic equivalent, if  
37 the federal postcard application is received by the appropriate local  
38 elections official by the seventh day before the election.

39       2. A covered voter who is not registered to vote in this State  
40 may use the federal postcard application or the application's  
41 electronic equivalent simultaneously to apply to register to vote  
42 pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and to apply for a military-overseas  
43 ballot, if the federal postcard application is received by the  
44 appropriate local elections official by the seventh day before the  
45 election. If the federal postcard application is received after



1 the seventh day before the election, it must be treated as an  
2 application to register to vote for subsequent elections.

3 3. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the system of  
4 approved electronic transmission described in subsection 2 of NRS  
5 293D.200 is capable of accepting the submission of:

6 (a) Both a federal postcard application and any other approved  
7 electronic military-overseas ballot application sent to the appropriate  
8 local elections official; and

9 (b) A digital signature or an electronic signature of a covered  
10 voter on the documents described in paragraph (a).

11 4. A covered voter may use approved electronic transmission  
12 or any other method approved by the Secretary of State to apply for  
13 a military-overseas ballot.

14 5. A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying the  
15 federal write-in absentee ballot, as prescribed under section 103 of  
16 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52  
17 U.S.C. § 20303, as an application for a military-overseas ballot  
18 simultaneously with the submission of the federal write-in absentee  
19 ballot, if the declaration is received by the appropriate local  
20 elections official by the seventh day before the election.

21 6. To receive the benefits of this chapter, a covered voter must  
22 inform the appropriate local elections official that he or she is a  
23 covered voter. Methods of informing the appropriate local elections  
24 official that a person is a covered voter include, without limitation:

25 (a) The use of a federal postcard application or federal write-in  
26 absentee ballot;

27 (b) The use of an overseas address on an approved voting  
28 registration application or ballot application; and

29 (c) The inclusion on an application to register to vote or an  
30 application for a military-overseas ballot of other information  
31 sufficient to identify that the person is a covered voter.

32 7. This chapter does not prohibit a covered voter from  
33 ~~applying for an absent~~ *voting a mail* ballot pursuant to the  
34 provisions of chapter 293 or 293C of NRS or voting in person.

35 **Sec. 85.** NRS 298.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 298.250 1. If a former resident of the State of Nevada  
37 otherwise qualified to vote in another state in any election for  
38 President and Vice President of the United States has commenced  
39 his or her residence in the other state after the 30th day next  
40 preceding that election and for this reason does not satisfy the  
41 requirements for registration in the other state, the former resident  
42 may vote for President and Vice President only in that election:

43 (a) In person in the county of the State of Nevada which was his  
44 or her former residence, if the former resident is otherwise qualified  
45 to vote there; or



1 (b) By ~~absent~~ *mail* ballot in the county of the State of Nevada  
2 which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is  
3 otherwise qualified to vote there and complies with the applicable  
4 requirements of ~~[NRS 293.3088 to 293.340, inclusive.]~~ *sections 3 to*  
5 *15, inclusive, of this act.*

6 2. The Secretary of State may, in a manner consistent with the  
7 election laws of this State, adopt regulations to effectuate the  
8 purposes of this section.

9 **Sec. 86.** NRS 306.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 306.040 1. Upon determining that the number of signatures  
11 on a petition to recall is sufficient pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to  
12 293.1279, inclusive, the Secretary of State shall notify the county  
13 clerk, the filing officer and the public officer who is the subject of  
14 the petition.

15 2. A person who signs a petition to recall may request the filing  
16 officer to strike the person's name from the petition on or before the  
17 date that is the later of:

18 (a) Ten days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after  
19 the verification of signatures is complete; or

20 (b) The date a complaint is filed pursuant to subsection 6.

21 3. If the filing officer receives a request pursuant to subsection  
22 2, the filing officer must strike the name of the person from the  
23 petition. If the filing officer receives a sufficient number of requests  
24 to strike names from the petition such that the petition no longer  
25 contains enough valid signatures, the filing officer shall not issue a  
26 call for a special election, and a special election must not be held to  
27 recall the public officer who is the subject of the petition.

28 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, not sooner  
29 than 20 days and not later than 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and  
30 holidays excluded, after the Secretary of State completes the  
31 notification required by subsection 1, if a complaint is not filed  
32 pursuant to subsection 6, the filing officer shall issue a call for a  
33 special election in the jurisdiction in which the public officer who is  
34 the subject of the petition was elected to determine whether the  
35 people will recall the public officer.

36 5. The call for a special election pursuant to subsection 4 or 7  
37 must include, without limitation:

38 (a) The last day on which a person may register to vote in order  
39 to qualify to vote in the special election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or  
40 293C.527; *and*

41 (b) The last day on which a petition to nominate other  
42 candidates for the office may be filed. ~~;~~ *and*

43 ~~—(c) Whether any person is entitled to vote in the special election~~  
44 ~~in a mailing precinct or an absent ballot mailing precinct pursuant to~~





1 ~~NRS 293.343 to 293.355, inclusive, or 293C.342 to 293C.352,~~  
2 ~~inclusive.]~~

3 6. The legal sufficiency of the petition, including without  
4 limitation, the validity of signatures on the petition, may be  
5 challenged by filing a complaint in district court not later than 15  
6 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the Secretary  
7 of State completes the notification required by subsection 1. All  
8 affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed  
9 with the complaint. The court shall set the matter for hearing not  
10 later than 30 days after the complaint is filed and shall give priority  
11 to such a complaint over all other matters pending with the court,  
12 except for criminal proceedings.

13 7. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, if the court determines  
14 that the petition is legally sufficient, it shall order the filing officer  
15 to issue a call for a special election in the jurisdiction in which the  
16 public officer who is the subject of the petition was elected to  
17 determine whether the people will recall the public officer. If the  
18 court determines that the petition is not legally sufficient, it shall  
19 order the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding  
20 the petition.

21 **Sec. 87.** NRS 247.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 247.540 1. The following persons may request that the  
23 personal information described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS  
24 247.520 that is contained in the records of a county recorder be kept  
25 confidential:

- 26 (a) Any justice or judge in this State.  
27 (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.  
28 (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.  
29 (d) Any clerk of a court, court administrator or court executive  
30 officer in this State.  
31 (e) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with*  
32 *the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy*  
33 *appointed such county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the*  
34 *elections division of the county or city.*

35 (f) Any district attorney or attorney employed by the district  
36 attorney who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities  
37 prosecutes persons for:

- 38 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or  
39 (2) Domestic violence.

40 ~~(g)~~ (g) Any state or county public defender who as part of his  
41 or her normal job responsibilities defends persons for:

- 42 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or  
43 (2) Domestic violence.





1 ~~(e)~~ (h) Any person, including without limitation, a social  
2 worker, employed by this State or a political subdivision of this  
3 State who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities:

4 (1) Interacts with the public; and

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

8 ~~(h)~~ (i) Any county manager in this State.

9 ~~(i)~~ (j) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this  
10 State or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her  
11 employer:

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

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

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

17 ~~(j)~~ (k) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
18 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (j), inclusive.

19 ~~(k)~~ (l) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child  
20 of a person described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(i)~~ (j), inclusive, who  
21 was killed in the performance of his or her duties.

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

27 3. As used in this section:

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

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

32 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws,  
33 ordinances or codes regulating public nuisances or the public health,  
34 safety and welfare.

35 (d) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter  
36 641B of NRS.

37 **Sec. 88.** NRS 250.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 250.140 1. The following persons may request that personal  
39 information described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS 250.120 that is  
40 contained in the records of a county assessor be kept confidential:

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

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

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

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



1 (e) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with*  
2 *the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy*  
3 *appointed by such county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the*  
4 *elections division of the county or city.*

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

6 ~~(g)~~ (g) Any prosecutor.

7 ~~(g)~~ (h) Any state or county public defender.

8 ~~(h)~~ (i) Any person, including without limitation, a social  
9 worker, employed by this State or a political subdivision of this  
10 State who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities interacts  
11 with the public and performs tasks related to child welfare services  
12 or child protective services or tasks that expose the person to  
13 comparable dangers.

14 ~~(i)~~ (j) Any county manager in this State.

15 ~~(i)~~ (k) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this  
16 State or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her  
17 employer who possesses specialized training in code enforcement,  
18 interacts with the public and whose primary duties are the  
19 performance of tasks related to code enforcement.

20 ~~(k)~~ (l) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
21 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~ (k), inclusive.

22 ~~(k)~~ (m) The surviving spouse, domestic partner or minor child  
23 of a person described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~ (k), inclusive, who  
24 was killed in the performance of his or her duties.

25 2. Any nonprofit entity in this State that maintains a  
26 confidential location for the purpose of providing shelter to victims  
27 of domestic violence may request that the personal information  
28 described in subsection 4 of NRS 250.120 that is contained in the  
29 records of a county assessor be kept confidential.

30 3. As used in this section:

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

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

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

38 (d) "Peace officer" means:

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

42 (2) Any person:

43 (I) Who resides in this State;

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



1 (III) Who is employed by a law enforcement agency of  
2 the Federal Government, including, without limitation, a ranger for  
3 the National Park Service and an agent employed by the Federal  
4 Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, United States Department  
5 of Homeland Security or United States Department of the Treasury.

6 (e) "Prosecutor" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
7 NRS 241A.030.

8 (f) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter  
9 641B of NRS.

10 **Sec. 89.** NRS 481.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 481.091 1. The following persons may request that the  
12 Department display an alternate address on the person's driver's  
13 license, commercial driver's license or identification card:

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

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

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

17 (d) Any clerk of the court, court administrator or court executive  
18 officer in this State.

19 (e) Any prosecutor who as part of his or her normal job  
20 responsibilities prosecutes persons for:

21 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or

22 (2) Domestic violence.

23 (f) Any state or county public defender who as part of his or her  
24 normal job responsibilities defends persons for:

25 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or

26 (2) Domestic violence.

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

30 (1) Interacts with the public; and

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

34 (h) Any county manager in this State.

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

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

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

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

43 (j) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with*  
44 *the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy*



1 *appointed by the county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the*  
2 *elections division of the county or city.*

3 (k) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person  
4 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~[(i);~~ (j), inclusive.

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

8 2. A person who wishes to have an alternate address displayed  
9 on his or her driver's license, commercial driver's license or  
10 identification card pursuant to this section must submit to the  
11 Department satisfactory proof:

12 (a) That he or she is a person described in subsection 1; and

13 (b) Of the person's address of principal residence and mailing  
14 address, if different from the address of principal residence.

15 3. A person who obtains a driver's license, commercial driver's  
16 license or identification card that displays an alternate address  
17 pursuant to this section may subsequently submit a request to the  
18 Department to have his or her address of principal residence  
19 displayed on his or her driver's license, commercial driver's license  
20 or identification card instead of the alternate address.

21 4. The Department may adopt regulations to carry out the  
22 provisions of this section.

23 5. As used in this section:

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

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

28 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws,  
29 ordinances or codes regulating public nuisances or the public health,  
30 safety and welfare.

31 (d) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter  
32 641B of NRS.

33 **Sec. 90.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
34 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
35 provisions of this act.

36 **Sec. 91.** NRS 293.013, 293.015, 293.213, 293.230, 293.235,  
37 293.243, 293.262, 293.3088, 293.309, 293.3095, 293.310, 293.313,  
38 293.315, 293.316, 293.3165, 293.317, 293.320, 293.323, 293.325,  
39 293.329, 293.330, 293.333, 293.335, 293.340, 293.343, 293.345,  
40 293.350, 293.352, 293.353 293.355, 293.3673, 293.384, 293.385,  
41 293.8801, 293.8804, 293.8807, 293.8811, 293.8814, 293.8817,  
42 293.8821, 293.8824, 293.8827, 293.8831, 293.8834, 293.8837,  
43 293.8841, 293.8844, 293.8847, 293.8851, 293.8854, 293.8857,  
44 293.8861, 293.8864, 293.8871, 293.8874, 293.8877, 293.8881,  
45 293.8884, 293.8887, 293B.370, 293C.230, 293C.240, 293C.245,



1 293C.256, 293C.304, 293C.305, 293C.306, 293C.307, 293C.310,  
2 293C.312, 293C.317, 293C.318, 293C.319, 293C.320, 293C.322,  
3 293C.325, 293C.327, 293C.328, 293C.329, 293C.330, 293C.332,  
4 293C.335, 293C.340, 293C.342, 293C.345, 293C.347, 293C.349,  
5 293C.350, 293C.352, 293C.368, 293C.382, 293C.385 and 293C.650  
6 are hereby repealed.

7 **Sec. 92.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
8 approval.

9 2. Sections 1 to 91, inclusive, of this act become effective:

10 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
11 regulation and performing any other preparatory administrative  
12 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

13 (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

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### LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**293.013** “Absent ballot” defined.

**293.015** “Absent voter” defined.

**293.213** Mailing precincts; absent ballot mailing precincts.

**293.230** Appointment of single central election board for mailing precincts.

**293.235** Appointment and duties of absent ballot central counting board; no central election board if absent ballot central counting board appointed.

**293.243** Number of officers on absent ballot central counting board; appointment of deputy sheriff; absent ballot central counting board under direction of county clerk.

**293.262** Absent ballot or ballot voted in mailing precinct: Methods in which ballot is to be voted.

**293.3088** “Sufficient written notice” defined.

**293.309** Absent ballots: Preparation; reasonable accommodations for use by persons who are elderly or disabled; time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.

**293.3095** Distribution of forms to request absent ballots.

**293.310** Request and receipt of absent ballot allows voting only by absent ballot; exception; county clerk to notify election board if absent ballot issued.

**293.313** General procedure to request absent ballot; elections to which request applies; fraud or coercion in obtaining absent ballot prohibited; penalty.



**293.315** Request for absent ballot available for public inspection; immunity of county clerk for allowing such inspection.

**293.316** Specialized procedure to request absent ballot because of illness, disability or absence under certain circumstances; requirements for issuing, voting and returning such absent ballot.

**293.3165** Specialized procedure to request absent ballot for all elections at which registered voter is eligible to vote; requirements for issuing, voting and returning such absent ballot.

**293.317** Procedure for timely returning absent ballot; treatment of absent ballot when postmark cannot be determined.

**293.320** County clerk to determine if person requesting absent ballot is registered voter.

**293.323** Delivery of absent ballot and voting supplies; return of absent ballot; recordation of certain information by county clerk; regulations.

**293.325** Duties of county clerk upon return of absent ballots: Procedure for checking signature; safeguarding and delivery of absent ballots for counting; procedure for contacting voter to remedy certain defects in returned absent ballot.

**293.329** Unlawful to mark and sign absent ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign absent ballot; exceptions.

**293.330** Procedure for voting by absent ballot; procedure for voting in person after absent ballot requested; persons authorized to return absent ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of absent ballot; penalty.

**293.333** Procedure for depositing absent ballots in ballot box; period for counting of absent ballots.

**293.335** Empty envelopes and rejected absent ballots to be returned to county clerk.

**293.340** Duty of county clerk to provide ballot box for each ballot listing if absent ballot central counting board appointed; deposit of voted ballots.

**293.343** Eligibility of certain voters to vote in mailing precincts; effect of county clerk designating precinct as mailing precinct; designation of polling places where voters in mailing precincts may vote in person.

**293.345** Distribution of mailing ballots; notice of designated polling places where voters in mailing precincts may vote in person; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.



**293.350** Enrollment of eligible voter's name; procedure for mailing of ballot and voting supplies by county clerk.

**293.352** Unlawful to mark and sign mailing ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign mailing ballot; exceptions.

**293.353** Procedure for voting by mailing ballot; procedure for voting in person after receipt of mailing ballot; persons authorized to return mailing ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of mailing ballot; penalty.

**293.355** Duties of county clerk upon return or voting in person of mailing ballots; applicability of procedures governing absent ballots.

**293.3673** Errors in information on certain form not grounds for rejection of absent ballot.

**293.384** Initial withdrawal of absent ballots from ballot boxes; verification of proper number of absent ballots; procedure for counting.

**293.385** Withdrawal of absent ballots from ballot boxes after initial withdrawal; verification of proper number and counting of absent ballots; reporting results of count; disseminating information about count before polls close prohibited; penalty.

**293.8801** Legislative findings and declaration.

**293.8804** Definitions.

**293.8807** "Active registered voter" or "voter" defined.

**293.8811** "Affected election" or "election" defined.

**293.8814** "Mail ballot" defined.

**293.8817** "Vote center" defined.

**293.8821** Certain elections deemed affected elections; authority of Governor to order that certain elections deemed affected elections.

**293.8824** Provisions governing affected elections supersede and preempt conflicting elections provisions; applicability of nonconflicting elections provisions and military-overseas absentee voting acts.

**293.8827** Rules of interpretation; intended public purposes of provisions governing affected elections.

**293.8831** Early voting by personal appearance; establishment of polling places for early voting within Indian reservations or colonies.

**293.8834** Establishment of polling places as vote centers.



**293.8837** Voter registration during certain periods preceding and on election day; establishment of polling places for election precincts.

**293.8841** Establishment of polling places within Indian reservations or colonies and within residential developments exclusively for elderly persons.

**293.8844** Preparation and distribution of mail ballots and supporting materials; ballot contents; time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal actions which would prevent distribution.

**293.8847** Methods of distribution and other requirements for mail ballots and supporting materials; recordation of certain information by clerk.

**293.8851** Requirements for mail ballots distributed to certain voters who have not previously voted in election for federal office in Nevada; exceptions; treatment as provisional ballot under certain circumstances.

**293.8854** Procedure for voting by mail ballot; procedure for voting in person after mail ballot sent to voter.

**293.8857** Unlawful to mark and sign mail ballot on behalf of voter or assist voter to mark and sign mail ballot; exceptions.

**293.8861** Procedure for timely returning mail ballot; treatment of mail ballot when postmark cannot be determined; requirements for ballot drop boxes.

**293.8864** Persons authorized to return mail ballot; unlawful acts relating to return of mail ballot; penalty.

**293.8871** Establishment of procedures for processing and counting mail ballots.

**293.8874** Duties of clerk upon return of mail ballots: Procedure for checking signature; safeguarding and delivery of mail ballots for counting; procedure for contacting voter to remedy certain defects in returned mail ballot.

**293.8877** Appointment and membership of mail ballot central counting board; board under direction of clerk.

**293.8881** Period for counting mail ballots; counting must be public; rejection of certain mail ballots.

**293.8884** Process for counting mail ballots; requirements relating to empty envelopes and rejected mail ballots.

**293.8887** Certification and reporting of mail ballot results; secrecy of mail ballots; unlawful to disseminate information about mail ballot results before polls close and all votes cast on election day; penalty.





**293B.370 Duties of absent ballot mailing precinct inspection board.**

**293C.230 Appointment of single central election board for mailing precincts.**

**293C.240 Appointment and duties of absent ballot central counting board; no central election board if absent ballot central counting board appointed.**

**293C.245 Appointment and number of officers on absent ballot central counting board; appointment of law enforcement officers; absent ballot central counting board under direction of city clerk.**

**293C.256 Absent ballot or ballot voted in mailing precinct to be voted on paper ballot.**

**293C.304 "Sufficient written notice" defined.**

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**293C.325 Duties of city clerk upon return of absent ballots; Procedure for checking signature; safeguarding and delivery of absent ballots for counting; procedure for contacting voter to remedy certain defects in returned absent ballot.**

**293C.327 Voting absent ballot in person in city clerk's office.**

**293C.328 Electioneering prohibited near city clerk's office during period office maintained for voting absent ballot in person; penalty.**

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