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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; making an appropriation; 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.

125 **Section 89.5** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Office of the Secretary
126 of State for the costs of ballot stock, postage and postcard notifications to carry out
127 the provisions of this bill.

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.*



1 (c) *In a county whose population is less than 100,000, at least*
2 *1 permanent polling place where a person can vote in person on*
3 *the day of the election.*

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

7 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*
8 *county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered*
9 *voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or*
10 *updates his or her voter registration information not later than the*
11 *14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The*
12 *county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of*
13 *the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including,*
14 *without limitation, by providing, upon request, the absent ballot in*
15 *12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (c) *Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-*
40 *overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
41 *293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee*
42 *Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time*
43 *required by those provisions.*

44 6. *In the case of a special election where no candidate for*
45 *federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be*



1 *distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days*
2 *before the special election.*

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

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

12 (a) *A mail ballot;*

13 (b) *A return envelope;*

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

16 (d) *Instructions.*

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

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

25 4. *Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter,*
26 *the county clerk shall record:*

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

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

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

32 (d) *Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.*

33 **Sec. 5.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a*
34 *person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or*
35 *preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently*
36 *deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously*
37 *voted in any election for federal office in this State, the county*
38 *clerk must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of*
39 *the information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS*
40 *293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.*

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

43 (a) *Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to*
44 *vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be*



1 registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to
2 preregister or register to vote:

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

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

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

14 (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757,
15 inclusive, and at that time presents to the Department of Motor
16 Vehicles:

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

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

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

27 (d) Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter
28 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
29 Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

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

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

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

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

39 (b) The county clerk must:

40 (1) Contact the person;

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

43 (3) If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b)
44 of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail



1 *ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting*
2 *board.*

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

6 (a) *Mark and fold the mail ballot;*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 (a) Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by
2 hand to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the
3 county pursuant to this section; or

4 (b) Mailed to the county clerk, and:

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

6 (2) Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth
7 day following the election.

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

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

19 4. A ballot drop box must be:

20 (a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of
21 sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail
22 ballots; and

23 (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots
24 and being locked.

25 5. A ballot drop box must be:

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

28 (b) Made available for use during the hours when the office of
29 the county clerk, or the polling place, is open for business or
30 voting, as applicable.

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

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

39 (a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a
40 voter's mail ballot;

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

42 (c) If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and
43 authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by
44 mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless
45 otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (b) *If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe*
43 *there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature*
44 *used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the*



1 clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether
2 the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.

3 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

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

9 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the
10 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the
11 voter if:

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

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

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

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

42 7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed
43 to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the manner
44 required by law for the mail ballot, or for whom there is a



1 *reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for*
2 *the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, in order to:*

3 (a) *Contact the voter;*

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

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

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

13 (a) *Answering questions from the county clerk covering the*
14 *personal data which is reported on the application to register to*
15 *vote;*

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

18 (c) *Providing the county clerk with proof of identification as*
19 *described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card*
20 *issued to the voter.*

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

24 (a) *Mail;*

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

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

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

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

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



1 4. *The mail ballot central counting board is under the*
2 *direction of the clerk.*

3 **Sec. 13.** *1. The mail ballot central counting board may*
4 *begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of*
5 *the election. The board must complete the count of all mail ballots*
6 *on or before the seventh day following the election. The counting*
7 *procedure must be public.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 *polling places are closed and all votes have been cast on the day of*
2 *the election is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

3 **Sec. 16.** *At least once each year, each county clerk and all*
4 *members of his or her staff whose duties include administering an*
5 *election must complete a training class on forensic signature*
6 *verification that is approved by the Secretary of State.*

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

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

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

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

23 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
24 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS ~~[293.013]~~ **293.016** to
25 293.121, inclusive, *and section 2 of this act*, have the meanings
26 ascribed to them in those sections.

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

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

30 1. ~~[An absent]~~ **A mail** ballot;

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

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

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

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

41 2. If the Secretary of State determines that the boundaries of an
42 election precinct do not comply with the provisions of NRS
43 293.205, the Secretary of State must provide the county clerk with a
44 written statement of noncompliance setting forth the reasons the
45 precinct is not in compliance. Within 15 days after receiving the



1 notice of noncompliance, the county clerk shall make any
2 adjustments to the boundaries of the precinct which are required to
3 bring the precinct into compliance with the provisions of NRS
4 293.205 and shall submit a corrected copy or electronic file of the
5 precinct map to the Secretary of State and the Director of the
6 Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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

17 4. As used in this section, "electronic file" includes, without
18 limitation, an electronic data file of a geographic information
19 system.

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

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

32 (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county
33 and for the central election board or the ~~[absent]~~ **mail** ballot central
34 counting board; or

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

41 ➔ Deputy sheriffs so appointed and deputized shall preserve order
42 during hours of voting and attend closing of the polls.

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



1 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.250 1. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of
3 NRS, the Secretary of State shall, in a manner consistent with the
4 election laws of this State, prescribe:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 4. The fiscal note for, explanation of, arguments for and
29 against, and rebuttals to such arguments of each proposed
30 constitutional amendment or statewide measure must be included on
31 all sample ballots.

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



1 explanations must include a digest. The digest must include a
2 concise and clear summary of any existing laws directly related to
3 the constitutional amendment or statewide measure and a summary
4 of how the constitutional amendment or statewide measure adds to,
5 changes or repeals such existing laws. For a constitutional
6 amendment or statewide measure that creates, generates, increases
7 or decreases any public revenue in any form, the first paragraph of
8 the digest must include a statement that the constitutional
9 amendment or statewide measure creates, generates, increases or
10 decreases, as applicable, public revenue.

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

14 7. A county clerk:

15 (a) May divide paper ballots into two sheets in a manner which
16 provides a clear understanding and grouping of all measures and
17 candidates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (a) *A polling place;*

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

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

44 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place, *a ballot*
45 *drop box or both a polling place and a ballot drop box* within the



1 boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony for the day of a
2 primary election or general election:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283
40 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:

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

43 (b) The election board officer shall:

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



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

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

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

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

9 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
10 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
11 register to vote;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 3. A request for the establishment of a temporary branch
35 polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian
36 reservation or Indian colony:

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

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

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



1 (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the
2 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the
3 temporary branch polling place and proposed hours of operation
4 thereof. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria established
5 by the county clerk for the selection of temporary branch polling
6 places pursuant to NRS 293.3561.

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283
41 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a
42 person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer
43 shall:

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



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

3 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in
4 NRS 293.277.

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

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

9 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer
10 covering the personal data which is reported on the application to
11 register to vote;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which
37 directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer
38 shall:

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

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

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

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



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

3 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.3625 is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 293.3625 The county clerk shall make a record of the receipt at
5 the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport
6 official ballots pursuant to NRS 293.304, ~~293.325,~~ 293B.330 and
7 293B.335. The record must include the numbers indicated on the
8 container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293.462.

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 **Sec. 32.** NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:
44 293.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected election~~
45 ~~that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887,~~



1 ~~inclusive,] in section 13 of this act,~~ no counting board in any
2 precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used
3 may commence to count the votes until all ballots used or unused
4 are accounted for.

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

6 293.387 1. As soon as the returns from all the precincts and
7 districts in any county have been received by the board of county
8 commissioners, the board shall meet and canvass the returns. The
9 canvass must be completed on or before the 10th day following the
10 election . ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following an affected~~
11 ~~election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to~~
12 ~~293.8887, inclusive.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 ↪ and transmit them to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th
27 day following the election . ~~[or, if applicable, the 13th day following~~
28 ~~an affected election that is subject to the provisions of NRS~~
29 ~~293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive.]~~

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

3 **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.462 1. Each container used to transport official ballots
5 pursuant to NRS 293.304, ~~[293.325,]~~ 293B.330 and 293B.335 must:

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

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

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

11 **Sec. 37.** NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a
13 county to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory
14 deadline in a particular election, the county clerk shall, as soon as
15 practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:

16 (a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in a
17 newspaper of general circulation in the county; and

18 (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered
19 voter who ~~[requested an absent voter's]~~ *received a mail* ballot for
20 the election and has not returned the *mail* ballot before the date on
21 which the notice will be transmitted.

22 2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1
23 must be published:

24 (a) In a county whose population is 47,500 or more, on at least 3
25 successive days.

26 (b) In a county whose population is less than 47,500, at least
27 twice in successive issues of the newspaper.

28 **Sec. 38.** NRS 293.4688 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293.4688 1. The Secretary of State shall ensure that:

30 (a) All public information that is included on the Internet
31 website required pursuant to NRS 293.4687 is accessible on a
32 mobile device; and

33 (b) A person may use a mobile device to submit any information
34 or form related to elections that a person may otherwise submit
35 electronically to the Secretary of State, including, without limitation,
36 an application to preregister or register to vote ~~[, a request for an~~
37 ~~absent ballot]~~ and a request for a military-overseas ballot.

38 2. As used in this section:

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

41 (b) "Mobile device" includes, without limitation, a smartphone
42 or a tablet computer.

43 **Sec. 39.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:



1 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant
2 to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection 3
3 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach
4 members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions
5 of NRS 293.2955, 293.296 ~~[, 293.313, 293.316]~~ and ~~[293.3165.]~~
6 *section 3 of this act.*

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

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

17 (a) Related to elections; and

18 (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed
19 form.

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

21 293.5002 1. The Secretary of State shall establish procedures
22 to allow a person for whom a fictitious address has been issued
23 pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive, to:

24 (a) Preregister or register to vote; and

25 (b) Vote by ~~[absent]~~ *mail* ballot,

26 ↪ without revealing the confidential address of the person.

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

33 (a) A section that contains the confidential address of the
34 person; and

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

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

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

42 (b) File the portion of the form that contains the confidential
43 address.



1 4. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any request~~
2 ~~received by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 shall be~~
3 ~~deemed a request for a permanent absent ballot.~~

4 —5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

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

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

12 (1) Inspection or copying; or

13 (2) Inclusion in any list that is made available for public
14 inspection,

15 ↪ unless directed to do so by lawful order of a court of competent
16 jurisdiction.

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

18 293.502 1. An elector:

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

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

23 (1) Is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States
24 or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is discharged from
25 the Armed Forces; or

26 (2) Is separated from employment outside the territorial
27 limits of the United States or is the spouse or dependent of an
28 elector who is separated from employment outside the territorial
29 limits of the United States;

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

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

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

36 2. Such an elector must:

37 (a) Register in person; and

38 (b) Vote in the office of the county clerk unless the elector is
39 otherwise entitled to vote ~~[an-absent]~~ *a mail* ballot pursuant to
40 federal law.

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

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

44 293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration
45 of a person or the registration of a voter if:



1 (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district
2 attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that
3 information in the application to preregister or register to vote
4 concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is
5 fraudulent;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1
42 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and ~~an~~
43 ~~absent~~ *a mail* ballot ~~for a ballot voted by a voter who resides in a~~
44 ~~mailing precinct~~ is received from the voter, the ballot must be kept
45 separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter



1 presents satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and
2 residence before such ballots are counted on election day.

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

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

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

8 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
9 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

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

18 (3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system
19 pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is
20 the Thursday preceding the primary or general election, unless the
21 system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS
22 293.5842 or 293.5847.

23 (4) By computer using the system established by the
24 Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the ~~Thursday~~
25 ~~preceding] day of~~ the primary or general election . ~~[, unless the~~
26 ~~system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS~~
27 ~~293.5842 or 293.5847.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

17 293.5837 1. ~~Through the Thursday preceding the day of the~~
18 ~~election, an~~ An elector may register to vote in the county or city, as
19 applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an
20 application to register to vote by computer using the system
21 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671
22 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection
23 2 to vote in person.

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

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

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

31 (1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 ~~§~~
32 ~~293.8834~~ or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in
33 which the elector is eligible to vote; or

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

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

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

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

43 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, provide his or
44 her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by



1 the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical
2 address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

3 4. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the
4 Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the
5 elector's current residential address, the following documents may
6 be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current
7 residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her
8 application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:

9 (a) A military identification card;

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

13 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

14 (d) A paycheck;

15 (e) An income tax return;

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

18 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

19 (h) A property tax statement; or

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

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

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

26 (1) The determination that the elector submitted the
27 application to register to vote by computer using the system
28 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 and
29 that the application to register to vote is complete; and

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

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

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

35 (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that
36 polling place; and

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

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

41 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and
42 maintain an official statewide voter registration list, which may be
43 maintained on the Internet, in consultation with each county and city
44 clerk.

45 2. The statewide voter registration list must:



1 (a) Be a uniform, centralized and interactive computerized list;
2 (b) Serve as the single method for storing and managing the
3 official list of registered voters in this State;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 3. Each county and city clerk shall:

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

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

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

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

41 6. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its
42 database:

43 (a) Is capable of processing any information related to an
44 application to register to vote, an application to update voter



1 registration information or a request to verify the accuracy of voter
2 registration information as quickly as is feasible; and

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

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

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

23 ~~8.~~ 9. The Secretary of State may:

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

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

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

34 293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course
35 of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not:

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

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

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

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



1 (e) Show his or her ballot to another person, after voting, so as
2 to reveal any of his or her votes on the ballot, other than on his or
3 her ~~absent ballot, mailing ballot,~~ mail ballot or military-overseas
4 ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her
5 authorization pursuant to this title.

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

8 (g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other
9 than ~~an absent ballot, mailing ballot,~~ a mail ballot or military-
10 overseas ballot when permitted pursuant to this title.

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

15 2. A voter shall not:

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 293.908 1. The following persons may request that personal
38 information contained in the records of the Secretary of State or a
39 county or city clerk be kept confidential:

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

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

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

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



1 (e) Any district attorney or attorney employed by the district
2 attorney who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities
3 prosecutes persons for:

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

5 (2) Domestic violence.

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

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

9 (2) Domestic violence.

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

13 (1) Interacts with the public; and

14 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child
15 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable
16 dangers.

17 (h) Any county manager in this State.

18 (i) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State
19 or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her
20 employer:

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

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

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

26 (j) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with*
27 *the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy*
28 *appointed by the county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the*
29 *elections division of the county or city.*

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

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

35 2. As used in this section:

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

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

40 (c) "Code enforcement" means the enforcement of laws,
41 ordinances or codes regulating public nuisances or the public health,
42 safety and welfare.

43 (d) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter
44 641B of NRS.



1 **Sec. 47.** NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293B.130 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting
3 system is to be used, the county clerk shall prepare or cause to be
4 prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material
5 suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be
6 employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the
7 computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

8 (a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.
9 (b) All unlawful votes, including, ~~[but not limited to,]~~ *without*
10 *limitation*, overvotes or, in a primary election, votes cast for a
11 candidate of a major political party other than the party, if any, of
12 the registration of the voter must not be counted.

13 (c) If the election is:
14 (1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or
15 (2) A general election,
16 ↪ the total votes, other than ~~[absentee votes and votes in a mailing~~
17 ~~precinct,]~~ *mail ballots*, must be accumulated by precinct.

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

22 2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the
23 accuracy certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of
24 NRS 293B.140.

25 3. The county clerk shall take such measures as he or she
26 deems necessary to protect the program from being altered or
27 damaged.

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

29 293B.360 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of
30 votes cast at any election conducted under a mechanical voting
31 system, the county clerk shall create a computer program and
32 processing accuracy board, and may create:

33 (a) A central ballot inspection board;
34 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ *A mail* ballot ~~[mailing precinct]~~ inspection
35 board;

36 (c) A ballot duplicating board;
37 (d) A ballot processing and packaging board; and

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

40 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county
41 clerk may determine the number of members to constitute any
42 board. The county clerk shall make any appointments from among
43 competent persons who are registered voters in this State. The
44 members of each board must represent all political parties as equally
45 as possible. The same person may be appointed to more than one



1 board but must meet the particular qualifications for each board to
2 which he or she is appointed.

3 3. If the county clerk creates a ballot duplicating board, the
4 county clerk shall appoint to the board at least two members. The
5 members of the ballot duplicating board must not all be of the same
6 political party.

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

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

10 293B.380 1. The ballot processing and packaging board must
11 be composed of persons who are qualified in the use of the data
12 processing equipment to be operated for the voting count.

13 2. The board shall:

14 (a) Allow members of the general public to observe the counting
15 area where the computers are located during the period when ballots
16 are being processed if those members do not interfere with the
17 processing of the ballots.

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

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

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

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

27 (f) Record an explanation of any irregularity that occurs in the
28 processing.

29 (g) If the election is:

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

31 (2) A general election,

32 ↪ ensure that a list is compiled indicating the total votes, other than
33 ~~absentee votes and votes in a mailing precinct,~~ *mail ballots*, which
34 each candidate accumulated in each precinct.

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

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

41 **Sec. 51. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in this section, the*
42 *city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered*
43 *voter in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates*
44 *his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days*
45 *before the election a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk*



1 *shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail*
2 *ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without*
3 *limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point*
4 *type to a person who is elderly or disabled.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (b) *Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the*
25 *dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a)*
26 *but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection*
27 *1, not later than 13 days before the election.*

28 (c) *Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-*
29 *overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
30 *293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee*
31 *Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time*
32 *required by those provisions.*

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

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

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



- 1 (a) A mail ballot;
- 2 (b) A return envelope;
- 3 (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted
- 4 to ensure its secrecy; and
- 5 (d) Instructions.

6 2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the
7 city clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an
8 address of the voter that is different from the address to which the
9 mail ballot is mailed.

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

14 4. Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter,
15 the city clerk shall record:

- 16 (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;
- 17 (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his
18 or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,
19 unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;
- 20 (c) The number of the mail ballot; and
- 21 (d) Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.

22 **Sec. 53.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if
23 a person applied by mail or computer to register to vote, or
24 preregistered to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently
25 deemed to be registered to vote, and the person has not previously
26 voted in any election for federal office in this State, the city clerk
27 must inform the person that he or she must include a copy of the
28 information required in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
29 293.2725 in the return envelope with the mail ballot.

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

32 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to
33 vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be
34 registered to vote, and submits with his or her application to
35 preregister or register to vote:

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

41 (b) Registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with his
42 or her application to register to vote a driver's license number or
43 at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a
44 state or local election official has matched that information with



1 *an existing identification record bearing the same number, name*
2 *and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;*

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

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

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

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

16 (d) *Is entitled to vote pursuant to the provisions of chapter*
17 *293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee*
18 *Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;*

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

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

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

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

28 (b) *The city clerk must:*

29 (1) *Contact the person;*

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

32 (3) *If the identification required pursuant to paragraph (b)*
33 *of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 is provided, ensure the mail*
34 *ballot is delivered to the appropriate mail ballot central counting*
35 *board.*

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

39 (a) *Mark and fold the mail ballot;*

40 (b) *Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the*
41 *return envelope;*

42 (c) *Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the*
43 *space provided for the signature; and*

44 (d) *Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized*
45 *by law.*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 3. *Each city clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every*
44 *polling place in the city, including, without limitation, a polling*
45 *place for early voting. A city clerk may establish a drop box at any*



1 *other location in the city where mail ballots can be delivered by*
2 *hand and collected during the period for early voting and on*
3 *election day. No person other than a clerk may establish a drop*
4 *box for mail ballots.*

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

6 *(a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of*
7 *sufficient strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail*
8 *ballots; and*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 *(c) If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and*
29 *authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by*
30 *mail or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless*
31 *otherwise authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:*

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

14 (a) *The electronic device must take a digital image of the*
15 *signature used for the mail ballot and electronically compare the*
16 *digital image with the signatures of the voter from his or her*
17 *application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote*
18 *available in the records of the city clerk.*

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

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

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

27 (b) *If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe*
28 *there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature*
29 *used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the*
30 *clerk shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether*
31 *the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.*

32 4. *For purposes of subsection 3:*

33 (a) *There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the*
34 *signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the*
35 *voter if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple,*
36 *significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter*
37 *available in the records of the clerk.*

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

41 (1) *The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of*
42 *the signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for*
43 *the first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of*
44 *punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common*
45 *nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two*



1 *last names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant*
2 *and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in*
3 *the records of the clerk; or*

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

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

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

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

31 (a) *Contact the voter;*

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

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

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

41 (a) *Answering questions from the city clerk covering the*
42 *personal data which is reported on the application to register to*
43 *vote;*

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



1 (c) Providing the city clerk with proof of identification as
2 described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card
3 issued to the voter.

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

7 (a) Mail;

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

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

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

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

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

28 4. The mail ballot central counting board is under the
29 direction of the clerk.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

21 2. The clerk shall develop a procedure to ensure that each
22 mail ballot is kept secret.

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

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

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

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

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



1 *party to manually review the signatures. The city clerk must*
2 *prepare a report of each daily audit.*

3 **Sec. 66.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

18 ~~—(b) The]~~ *the* conduct of ~~[-~~

19 ~~—(1) Early]~~ *early* voting by personal appearance in a city
20 election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and
21 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive. ~~[-~~

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

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

27 **Sec. 67.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city
29 election in which all ballots must be cast by mail *in accordance*
30 *with the provisions of sections 51 to 65, inclusive, of this act,* if:

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

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

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

36 (2) One office or ballot question.

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

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



1 **Sec. 68.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered
3 voters to act as election board officers for the various polling places
4 and precincts in the city as provided in NRS 293.225, 293.227,
5 293C.227 to ~~[293C.245,]~~ **293C.228**, inclusive, and ~~[293C.382.]~~
6 **section 60 of this act.** No candidate for nomination or election or a
7 relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity
8 or affinity may be appointed as an election board officer.
9 Immediately after election board officers are appointed, if requested
10 by the city clerk, the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall:

11 (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for
12 the central election board ~~[or]~~ **and** the ~~[absent]~~ **mail** ballot central
13 counting board; or

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

20 ➤ Officers so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during
21 hours of voting and attend the closing of the polls.

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

24 **Sec. 69.** NRS 293C.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25 293C.265 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2
26 and in NRS 293.2725 and 293.3083, a person who registered by
27 mail or computer to vote shall, for the first city election in which the
28 person votes at which that registration is valid, vote in person unless
29 he or she has previously voted in the county in which he or she is
30 registered to vote.

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

32 (a) ~~Is entitled to vote in the manner prescribed in NRS~~
33 ~~293C.342 to 293C.352, inclusive;~~

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

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

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

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

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



1 ~~[(g)]~~ (d) Is sent a mail ballot pursuant to the provisions of ~~[NRS~~
2 ~~293.8847]~~ *section 52 of this act* and includes a copy of the
3 information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of
4 NRS 293.2725 with his or her voted mail ballot, if required pursuant
5 to ~~[NRS 293.8851.]~~ *section 53 of this act.*

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

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

13 (a) *A polling place;*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

11 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772
12 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272:

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

15 (b) The election board officer shall:

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

17 (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature
18 card;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (a) Cause notice of the extended period to be published in a
45 newspaper of general circulation in the city or if no newspaper is of



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

3 (b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered
4 voter who ~~requested an absent voter's~~ *received a mail* ballot for
5 the election and has not returned the *mail* ballot before the date on
6 which the notice will be transmitted.

7 2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1
8 must be published:

9 (a) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, on at least 3
10 successive days.

11 (b) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, at least twice
12 in successive issues of the newspaper.

13 **Sec. 73.** NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows:

15 293C.3564 1. The city clerk in a city ~~providing for early~~
16 ~~voting pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2~~
17 ~~of NRS 293C.110~~ shall establish at least one permanent polling
18 place for early voting by personal appearance in the city at the
19 locations selected pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

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

22 **Sec. 74.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for
25 early voting, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the city
26 clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting
27 pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

28 2. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole
29 or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the
30 city clerk for the establishment of a temporary branch polling place
31 within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.

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

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

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

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

43 (b) May include one or more proposed locations within the
44 boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the
45 temporary branch polling place and proposed hours thereof. Any



1 proposed location must satisfy the criteria established by the city
2 clerk pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

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

15 5. If the city 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 city
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 293C.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 city 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. 75.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as
36 follows:

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

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

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

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



1 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the
2 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 293C.270 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 city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the
18 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in
19 that city in the current election.

20 5. The roster for early voting or 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 city 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 293C.292.

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. 76.** NRS 293C.3615 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293C.3615 The city clerk shall make a record of the receipt at
4 the central counting place of each sealed container used to transport
5 official ballots pursuant to NRS 293C.295, ~~[293C.325,]~~ 293C.630
6 and 293C.635. The record must include the numbers indicated on
7 the container and its seal pursuant to NRS 293C.700.

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

9 293C.362 ~~[Except as otherwise provided for an affected
10 election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to
11 293.8887, inclusive:]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 293C.365 Except as otherwise provided ~~[for an affected
44 election that is subject to the provisions of NRS 293.8801 to
45 293.8887, inclusive,]~~ *in section 61 of this act*, a counting board in



1 any precinct, district or polling place in which paper ballots are used
2 may not begin to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are
3 accounted for.

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

5 293C.387 1. The election returns from a special election,
6 primary city election or general city election must be filed with the
7 city clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault
8 designated by the city clerk. No person may handle, inspect or in
9 any manner interfere with the returns until they are canvassed by the
10 mayor and the governing body of the city.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 6. After the abstract is entered, the:

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

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

36 (1) Certify the abstract;

37 (2) Make a copy of the certified abstract;

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

40 (4) Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the
41 mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State on or
42 before the 10th day following the election ; ~~for, if applicable, the~~
43 ~~13th day following an affected election that is subject to the~~
44 ~~provisions of NRS 293.8801 to 293.8887, inclusive;]~~ and



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who
44 voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the governing
45 body of the city are subject to the inspection of any elector who may



1 wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the city
2 clerk.

3 4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material
4 relating to that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1
5 or 2, except the voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted
6 ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited
7 with the city clerk.

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

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

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

19 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
20 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
2 inclusive, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a
3 primary city election or general city election set forth in subsection
4 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

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

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

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

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

14 ➔ If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the
15 publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in
16 the nearest city in this State.

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

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

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

26 293C.640 1. To facilitate the processing and computation of
27 votes cast at an election conducted under a mechanical voting
28 system, the city clerk shall create a computer program and
29 processing accuracy board, and may create:

30 (a) A central ballot inspection board;

31 (b) ~~[An absent]~~ A mail ballot ~~[mailing precinct]~~ inspection
32 board;

33 (c) A ballot duplicating board;

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

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

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

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



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

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

5 **Sec. 82.** NRS 293C.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293C.700 1. Each container used to transport official ballots
7 pursuant to NRS 293C.295, ~~293C.325,~~ 293C.630 and 293C.635
8 must:

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

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

12 2. The container and seal must be separately numbered for
13 identification.

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

15 293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:

16 1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided
17 pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify
18 the public, through means designed to reach members of the public
19 who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.281,
20 293C.282 ~~[, 293C.310, 293C.317 and 293C.318.]~~ *and section 51 of*
21 *this act.*

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

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

32 (a) Related to elections; and

33 (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed
34 form.

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

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

43 2. A covered voter who is not registered to vote in this State
44 may use the federal postcard application or the application's
45 electronic equivalent simultaneously to apply to register to vote



1 pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and to apply for a military-overseas
2 ballot, if the federal postcard application is received by the
3 appropriate local elections official by the seventh day before the
4 election. If the federal postcard application is received after
5 the seventh day before the election, it must be treated as an
6 application to register to vote for subsequent elections.

7 3. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the system of
8 approved electronic transmission described in subsection 2 of NRS
9 293D.200 is capable of accepting the submission of:

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

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

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

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

25 6. To receive the benefits of this chapter, a covered voter must
26 inform the appropriate local elections official that he or she is a
27 covered voter. Methods of informing the appropriate local elections
28 official that a person is a covered voter include, without limitation:

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 requirements for registration in the other state, the former resident
2 may vote for President and Vice President only in that election:

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

6 (b) By ~~absent~~ *mail* ballot in the county of the State of Nevada
7 which was his or her former residence, if the former resident is
8 otherwise qualified to vote there and complies with the applicable
9 requirements of ~~[NRS 293.3088 to 293.340, inclusive.]~~ *sections 3 to*
10 *15, inclusive, of this act.*

11 2. The Secretary of State may, in a manner consistent with the
12 election laws of this State, adopt regulations to effectuate the
13 purposes of this section.

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

15 306.040 1. Upon determining that the number of signatures
16 on a petition to recall is sufficient pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to
17 293.1279, inclusive, the Secretary of State shall notify the county
18 clerk, the filing officer and the public officer who is the subject of
19 the petition.

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

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

25 (b) The date a complaint is filed pursuant to subsection 6.

26 3. If the filing officer receives a request pursuant to subsection
27 2, the filing officer must strike the name of the person from the
28 petition. If the filing officer receives a sufficient number of requests
29 to strike names from the petition such that the petition no longer
30 contains enough valid signatures, the filing officer shall not issue a
31 call for a special election, and a special election must not be held to
32 recall the public officer who is the subject of the petition.

33 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, not sooner
34 than 20 days and not later than 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and
35 holidays excluded, after the Secretary of State completes the
36 notification required by subsection 1, if a complaint is not filed
37 pursuant to subsection 6, the filing officer shall issue a call for a
38 special election in the jurisdiction in which the public officer who is
39 the subject of the petition was elected to determine whether the
40 people will recall the public officer.

41 5. The call for a special election pursuant to subsection 4 or 7
42 must include, without limitation:

43 (a) The last day on which a person may register to vote in order
44 to qualify to vote in the special election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or
45 293C.527; *and*



1 (b) The last day on which a petition to nominate other
2 candidates for the office may be filed. ~~†; and~~

3 ~~—(c) Whether any person is entitled to vote in the special election~~
4 ~~in a mailing precinct or an absent ballot mailing precinct pursuant to~~
5 ~~NRS 293.343 to 293.355, inclusive, or 293C.342 to 293C.352,~~
6 ~~inclusive.]~~

7 6. The legal sufficiency of the petition, including without
8 limitation, the validity of signatures on the petition, may be
9 challenged by filing a complaint in district court not later than 15
10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded, after the Secretary
11 of State completes the notification required by subsection 1. All
12 affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed
13 with the complaint. The court shall set the matter for hearing not
14 later than 30 days after the complaint is filed and shall give priority
15 to such a complaint over all other matters pending with the court,
16 except for criminal proceedings.

17 7. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, if the court determines
18 that the petition is legally sufficient, it shall order the filing officer
19 to issue a call for a special election in the jurisdiction in which the
20 public officer who is the subject of the petition was elected to
21 determine whether the people will recall the public officer. If the
22 court determines that the petition is not legally sufficient, it shall
23 order the filing officer to cease any further proceedings regarding
24 the petition.

25 **Sec. 87.** NRS 247.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 247.540 1. The following persons may request that the
27 personal information described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS
28 247.520 that is contained in the records of a county recorder be kept
29 confidential:

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

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

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

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

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

39 (f) Any district attorney or attorney employed by the district
40 attorney who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities
41 prosecutes persons for:

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

43 (2) Domestic violence.

44 ~~††~~ (g) Any state or county public defender who as part of his
45 or her normal job responsibilities defends persons for:



- 1 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or
- 2 (2) Domestic violence.

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

- 6 (1) Interacts with the public; and
- 7 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child
8 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable
9 dangers.

10 ~~(h)~~ (i) Any county manager in this State.

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

- 14 (1) Who possesses specialized training in code enforcement;
- 15 (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities,
16 interacts with the public; and
- 17 (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks
18 related to code enforcement.

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

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

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

29 3. As used in this section:

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

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

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

37 (d) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter
38 641B of NRS.

39 **Sec. 88.** NRS 250.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 250.140 1. The following persons may request that personal
41 information described in subsection 1, 2 or 3 of NRS 250.120 that is
42 contained in the records of a county assessor be kept confidential:

- 43 (a) Any justice or judge in this State.
- 44 (b) Any senior justice or senior judge in this State.
- 45 (c) Any court-appointed master in this State.



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

3 (e) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with*
4 *the powers and duties relating to elections and any deputy*
5 *appointed by such county or city clerk or registrar of voters in the*
6 *elections division of the county or city.*

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

8 ~~(g)~~ (g) Any prosecutor.

9 ~~(e)~~ (h) Any state or county public defender.

10 ~~(h)~~ (i) Any person, including without limitation, a social
11 worker, employed by this State or a political subdivision of this
12 State who as part of his or her normal job responsibilities interacts
13 with the public and performs tasks related to child welfare services
14 or child protective services or tasks that expose the person to
15 comparable dangers.

16 ~~(i)~~ (j) Any county manager in this State.

17 ~~(j)~~ (k) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this
18 State or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her
19 employer who possesses specialized training in code enforcement,
20 interacts with the public and whose primary duties are the
21 performance of tasks related to code enforcement.

22 ~~(k)~~ (l) The spouse, domestic partner or minor child of a person
23 described in paragraphs (a) to ~~(j)~~, (k), inclusive.

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

27 2. Any nonprofit entity in this State that maintains a
28 confidential location for the purpose of providing shelter to victims
29 of domestic violence may request that the personal information
30 described in subsection 4 of NRS 250.120 that is contained in the
31 records of a county assessor be kept confidential.

32 3. As used in this section:

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

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

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

40 (d) "Peace officer" means:

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

44 (2) Any person:

45 (I) Who resides in this State;



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

7 (e) "Prosecutor" has the meaning ascribed to it in

8 NRS 241A.030.

9 (f) "Social worker" means any person licensed under chapter

10 641B of NRS.

11 **Sec. 89.** NRS 481.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 481.091 1. The following persons may request that the

13 Department display an alternate address on the person's driver's

14 license, commercial driver's license or identification card:

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

20 (e) Any prosecutor who as part of his or her normal job

21 responsibilities prosecutes persons for:

- 22 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or
- 23 (2) Domestic violence.

24 (f) Any state or county public defender who as part of his or her

25 normal job responsibilities defends persons for:

- 26 (1) Crimes that are punishable as category A felonies; or
- 27 (2) Domestic violence.

28 (g) Any person, including without limitation, a social worker,

29 employed by this State or a political subdivision of this State who as

30 part of his or her normal job responsibilities:

- 31 (1) Interacts with the public; and
- 32 (2) Performs tasks related to child welfare services or child
- 33 protective services or tasks that expose the person to comparable
- 34 dangers.

35 (h) Any county manager in this State.

36 (i) Any inspector, officer or investigator employed by this State

37 or a political subdivision of this State designated by his or her

38 employer:

- 39 (1) Who possesses specialized training in code enforcement;
- 40 (2) Who, as part of his or her normal job responsibilities,
- 41 interacts with the public; and
- 42 (3) Whose primary duties are the performance of tasks
- 43 related to code enforcement.

44 (j) *Any county or city clerk or registrar of voters charged with*

45 *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. 89.5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
34 General Fund to the Office of the Secretary of State for the costs of
35 ballot stock, postage and postcard notifications to carry out the
36 provisions of this act the following sums:

37 For the Fiscal Year 2021-2022..... \$6,286,844

38 For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023..... \$5,998,138

39 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
40 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
41 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
42 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any
43 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
44 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
45 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose



1 after September 16, 2022, and September 15, 2023, respectively, by
2 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
3 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred,
4 and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
5 September 16, 2022, and September 15, 2023, respectively.

6 **Sec. 90.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
7 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
8 provisions of this act.

9 **Sec. 91.** NRS 293.013, 293.015, 293.213, 293.230, 293.235,
10 293.243, 293.262, 293.3088, 293.309, 293.3095, 293.310, 293.313,
11 293.315, 293.316, 293.3165, 293.317, 293.320, 293.323, 293.325,
12 293.329, 293.330, 293.333, 293.335, 293.340, 293.343, 293.345,
13 293.350, 293.352, 293.353, 293.355, 293.3673, 293.384, 293.385,
14 293.8801, 293.8804, 293.8807, 293.8811, 293.8814, 293.8817,
15 293.8821, 293.8824, 293.8827, 293.8831, 293.8834, 293.8837,
16 293.8841, 293.8844, 293.8847, 293.8851, 293.8854, 293.8857,
17 293.8861, 293.8864, 293.8871, 293.8874, 293.8877, 293.8881,
18 293.8884, 293.8887, 293B.370, 293C.230, 293C.240, 293C.245,
19 293C.256, 293C.304, 293C.305, 293C.306, 293C.307, 293C.310,
20 293C.312, 293C.317, 293C.318, 293C.319, 293C.320, 293C.322,
21 293C.325, 293C.327, 293C.328, 293C.329, 293C.330, 293C.332,
22 293C.335, 293C.340, 293C.342, 293C.345, 293C.347, 293C.349,
23 293C.350, 293C.352, 293C.368, 293C.382, 293C.385 and 293C.650
24 are hereby repealed.

25 **Sec. 92.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
26 approval.

27 2. Section 89.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

28 3. Sections 1 to 89, inclusive, and 90 and 91 of this act become
29 effective:

30 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
31 regulation and performing any other preparatory administrative
32 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

33 (b) On January 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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.

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