

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 45—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to public office.
(BDR 24-426)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to public office; requiring a nongovernmental entity that sends a notice relating to voter registration to include certain information in the notice; updating citations in Nevada Revised Statutes to certain provisions of federal law; revising the deadlines for registering to vote by mail or computer for a primary, primary city, general city or general election; providing that the county and city clerks are not required to distribute sample ballots for an election to certain persons; requiring a candidate to include the ending balance in his or her campaign account on reports of campaign contributions; revising the campaign finance reporting requirements for certain candidates, persons, committees and parties relating to a special election to recall a public officer; revising the categories of campaign expenses and expenditures on campaign finance reports; setting forth the requirements to withdraw a petition for initiative or referendum; extending, under certain circumstances, the deadline for submitting for verification certain petitions for initiative; clarifying that a copy of a petition of candidacy of an independent candidate for the office of President of the United States must be filed with the Secretary of State before the petition is circulated for signatures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



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Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill requires a nongovernmental entity that sends a notice to a
2 person indicating the person is not or may not be registered to vote or requesting
3 the person to register to vote to indicate on the notice that it is not official elections
4 mail from the Secretary of State or a county or city clerk.

5 Existing law relating to elections cites to various provisions of federal law,
6 including the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. §§ 10101 to 10301 et seq.), the
7 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et
8 seq.), the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (52 U.S.C. §§ 20302 et
9 seq.) and the Help America Vote Act (52 U.S.C. §§ 15482 et seq.). (NRS 293.208,
10 293D.2699, 293.309, 293.4685, 293.502, 293.504, 293.505, 293C.305, 293D.050,
11 293D.110, 293D.200, 293D.230, 293D.300, 293D.320, 293D.410, 293D.530)

12 **Sections 8-13, 15 and 16-23** of this bill update the citations to these federal laws.

13 Existing federal law requires that each state ensure that an eligible voter who
14 submits an application to register to vote by mail be registered to vote in an election
15 for federal office if the voter registration form is postmarked not later than 30 days
16 before the date of the election. (52 U.S.C. § 20507) Under existing Nevada law, an
17 application to register to vote by mail must be postmarked or received by the
18 county clerk not later than the fifth Saturday preceding a primary election, primary
19 city election, general election or general city election. (NRS 293.5235, 293.560,
20 293C.527) **Sections 14.6 and 15.5** of this bill provide that the last day to register to
21 vote by mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, primary city
22 election, general election or general city election.

23 Existing law provides that the last day to register to vote by computer is the
24 third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527)
25 **Sections 14.6 and 15.5** provide, with limited exception, that the last day to register
26 to vote by computer is the Thursday before the period for early voting begins.

27 Existing law requires county and city clerks to distribute sample ballots before
28 the period for early voting begins. (NRS 293.565, 293C.530) **Sections 14.8 and**
29 **15.7** of this bill provide a limited exception to this requirement so that the clerks are
30 not required to distribute sample ballots for an election to persons who register to
31 vote less than 20 days before the election. **Section 8.5** of this bill makes a
32 conforming change.

33 Existing law sets forth campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates
34 and certain persons and committees that accept contributions and make
35 expenditures related to a special election to recall a public officer. (NRS 294A.120,
36 294A.140, 294A.200, 294A.210) **Sections 24 and 25-27** of this bill set forth the
37 reporting requirements that apply where no such special election is held because the
38 petition for recall is not submitted for verification or is submitted for verification
39 but is legally insufficient.

40 Existing law sets forth campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates
41 to report campaign contributions. (NRS 294A.120, 294A.125) **Sections 24 and**
42 **24.5** of this bill require a candidate to include in his or her campaign finance reports
43 the balance in the candidate's campaign account at the end of the reporting period.

44 Existing law sets forth the categories of campaign expenses and expenditures
45 for use in reports of campaign expenses or expenditures. (NRS 294A.365) **Section**
46 **27.2** of this bill adds a category for interest, credit card fees, debit card fees or
47 penalty fees incurred in relation to campaign expenses or expenditures paid for by a
48 credit card or debit card. **Section 27.2** also requires that each report of campaign
49 expenses or expenditures must itemize each transaction and identify the business or
50 other entity from whom the purchase was made if the purchase was paid for with a
51 credit card or debit card.

52 Existing law requires a copy of a petition for initiative or referendum to be
53 placed on file with the Secretary of State before it may be circulated for signatures.
54 (NRS 295.015) **Section 31** of this bill requires that the person who intends to



55 circulate the petition must also submit to the Secretary of State a form that includes:
56 (1) the person's name and signature; (2) the name of any committee for political
57 action formed by the person to advocate the passage of the initiative or referendum;
58 and (3) the names of persons who are authorized to withdraw the petition or submit
59 a revised petition. **Section 30** of this bill provides that a petition may be withdrawn
60 if one of those authorized persons submits a notice of withdrawal to the Secretary
61 of State.

62 Existing law provides that if a petition for initiative proposes a statute or an
63 amendment to a statute, the petition must be submitted for verification not later
64 than the second Tuesday in November of an even-numbered year. (NRS 295.056)
65 **Section 32** of this bill provides that if the second Tuesday in November of an
66 even-numbered year is the day of the general election, that deadline is instead the
67 next working day after the election.

68 Existing law requires that if a person desires to be an independent candidate for
69 President of the United States, the person must circulate a nominating petition and
70 obtain a certain number of signatures. Existing law also requires that a copy of that
71 petition be filed with the Secretary of State. (NRS 298.109) **Section 34** of this bill
72 clarifies that the copy must be filed with the Secretary of State before the petition is
73 circulated for signatures.

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 a new section to read as follows:

- 3 *Any nongovernmental entity that sends a notice to a person:*
4 *1. Indicating that the person is not or may not be registered to*
5 *vote in this State; or*
6 *2. Requesting that the person register to vote in this State,*
7 *↪ must indicate clearly on the notice that it is not official elections*
8 *mail from the Secretary of State or a county or city clerk.*

- 9 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)
10 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
11 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)
12 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
13 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)
14 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

15 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293.208 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 3
17 and 5 and in NRS 293.206, no election precinct may be created,
18 divided, abolished or consolidated, or the boundaries thereof
19 changed, during the period between the third Wednesday in March
20 of any year whose last digit is 6 and the time when the Legislature
21 has been redistricted in a year whose last digit is 1, unless the
22 creation, division, abolishment or consolidation of the precinct, or
23 the change in boundaries thereof, is:

- 24 (a) Ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction;



1 (b) Required to meet objections to a precinct by the Attorney
2 General of the United States pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of
3 1965, ~~42 U.S.C. §§ 1971 and 1973~~ *52 U.S.C. §§ 10101 and 10301*
4 et seq., and any amendments thereto;

5 (c) Required to comply with subsection 2 of NRS 293.205;

6 (d) Required by the incorporation of a new city; or

7 (e) Required by the creation of or change in the boundaries of a
8 special district.

9 ➔ As used in this subsection, “special district” means any general
10 improvement district or any other quasi-municipal corporation
11 organized under the local improvement and service district laws of
12 this State as enumerated in title 25 of NRS which is required by law
13 to hold elections or any fire protection district which is required by
14 law to hold elections.

15 2. If a city annexes an unincorporated area located in the same
16 county as the city and adjacent to the corporate boundary, the
17 annexed area may be included in an election precinct immediately
18 adjacent to it.

19 3. A new election precinct may be established at any time if it
20 lies entirely within the boundaries of any existing precinct.

21 4. If a change in the boundaries of an election precinct is made
22 pursuant to this section during the time specified in subsection 1, the
23 county clerk must:

24 (a) Within 15 days after the change to the boundary of a precinct
25 is established by the county clerk or ordered by a court, send to the
26 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Secretary of
27 State a copy or electronic file of a map showing the new boundaries
28 of the precinct; and

29 (b) Maintain in his or her office an index providing the name of
30 the precinct and describing all changes which were made, including
31 any change in the name of the precinct and the name of any new
32 precinct created within the boundaries of an existing precinct.

33 5. Cities of population categories two and three are exempt
34 from the provisions of subsection 1.

35 6. As used in this section, “electronic file” includes, without
36 limitation, an electronic data file of a geographic information
37 system.

38 **Sec. 8.5.** NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has
40 the right:

41 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

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

44 (b) Accurately records the voter’s preference in the selection of
45 candidates.



- 1 2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered
- 2 and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a
- 3 conspicuous place at the polling place.
- 4 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.
- 5 4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line at his
- 6 or her polling place to vote before 7 p.m. and the voter has not
- 7 already cast a vote in that election.
- 8 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another
- 9 ballot in its place.
- 10 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.
- 11 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and
- 12 delivered in a timely manner ~~+~~ *as provided by law.*
- 13 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting
- 14 during early voting or on election day.
- 15 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections
- 16 system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly,
- 17 disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or
- 18 a citizen who is overseas.
- 19 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and
- 20 recounting all votes accurately.
- 21 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests
- 22 resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.

23 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.2699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.2699 1. Each voting system used by a county or city

25 shall provide voting materials in English and other languages in

26 compliance with the provisions of ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973aa-1a.~~ **52**

27 ***U.S.C. § 10503.***

28 2. As used in this section, the term “voting materials” has

29 the meaning ascribed to it in ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973aa-1a.~~ **52**

30 ***U.S.C. § 10503.***

31 **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.309 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 293.309 1. The county clerk of each county shall prepare an

33 absent ballot for the use of registered voters who have requested

34 absent ballots. The county clerk shall make reasonable

35 accommodations for the use of the absent ballot by a person who is

36 elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing,

37 upon request, the absent ballot in 12-point type to a person who is

38 elderly or disabled.

39 2. The ballot must be prepared and ready for distribution to a

40 registered voter who:

41 (a) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the

42 election in which it is to be used;

43 (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), resides

44 outside the State, not later than 40 days before a primary or general

45 election, if possible; or



1 (c) Requested an absent ballot pursuant to the provisions of the
2 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42 U.S.C.~~
3 ~~§§ 1973ff~~ 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than 45 days before
4 the election.

5 3. Any legal action which would prevent the ballot from being
6 issued pursuant to subsection 2 is moot and of no effect.

7 **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.4685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293.4685 1. The Secretary of State shall:

9 (a) Provide information regarding voter registration and
10 absentee voting by Armed Forces personnel and overseas voters;

11 (b) Within 90 days after the date of each general election and
12 general city election in which electors voted for federal offices,
13 submit to the Election Assistance Commission established pursuant
14 to ~~42 U.S.C. § 15324~~ 52 U.S.C. § 20921 a report of the combined
15 number of absentee ballots transmitted to absent Armed Forces
16 personnel and overseas voters for the election and the combined
17 number of such ballots that were returned by such voters and cast in
18 the election;

19 (c) Make each report submitted pursuant to paragraph (b)
20 available to the public; and

21 (d) Adopt any regulations which are necessary to comply with
22 the provisions of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law
23 107-252, and which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this
24 chapter to the extent the provisions of this chapter are consistent
25 with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.

26 2. Each county and city clerk shall provide such information as
27 is requested by the Secretary of State to comply with the provisions
28 of this section.

29 **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293.502 1. An elector:

31 (a) Who complies with the requirements for registration set forth
32 in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42~~
33 ~~U.S.C. §§ 1973ff~~ 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;

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

35 (1) Is discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States
36 or is the spouse or dependent of an elector who is discharged from
37 the Armed Forces; or

38 (2) Is separated from employment outside the territorial
39 limits of the United States or is the spouse or dependent of an
40 elector who is separated from employment outside the territorial
41 limits of the United States;

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



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

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

4 2. Such an elector must:

5 (a) Register in person; and

6 (b) Vote in the office of the county clerk unless the elector is
7 otherwise entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to federal law.

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

10 **Sec. 13.** NRS 293.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 293.504 1. The following offices shall serve as voter
12 registration agencies:

13 (a) Such offices that provide public assistance as are designated
14 by the Secretary of State;

15 (b) Each office that receives money from the State of Nevada to
16 provide services to persons with disabilities in this State;

17 (c) The offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles;

18 (d) The offices of the city and county clerks;

19 (e) Such other county and municipal facilities as a county clerk
20 or city clerk may designate pursuant to NRS 293.5035 or 293C.520,
21 as applicable;

22 (f) Recruitment offices of the United States Armed Forces; and

23 (g) Such other offices as the Secretary of State deems
24 appropriate.

25 2. Each voter registration agency shall:

26 (a) Post in a conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type,
27 instructions for registering to vote;

28 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, distribute
29 applications to register to vote which may be returned by mail with
30 any application for services or assistance from the agency or
31 submitted for any other purpose and with each application for
32 recertification, renewal or change of address submitted to the
33 agency that relates to such services, assistance or other purpose;

34 (c) Provide the same amount of assistance to an applicant in
35 completing an application to register to vote as the agency provides
36 to a person completing any other forms for the agency; and

37 (d) Accept completed applications to register to vote.

38 3. A voter registration agency is not required to provide an
39 application to register to vote pursuant to paragraph (b) of
40 subsection 2 to a person who applies for or receives services or
41 assistance from the agency or submits an application for any other
42 purpose if the person declines to register to vote and submits to the
43 agency a written form that meets the requirements of ~~142 U.S.C. §~~
44 ~~1973gg-5(a)(6)~~ **52 U.S.C. § 20506(a)(6)**. No information related to



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1 the declination to register to vote may be used for any purpose other
2 than voter registration.

3 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
4 293.524, any application to register to vote accepted by a voter
5 registration agency must be transmitted to the county clerk not later
6 than 10 days after the application is accepted. The applications must
7 be forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the
8 ~~fifth Sunday preceding an election.~~ *last day to register to vote by*
9 *mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.* The
10 county clerk shall accept any application to register to vote which is
11 obtained from a voter registration agency pursuant to this section
12 and completed by the ~~fifth Sunday preceding an election.~~ *last day*
13 *to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527,*
14 *as applicable,* if the county clerk receives the application not later
15 than 5 days after that date.

16 5. The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Secretary of
17 Defense to develop and carry out procedures to enable persons in
18 this State to apply to register to vote at recruitment offices of the
19 United States Armed Forces.

20 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.505 1. All justices of the peace, except those located in
22 county seats, are ex officio field registrars to carry out the
23 provisions of this chapter.

24 2. The county clerk shall appoint at least one registered voter to
25 serve as a field registrar of voters who, except as otherwise provided
26 in NRS 293.5055, shall register voters within the county for which
27 the field registrar is appointed. Except as otherwise provided in
28 subsection 1, a candidate for any office may not be appointed or
29 serve as a field registrar. A field registrar serves at the pleasure of
30 the county clerk and shall perform such duties as the county clerk
31 may direct. The county clerk shall not knowingly appoint any
32 person as a field registrar who has been convicted of a felony
33 involving theft or fraud. The Secretary of State may bring an action
34 against a county clerk to collect a civil penalty of not more than
35 \$5,000 for each person who is appointed as a field registrar in
36 violation of this subsection. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to
37 this subsection must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit
38 to the State General Fund.

39 3. A field registrar shall demand of any person who applies for
40 registration all information required by the application to register to
41 vote and shall administer all oaths required by this chapter.

42 4. When a field registrar has in his or her possession five or
43 more completed applications to register to vote, the field registrar
44 shall forward them to the county clerk, but in no case may the field
45 registrar hold any number of them for more than 10 days.



1 5. Each field registrar shall forward to the county clerk all
2 completed applications in his or her possession immediately after
3 the ~~fifth Sunday preceding an election.~~ *last day to register to vote*
4 *by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.*
5 Within 5 days after the ~~fifth Sunday preceding any general election~~
6 ~~or general city election.~~ *last day to register to vote by mail*
7 *pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable,* a field
8 registrar shall return all unused applications in his or her possession
9 to the county clerk. If all of the unused applications are not returned
10 to the county clerk, the field registrar shall account for the
11 unreturned applications.

12 6. Each field registrar shall submit to the county clerk a list of
13 the serial numbers of the completed applications to register to vote
14 and the names of the electors on those applications. The serial
15 numbers must be listed in numerical order.

16 7. Each field registrar shall post notices sent to him or her by
17 the county clerk for posting in accordance with the election laws of
18 this State.

19 8. A field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or
20 person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection 13 of NRS 293.5235
21 shall not:

- 22 (a) Delegate any of his or her duties to another person; or
- 23 (b) Refuse to register a person on account of that person's
24 political party affiliation.

25 9. A person shall not hold himself or herself out to be or
26 attempt to exercise the duties of a field registrar unless the person
27 has been so appointed.

28 10. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter
29 registration agency or person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection
30 13 of NRS 293.5235 shall not:

- 31 (a) Solicit a vote for or against a particular question or
32 candidate;
- 33 (b) Speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot
34 for or against a particular question or candidate; or
- 35 (c) Distribute any petition or other material concerning a
36 candidate or question which will be on the ballot for the ensuing
37 election,
38 ↪ while registering an elector.

39 11. When the county clerk receives applications to register to
40 vote from a field registrar, the county clerk shall issue a receipt to
41 the field registrar. The receipt must include:

- 42 (a) The number of persons registered; and
- 43 (b) The political party of the persons registered.



1 12. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter
2 registration agency or person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection
3 13 of NRS 293.5235 shall not:

4 (a) Knowingly register a person who is not a qualified elector or
5 a person who has filed a false or misleading application to register
6 to vote; or

7 (b) Register a person who fails to provide satisfactory proof of
8 identification and the address at which the person actually resides.

9 13. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter
10 registration agency, person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection
11 13 of NRS 293.5235 or any other person providing a form for the
12 application to register to vote to an elector for the purpose of
13 registering to vote:

14 (a) If the person who assists an elector with completing the form
15 for the application to register to vote retains the form, shall enter his
16 or her name on the duplicate copy or receipt retained by the voter
17 upon completion of the form; and

18 (b) Shall not alter, deface or destroy an application to register to
19 vote that has been signed by an elector except to correct information
20 contained in the application after receiving notice from the elector
21 that a change in or addition to the information is required.

22 14. If a field registrar violates any of the provisions of this
23 section, the county clerk shall immediately suspend the field
24 registrar and notify the district attorney of the county in which the
25 violation occurred.

26 15. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsection
27 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be
28 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

29 **Sec. 14.2.** NRS 293.5237 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows:

31 293.5237 Any time before the ~~{fifth Sunday preceding an~~
32 ~~election.}~~ *last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS*
33 *293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable,* a person who because of
34 illness, disability or for other good cause shown requires assistance
35 to complete an application to register to vote may request the county
36 clerk in writing or by telephone to register the person at the person's
37 residence. Upon request, the county clerk shall direct the appropriate
38 field registrar to go to the home of such a person to register the
39 person to vote.

40 **Sec. 14.4.** NRS 293.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293.524 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide
42 an application to register to vote to each person who applies for the
43 issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification
44 card issued by the Department.



1 2. The county clerk shall use the applications to register to vote
2 which are signed and completed pursuant to subsection 1 to register
3 applicants to vote or to correct information in the registrar of voters'
4 register. An application that is not signed must not be used to
5 register or correct the registration of the applicant.

6 3. For the purposes of this section, each employee specifically
7 authorized to do so by the Director of the Department may oversee
8 the completion of an application. The authorized employee shall
9 check the application for completeness and verify the information
10 required by the application. Each application must include a
11 duplicate copy or receipt to be retained by the applicant upon
12 completion of the form. The Department shall, except as otherwise
13 provided in this subsection, forward each application on a weekly
14 basis to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of
15 the county in which the applicant resides. The applications must be
16 forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the ~~fifth~~
17 ~~Sunday preceding an election.~~ *last day to register to vote by mail*
18 *pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.*

19 4. The county clerk shall accept any application to register to
20 vote which is obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles
21 pursuant to this section and completed by the ~~fifth Sunday~~
22 ~~preceding an election.~~ *last day to register to vote by mail pursuant*
23 *to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable,* if the county clerk
24 receives the application not later than 5 days after that date. Upon
25 receipt of an application, the county clerk or field registrar of voters
26 shall determine whether the application is complete. If the county
27 clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the application is
28 complete, he or she shall notify the applicant and the applicant shall
29 be deemed to be registered as of the date of the submission of the
30 application. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines
31 that the application is not complete, he or she shall notify the
32 applicant of the additional information required. The applicant shall
33 be deemed to be registered as of the date of the initial submission of
34 the application if the additional information is provided within 15
35 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed. If the
36 applicant has not provided the additional information within 15 days
37 after the notice for the additional information is mailed, the
38 incomplete application is void. Any notification required by this
39 subsection must be given by mail at the mailing address on the
40 application not more than 7 working days after the determination is
41 made concerning whether the application is complete.

42 5. The county clerk shall use any form submitted to the
43 Department to correct information on a driver's license or
44 identification card to correct information in the registrar of voters'
45 register, unless the person indicates on the form that the correction



1 is not to be used for the purposes of voter registration. The
2 Department shall forward each such form to the county clerk or, if
3 applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the
4 person resides in the same manner provided by subsection 3 for
5 applications to register to vote.

6 6. Upon receipt of a form to correct information, the county
7 clerk shall compare the information to that contained in the registrar
8 of voters' register. If the person is a registered voter, the county
9 clerk shall correct the information to reflect any changes indicated
10 on the form. After making any changes, the county clerk shall notify
11 the person by mail that the records have been corrected.

12 7. The Secretary of State shall, with the approval of the
13 Director, adopt regulations to:

14 (a) Establish any procedure necessary to provide an elector who
15 applies to register to vote pursuant to this section the opportunity to
16 do so;

17 (b) Prescribe the contents of any forms or applications which the
18 Department is required to distribute pursuant to this section; and

19 (c) Provide for the transfer of the completed applications of
20 registration from the Department to the appropriate county clerk for
21 inclusion in the rosters and registrar of voters' register.

22 **Sec. 14.6.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
24 293D.230 and 293D.300 ~~+, registration must close on+ :~~

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

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

30 *(2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk*
31 *or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035,*
32 *is the third Tuesday preceding ~~+any+~~ the primary or general election*
33 *. ~~+and-on+~~*

34 *(3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a*
35 *system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register*
36 *voters, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for*
37 *early voting.*

38 *(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as*
39 *a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote for the*
40 *recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday*
41 *preceding ~~+any+~~ the recall or special election . ~~+, except that if a~~*
42 *~~recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or~~*
43 *~~general election, registration must close on the third Tuesday~~*
44 *~~preceding the day of the elections.~~*



1 2. For a primary or special election, the office of the county
2 clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which
3 ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person.* In a
4 county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the
5 county clerk may close at 5 p.m. during the last 2 days ~~before~~
6 ~~registration closes.~~ *a person may register to vote in person* if
7 approved by the board of county commissioners.

8 3. For a general election:

9 (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office
10 of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days
11 on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in*
12 *person.* The office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. if
13 approved by the board of county commissioners.

14 (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office
15 of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which
16 ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person,*
17 according to the following schedule:

18 (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and

19 (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
20 holidays.

21 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
22 350 of NRS:

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

26 (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and

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

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

32 (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4
33 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any
34 election.

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

39 6. ~~For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any~~
40 ~~primary or general election and ending on the third Tuesday~~
41 ~~preceding any primary or general election, an elector may register to~~
42 ~~vote only:~~

43 ~~—(a) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if~~
44 ~~open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or~~



1 ~~—(b) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system~~
2 ~~pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.~~

3 ~~—7.1~~ A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035
4 may be open during the periods described in this section for such
5 hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in
6 subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.

7 **Sec. 14.8.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,
9 sample ballots must include:

10 (a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;

11 (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect,
12 as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015,
13 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment,
14 statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special
15 district or political subdivision and advisory question;

16 (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
17 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed
18 constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted
19 upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory
20 question;

21 (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional
22 amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a
23 special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and
24 rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
25 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and

26 (e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

27 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word
28 “Incumbent” must appear on the ballot next to the name of the
29 candidate who is the incumbent, the word “Incumbent” must appear
30 on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the
31 incumbent.

32 3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be
33 printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional
34 amendment if:

35 (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly
36 reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment
37 were not included;

38 (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes
39 the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided
40 at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample
41 ballot; and

42 (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the
43 full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

44 4. A county clerk may establish a system for distributing
45 sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who



1 elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system
2 may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access
3 through an Internet website. If a county clerk establishes such a
4 system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by
5 electronic means, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot
6 to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the
7 procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the
8 Secretary of State.

9 5. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot
10 by electronic means pursuant to subsection 4, the county clerk shall
11 distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

12 6. ~~Before~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7,*
13 *before* the period for early voting for any election begins, the county
14 clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the county by mail
15 or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her
16 precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or
17 her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed
18 since the last election:

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

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

24
25 NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
26 HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION
27

28 7. *If a person registers to vote less than 20 days before the*
29 *date of an election, the county clerk is not required to distribute to*
30 *the person the sample ballot for that election by mail or electronic*
31 *means.*

32 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~8~~ 9, a sample
33 ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

34 (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type; and

35 (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold
36 lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

37
38 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
39 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)
40

41 ~~8~~ 9. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of
42 the display area of a voting device may include material in less than
43 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the
44 pages of the sample ballot.



1 ~~19~~ 10. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests
2 a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided
3 pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared
4 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

5 ~~10~~ 11. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the
6 county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to
7 that person from the county are in large type.

8 ~~11~~ 12. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a
9 statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a
10 voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations
11 to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide
12 reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote,
13 including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to
14 assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided
15 pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at
16 centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for
17 use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall
18 include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:

19 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

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

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

25 ~~12~~ 13. The cost of distributing sample ballots for any
26 election other than a primary or general election must be borne by
27 the political subdivision holding the election.

28 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293C.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 293C.305 1. The city clerk shall prepare an absent ballot for
30 the use of registered voters who have requested absent ballots. The
31 city clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the
32 absent ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including,
33 without limitation, by providing, upon request, the absent ballot in
34 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.

35 2. The ballot must be prepared and ready for distribution to a
36 registered voter who:

37 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides within
38 or outside this State, not later than 20 days before the election in
39 which it will be used.

40 (b) Requested an absent ballot pursuant to the provisions of the
41 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42 U.S.C.~~
42 ~~§§ 1973ff~~ 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than 45 days before
43 the election.

44 3. Any legal action that would prevent the ballot from being
45 issued pursuant to subsection 2 is moot and of no effect.



1 **Sec. 15.5.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
4 293D.230 and 293D.300 ~~[, registration must close on] :~~

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

8 *(1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary*
9 *city election or general city election.*

10 *(2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or,*
11 *if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS*
12 *293C.520, is the third Tuesday preceding ~~[any]~~ the primary city*
13 *election or general city election . ~~[and on]~~*

14 *(3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which*
15 *the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS*
16 *293.506 for using a computer to register voters and:*

17 *(I) The governing body of the city has provided for early*
18 *voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of*
19 *subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the Thursday preceding the first*
20 *day of the period for early voting.*

21 *(II) The governing body of the city has not provided for*
22 *early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of*
23 *subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the third Tuesday preceding any*
24 *primary city election or general city election.*

25 *(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as*
26 *a primary city election or general city election, the last day to*
27 *register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is*
28 *the third Saturday preceding ~~[any]~~ the recall or special election . ~~;~~*
29 *~~except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a~~*
30 *~~primary city election or general city election, registration must close~~*
31 *~~on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.~~*

32 2. For a primary city election or special city election, the office
33 of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on
34 which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in*
35 *person.* In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of
36 the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body
37 of the city.

38 3. For a general election:

39 (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of
40 the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on
41 which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in*
42 *person.* The office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved
43 by the governing body of the city.

44 (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of
45 the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which



1 ~~registration is open,~~ *a person may register to vote in person,*
2 according to the following schedule:

3 (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and

4 (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
5 holidays.

6 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
7 350 of NRS:

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

11 (1) The day and time that registration 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 close of registration for any
19 election.

20 5. ~~For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any~~
21 ~~primary city election or general city election and ending on the third~~
22 ~~Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city~~
23 ~~election, an elector may register to vote only:~~

24 ~~—(a) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if~~
25 ~~open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520; or~~

26 ~~—(b) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the~~
27 ~~city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for~~
28 ~~using a computer to register voters.~~

29 ~~6.~~ A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520
30 may be open during the periods described in this section for such
31 hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in
32 subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.

33 **Sec. 15.7.** NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows:

35 293C.530 1. A city clerk may establish a system for
36 distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered
37 voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means.
38 Such a system may include, without limitation, electronic mail or
39 electronic access through an Internet website. If a city clerk
40 establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a
41 sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the
42 sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to
43 the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by
44 the Secretary of State.



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

4 3. ~~Before~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4,**
5 **before** the period for early voting for any election begins, the city
6 clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the city by mail or
7 electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her
8 precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or
9 her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed
10 since the last election:

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

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

16
17 NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
18 HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION
19

20 4. **If a person registers to vote less than 20 days before the**
21 **date of an election, the city clerk is not required to distribute to the**
22 **person the sample ballot for that election by mail or electronic**
23 **means.**

24 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~6;~~ 7, a sample
25 ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

26 (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type;

27 (b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and
28 explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question,
29 including arguments for and against the measure or question, as
30 required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217; and

31 (c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold
32 lines, a notice prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

33
34 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
35 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)
36

37 ~~5;~~ 6. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample
38 ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if
39 required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.

40 ~~6;~~ 7. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of
41 the display area of a voting device may include material in less than
42 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the
43 pages of the sample ballot.

44 ~~7;~~ 8. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a
45 sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided



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

3 ~~8.1~~ 9. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the
4 city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to
5 that person from the city are in large type.

6 ~~9.1~~ 10. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a
7 statement indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter
8 who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to
9 allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide
10 reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote,
11 including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to
12 assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to
13 subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized
14 voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by
15 voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the
16 sample ballot a statement indicating:

17 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

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

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

23 ~~10.1~~ 11. The cost of distributing sample ballots for a city
24 election must be borne by the city holding the election.

25 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293D.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293D.050 "Military-overseas ballot" means:

27 1. A federal write-in absentee ballot described in section 103 of
28 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42~~
29 ~~U.S.C. § 1973ff 2.1~~ 52 U.S.C. § 20303;

30 2. A ballot specifically prepared or distributed for use by a
31 covered voter in accordance with this chapter; or

32 3. Any other ballot cast by a covered voter in accordance with
33 this chapter.

34 **Sec. 17.** NRS 293D.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293D.110 In applying and construing this chapter,
36 consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of
37 the law with respect to its subject matter among states that have
38 enacted the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act,
39 ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973ff 1~~ 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.

40 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293D.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293D.200 1. The Secretary of State shall make available to
42 covered voters information regarding voter registration procedures
43 for covered voters and procedures for casting military-overseas
44 ballots.



1 2. The Secretary of State shall establish a system of approved
2 electronic transmission through which covered voters may apply for,
3 receive and send documents and other information pursuant to this
4 chapter. The system of approved electronic transmission must
5 include, without limitation, a method by which a covered voter may
6 provide his or her digital signature or electronic signature on any
7 document or other material that is necessary for the covered voter to
8 register to vote, apply for a military-overseas ballot or cast a
9 military-overseas ballot pursuant to this chapter.

10 3. The Secretary of State shall develop standardized absentee-
11 voting materials, including, without limitation, privacy and
12 transmission envelopes and their electronic equivalents,
13 authentication materials and voting instructions, to be used with the
14 military-overseas ballot of a covered voter authorized to vote in any
15 jurisdiction in this State and, to the extent reasonably possible, shall
16 do so in coordination with other states.

17 4. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form and content
18 of a declaration for use by a covered voter to swear or affirm
19 specific representations pertaining to the covered voter's identity,
20 eligibility to vote, status as a covered voter and timely and proper
21 completion of a military-overseas ballot. The declaration must be
22 based on the declaration prescribed to accompany a federal write-in
23 absentee ballot under section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas
24 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-2,~~ **52 U.S.C. §**
25 **20303**, as modified to be consistent with this chapter. The Secretary
26 of State shall ensure that a form for the execution of the declaration,
27 including an indication of the date of execution of the declaration, is
28 a prominent part of all balloting materials for which the declaration
29 is required.

30 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe by regulation the
31 duties of a local elections official upon receipt of a military-overseas
32 ballot, including, without limitation, the procedures to be used by a
33 local elections official in accepting, handling and counting a
34 military-overseas ballot.

35 **Sec. 19.** NRS 293D.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293D.230 1. In addition to any other method of registering to
37 vote set forth in chapter 293 of NRS, a covered voter may use a
38 federal postcard application, as prescribed under section 101(b)(2)
39 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42~~
40 ~~U.S.C. § 1973ff(b)(2),~~ **52 U.S.C. § 20301(b)(2)**, or the
41 application's electronic equivalent, to apply to register to vote.

42 2. A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying the
43 federal write-in absentee ballot, as prescribed under section 103 of
44 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42~~
45 ~~U.S.C. § 1973ff-2,~~ **52 U.S.C. § 20303**, to apply to register to vote



1 simultaneously with the submission of the federal write-in absentee
2 ballot, if the declaration is received by the seventh day before the
3 election. If the declaration is received after the seventh day before
4 the election, it must be treated as an application to register to vote
5 for subsequent elections.

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

9 (a) Both a federal postcard application and any other approved
10 electronic registration application sent to the appropriate local
11 elections official; and

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

14 4. The covered voter may use the system of approved
15 electronic transmission or any other method set forth in chapter 293
16 of NRS to register to vote.

17 **Sec. 20.** NRS 293D.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293D.300 1. A covered voter who is registered to vote in this
19 State may apply for a military-overseas ballot by submitting a
20 federal postcard application, as prescribed under section 101(b)(2)
21 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42~~
22 ~~U.S.C. § 1973ff(b)(2),~~ **52 U.S.C. § 20301(b)(2)**, or the
23 application's electronic equivalent, pursuant to this section.

24 2. A covered voter who is not registered to vote in this State
25 may use the federal postcard application or the application's
26 electronic equivalent simultaneously to apply to register to vote
27 pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and to apply for a military-overseas
28 ballot.

29 3. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the system of
30 approved electronic transmission described in subsection 2 of NRS
31 293D.200 is capable of accepting the submission of:

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

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

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

40 5. A covered voter may use the declaration accompanying the
41 federal write-in absentee ballot, as prescribed under section 103 of
42 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42~~
43 ~~U.S.C. § 1973ff 2,~~ **52 U.S.C. § 20303**, as an application for a
44 military-overseas ballot simultaneously with the submission of the
45 federal write-in absentee ballot, if the declaration is received by



1 the appropriate local elections official by the seventh day before the
2 election.

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

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

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

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

14 7. This chapter does not prohibit a covered voter from applying
15 for an absent ballot pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.315 or
16 voting in person.

17 **Sec. 21.** NRS 293D.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293D.320 1. For all covered elections for which this State
19 has not received a waiver pursuant to section 579 of the Military and
20 Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(g)(2),~~ **52**
21 **U.S.C. § 20302(g)(2)**, not later than 45 days before the election or, if
22 the 45th day before the election is a weekend or holiday, not later
23 than the business day preceding the 45th day, the local elections
24 official in each jurisdiction charged with distributing military-
25 overseas ballots and balloting materials shall transmit military-
26 overseas ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters who by
27 that date submit a valid application for military-overseas ballots.

28 2. A covered voter who requests that a military-overseas ballot
29 and balloting materials be sent to the covered voter by approved
30 electronic transmission may choose to receive the military-overseas
31 ballot and balloting materials by:

32 (a) Facsimile transmission;

33 (b) Electronic mail delivery; or

34 (c) The system of approved electronic transmission that is
35 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of
36 NRS 293D.200.

37 ➤ The local elections official in each jurisdiction shall transmit the
38 military-overseas ballot and balloting materials to the covered voter
39 using the means of approved electronic transmission chosen by the
40 covered voter.

41 3. If an application for a military-overseas ballot from a
42 covered voter arrives after the jurisdiction begins transmitting
43 ballots and balloting materials to other voters, the local elections
44 official shall transmit the military-overseas ballot and balloting



1 materials to the covered voter not later than 2 business days after the
2 application arrives.

3 **Sec. 22.** NRS 293D.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293D.410 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a
5 covered voter may use the federal write-in absentee ballot, in
6 accordance with section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas
7 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, ~~42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-2;~~ **52 U.S.C. §**
8 **20303**, to vote for all offices and ballot measures in an election.

9 2. If the covered voter indicates on the federal write-in
10 absentee ballot that he or she is residing overseas indefinitely, the
11 covered voter may only use the federal write-in absentee ballot to
12 vote for federal offices.

13 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293D.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 293D.530 If a covered voter's mistake or omission in the
15 completion of a document under this chapter does not prevent
16 determining whether a covered voter is eligible to vote, the mistake
17 or omission does not invalidate the document. Failure to satisfy a
18 nonessential requirement, including, without limitation, using paper
19 or envelopes of a specified size or weight, does not invalidate any
20 document submitted under this chapter. In any write-in ballot
21 authorized by this chapter, if the intention of the covered voter is
22 discernable under this State's uniform definition of what constitutes
23 a vote, as required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, ~~42~~
24 ~~U.S.C. § 15481(a)(6);~~ **52 U.S.C. § 21081(a)(6)**, an abbreviation,
25 misspelling or other minor variation in the form of the name of a
26 candidate or a political party must be accepted as a valid vote.

27 **Sec. 24.** NRS 294A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 294A.120 1. Every candidate for office at a primary election
29 or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for
30 the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31
31 of the previous year, report:

32 (a) Each contribution in excess of \$100 received during the
33 period;

34 (b) Contributions received during the period from a contributor
35 which cumulatively exceed \$100; ~~and~~

36 (c) The total of all contributions received during the period
37 which are \$100 or less and which are not otherwise required to be
38 reported pursuant to paragraph (b) ~~H~~; **and**

39 **(d) *The balance in the account maintained by the candidate***
40 ***pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the period.***

41 ➔ The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate
42 beginning the year of the general election for that office through the
43 year immediately preceding the next general election for that office.

44 2. Every candidate for office at a primary election or general
45 election shall, not later than:



1 (a) Twenty-one days before the primary election for that office,
2 for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the
3 primary election through 25 days before the primary election;

4 (b) Four days before the primary election for that office, for the
5 period from 24 days before the primary election through 5 days
6 before the primary election;

7 (c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office,
8 for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25
9 days before the general election; and

10 (d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the
11 period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days
12 before the general election,

13 ↪ report each contribution described in *paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)*
14 *of subsection 1 received during the period ~~H~~ and the balance in the*
15 *account maintained by the candidate pursuant to NRS 294A.130*
16 *on the ending date of the period.*

17 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 , ~~and~~ 5 and
18 6, and NRS 294A.223, every candidate for office at a special
19 election shall, not later than:

20 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
21 appearance for the special election, for the period from the
22 candidate's nomination through 5 days before the beginning of early
23 voting by personal appearance for the special election;

24 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
25 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
26 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
27 and

28 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
29 period through the date of the special election,

30 ↪ report each contribution described in *paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)*
31 *of subsection 1 received during the period ~~H~~ and the balance in the*
32 *account maintained by the candidate pursuant to NRS 294A.130*
33 *on the ending date of the period.*

34 4. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection~~ *subsections 5*
35 *and 6* and NRS 294A.223, every candidate for office at a special
36 election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall,
37 not later than:

38 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
39 appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the
40 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall is filed pursuant to
41 NRS 306.015 through the 5 days before the beginning of early
42 voting by personal appearance for the special election;

43 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
44 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance



1 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
2 and

3 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
4 period through the date of the special election,
5 ↪ report each contribution described in *paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)*
6 *of subsection 1 received during the period **H** and the balance in the*
7 *account maintained by the candidate pursuant to NRS 294A.130*
8 *on the ending date of the period.*

9 5. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if a petition*
10 *for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration*
11 *of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of*
12 *NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the*
13 *filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every*
14 *candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a*
15 *public officer will be recalled shall, not later than 30 days after the*
16 *expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from the filing of*
17 *the notice of intent through the date that the notice of intent*
18 *expires or the petition is determined to be legally insufficient,*
19 *report each contribution described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)*
20 *of subsection 1 and the balance in the account maintained by the*
21 *candidate pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the*
22 *period. The provisions of this subsection apply to the candidate for*
23 *office at a special election if the petition for recall:*

24 (a) *Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter*
25 *306 of NRS;*

26 (b) *Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid*
27 *signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid*
28 *signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or*

29 (c) *Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the*
30 *necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of*
31 *NRS are suspended or discontinued.*

32 6. If a district court determines that a petition for recall is
33 legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, every
34 candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a
35 public officer will be recalled shall, not later than 30 days after the
36 district court orders the officer with whom the petition is filed to
37 cease any further proceedings regarding the petition, for the period
38 from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for
39 recall through the date of the district court's order, report each
40 contribution described in *paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection*
41 *1 received during the period **H** and the balance in the account*
42 *maintained by the candidate pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the*
43 *ending date of the period.*



1 ~~6~~ 7. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3733,
2 reports of contributions must be filed electronically with the
3 Secretary of State.

4 ~~7~~ 8. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it
5 was received by the Secretary of State.

6 ~~8~~ 9. The name and address of the contributor and the date on
7 which the contribution was received must be included on the report
8 for each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions which a
9 contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount since
10 the beginning of the current reporting period.

11 **Sec. 24.5.** NRS 294A.125 is hereby amended to read as
12 follows:

13 294A.125 1. In addition to complying with the requirements
14 set forth in NRS 294A.120 and 294A.200, a candidate who receives
15 contributions in any year before the year in which the general
16 election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public
17 office is held shall, for:

18 (a) The year in which the candidate receives contributions in
19 excess of \$10,000, list:

20 (1) Each of the contributions received and the expenditures
21 in excess of \$100 made in that year; ~~and~~

22 (2) The total of all contributions received and expenditures
23 which are \$100 or less ~~;~~ **and**

24 ***(3) The balance in the account maintained by the candidate***
25 ***pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the reporting***
26 ***period.***

27 (b) Each year after the year in which the candidate received
28 contributions in excess of \$10,000, until the year of the general
29 election in which the candidate intends to seek election to public
30 office is held, list:

31 (1) Each of the contributions received and the expenditures
32 in excess of \$100 made in that year; ~~and~~

33 (2) The total of all contributions received and expenditures
34 which are \$100 or less ~~;~~ **and**

35 ***(3) The balance in the account maintained by the candidate***
36 ***pursuant to NRS 294A.130 on the ending date of the reporting***
37 ***period.***

38 2. The name and address of the contributor and the date on
39 which the contribution was received must be included on the list for
40 each contribution in excess of \$100 and contributions that a
41 contributor has made cumulatively in excess of that amount.

42 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3733, the report
43 must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.

44 4. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date it was
45 received by the Secretary of State.



1 **Sec. 25.** NRS 294A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 294A.140 1. The provisions of this section apply to:

3 (a) Every person who makes an independent expenditure in
4 excess of \$1,000; and

5 (b) Every committee for political action, political party and
6 committee sponsored by a political party which receives
7 contributions in excess of \$1,000 or makes an expenditure for or
8 against a candidate for office or a group of such candidates.

9 2. Every person, committee and political party described in
10 subsection 1 shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the
11 provisions of this subsection apply, for the period from January 1 of
12 the previous year through December 31 of the previous year, report
13 each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the period and
14 contributions received during the period from a contributor which
15 cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The provisions of this subsection apply
16 to the person, committee or political party beginning the year of the
17 general election for that office through the year immediately
18 preceding the next general election for that office.

19 3. Every person, committee and political party described in
20 subsection 1 shall, not later than:

21 (a) Twenty-one days before the primary election for that office,
22 for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the
23 primary election through 25 days before the primary election;

24 (b) Four days before the primary election for that office, for the
25 period from 24 days before the primary election through 5 days
26 before the primary election;

27 (c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office,
28 for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25
29 days before the general election; and

30 (d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the
31 period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days
32 before the general election,

33 ↪ report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the
34 period and contributions received during the period from a
35 contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.

36 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 , ~~and~~ 6 and
37 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, committee and political party
38 described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure
39 or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for
40 office at a special election or for or against a group of such
41 candidates shall, not later than:

42 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
43 appearance for the special election, for the period from the
44 nomination of the candidate through 5 days before the beginning of
45 early voting by personal appearance for the special election;



1 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
2 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
3 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
4 and

5 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
6 period through the date of the special election,
7 ↪ report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the
8 period and contributions received during the period from a
9 contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.

10 5. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection~~ **subsections** 6
11 **and 7** and NRS 294A.223, every person, committee and political
12 party described in subsection 1 which makes an independent
13 expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a
14 candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a
15 public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of candidates
16 for offices at such special elections shall, not later than:

17 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
18 appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the
19 notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall is filed pursuant to
20 NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting
21 by personal appearance for the special election;

22 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
23 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
24 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
25 and

26 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
27 period through the date of the special election,
28 ↪ report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received during the
29 period and contributions received during the period from a
30 contributor which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.

31 6. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a petition*
32 *for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration*
33 *of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of*
34 *NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the*
35 *filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every*
36 *person, committee and political party described in subsection 1*
37 *which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as*
38 *applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special*
39 *election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or*
40 *for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30*
41 *days after the expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from*
42 *the filing of the notice of intent through the date that the notice of*
43 *intent expires or the petition is determined to be legally*
44 *insufficient, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000 received*
45 *and contributions received which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The*



1 *provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee and*
2 *political party if the petition for recall:*

3 *(a) Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter*
4 *306 of NRS;*

5 *(b) Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid*
6 *signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid*
7 *signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or*

8 *(c) Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the*
9 *necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of*
10 *NRS are suspended or discontinued.*

11 7. If a district court determines that a petition for recall is
12 legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, every
13 person, committee and political party described in subsection 1
14 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as
15 applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election
16 to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or
17 against a group of candidates for offices at such a special election
18 shall, not later than 30 days after the district court orders the officer
19 with whom the petition is filed to cease any further proceedings
20 regarding the petition, for the period from the filing of the notice of
21 intent to circulate the petition for recall through the date of the
22 district court's order, report each contribution in excess of \$1,000
23 received during the period and contributions received during the
24 period which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.

25 ~~7-1~~ 8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, the
26 reports of contributions required pursuant to this section must be
27 filed electronically with the Secretary of State.

28 ~~8-1~~ 9. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it
29 was received by the Secretary of State.

30 ~~9-1~~ 10. Every person, committee and political party described
31 in this section shall file a report required by this section even if the
32 person, committee or political party receives no contributions.

33 ~~10-1~~ 11. The name and address of the contributor and the date
34 on which the contribution was received must be included on the
35 report for each contribution in excess of \$1,000 and contributions
36 which a contributor has made cumulatively in excess of \$1,000
37 since the beginning of the current reporting period.

38 **Sec. 26.** NRS 294A.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 294A.200 1. Every candidate for office at a primary election
40 or general election shall, not later than January 15 of each year, for
41 the period from January 1 of the previous year through December 31
42 of the previous year, report:

43 (a) Each of the campaign expenses in excess of \$100 incurred
44 during the period;



1 (b) Each amount in excess of \$100 disposed of pursuant to NRS
2 294A.160 or subsection 3 of NRS 294A.286 during the period;

3 (c) The total of all campaign expenses incurred during the
4 period which are \$100 or less; and

5 (d) The total of all amounts disposed of during the period
6 pursuant to NRS 294A.160 or subsection 3 of NRS 294A.286 which
7 are \$100 or less.

8 2. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to the candidate:

9 (a) Beginning the year of the general election for that office
10 through the year immediately preceding the next general election for
11 that office; and

12 (b) Each year immediately succeeding a calendar year during
13 which the candidate disposes of contributions pursuant to NRS
14 294A.160 or 294A.286.

15 3. Every candidate for office at a primary election or general
16 election shall, not later than:

17 (a) Twenty-one days before the primary election for that office,
18 for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the
19 primary election through 25 days before the primary election;

20 (b) Four days before the primary election for that office, for the
21 period from 24 days before the primary election through 5 days
22 before the primary election;

23 (c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office,
24 for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25
25 days before the general election; and

26 (d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the
27 period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days
28 before the general election,

29 ➔ report each of the campaign expenses described in subsection 1
30 incurred during the period.

31 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 , ~~and~~ 6 and
32 7 and NRS 294A.223, every candidate for office at a special election
33 shall, not later than:

34 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
35 appearance for the special election, for the period from the
36 candidate's nomination through 5 days before the beginning of early
37 voting by personal appearance for the special election;

38 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
39 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
40 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
41 and

42 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
43 period through the date of the special election,

44 ➔ report each of the campaign expenses described in subsection 1
45 incurred during the period.



1 5. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection~~ *subsections* 6
2 *and 7* and NRS 294A.223, every candidate for office at a special
3 election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled shall,
4 not later than:

5 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
6 appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the
7 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall is filed pursuant to
8 NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting
9 by personal appearance for the special election;

10 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
11 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
12 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
13 and

14 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
15 period through the date of the special election,
16 report each of the campaign expenses described in subsection 1
17 incurred during the period.

18 6. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a petition*
19 *for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration*
20 *of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of*
21 *NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the*
22 *filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every*
23 *candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a*
24 *public officer will be recalled shall, not later than 30 days after the*
25 *expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from the filing of*
26 *the notice of intent through the date that the notice of intent*
27 *expires or the petition is determined to be legally insufficient,*
28 *report each of the campaign expenses described in subsection 1*
29 *incurred during the period. The provisions of this subsection apply*
30 *to the candidate for office at a special election if the petition for*
31 *recall:*

32 (a) *Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter*
33 *306 of NRS;*

34 (b) *Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid*
35 *signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid*
36 *signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or*

37 (c) *Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the*
38 *necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of*
39 *NRS are suspended or discontinued.*

40 7. If a district court determines that a petition for recall is
41 legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, every
42 candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a
43 public officer will be recalled shall, not later than 30 days after the
44 district orders the officer with whom the petition is filed to cease
45 any further proceedings regarding the petition, for the period from



1 the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall
2 through the date of the district court's order, report each of the
3 campaign expenses described in subsection 1 incurred during the
4 period.

5 ~~7.1~~ 8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3733,
6 reports of campaign expenses must be filed electronically with the
7 Secretary of State.

8 ~~8.1~~ 9. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that it
9 was received by the Secretary of State.

10 **Sec. 27.** NRS 294A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 294A.210 1. The provisions of this section apply to:

12 (a) Every person who makes an independent expenditure in
13 excess of \$1,000; and

14 (b) Every committee for political action, political party and
15 committee sponsored by a political party which receives
16 contributions in excess of \$1,000 or makes an expenditure for or
17 against a candidate for office or a group of such candidates.

18 2. Every person, committee and political party described in
19 subsection 1 shall, not later than January 15 of each year that the
20 provisions of this subsection apply to the person, committee or
21 political party, for the period from January 1 of the previous year
22 through December 31 of the previous year, report each independent
23 expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, made during the
24 period in excess of \$1,000 and independent expenditures or other
25 expenditures, as applicable, made during the period to one recipient
26 which cumulatively exceed \$1,000. The provisions of this
27 subsection apply to the person, committee or political party
28 beginning the year of the general election for that office through the
29 year immediately preceding the next general election for that office.

30 3. Every person, committee and political party described in
31 subsection 1 shall, not later than:

32 (a) Twenty-one days before the primary election for that office,
33 for the period from the January 1 immediately preceding the
34 primary election through 25 days before the primary election;

35 (b) Four days before the primary election for that office, for the
36 period from 24 days before the primary election through 5 days
37 before the primary election;

38 (c) Twenty-one days before the general election for that office,
39 for the period from 4 days before the primary election through 25
40 days before the general election; and

41 (d) Four days before the general election for that office, for the
42 period from 24 days before the general election through 5 days
43 before the general election,

44 ➤ report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as
45 applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and



1 independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made
2 during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed
3 \$1,000.

4 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 , ~~and~~ 6 and
5 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, committee and political party
6 described in subsection 1 which makes an independent expenditure
7 or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a candidate for
8 office at a special election or for or against a group of such
9 candidates shall, not later than:

10 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
11 appearance for the special election, for the period from the
12 nomination of the candidate through 5 days before the beginning of
13 early voting by personal appearance for the special election;

14 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
15 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
16 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
17 and

18 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
19 period through the date of the special election,

20 ↪ report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as
21 applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and
22 independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made
23 during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed
24 \$1,000.

25 5. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection~~ subsections 6
26 and 7 and NRS 294A.223, every person, committee and political
27 party described in subsection 1 which makes an independent
28 expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, for or against a
29 candidate for office at a special election to determine whether a
30 public officer will be recalled or for or against a group of such
31 candidates shall, not later than:

32 (a) Four days before the beginning of early voting by personal
33 appearance for the special election, for the period from the date the
34 notice of intent to circulate the petition for recall is filed pursuant to
35 NRS 306.015 through 5 days before the beginning of early voting
36 by personal appearance for the special election;

37 (b) Four days before the special election, for the period from 4
38 days before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance
39 for the special election through 5 days before the special election;
40 and

41 (c) Thirty days after the special election, for the remaining
42 period through the date of the special election,

43 ↪ report each independent expenditure or other expenditure, as
44 applicable, in excess of \$1,000 made during the period and
45 independent expenditures or other expenditures, as applicable, made



1 during the period to one recipient which cumulatively exceed
2 \$1,000.

3 6. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, if a petition*
4 *for recall is not submitted to the filing officer before the expiration*
5 *of the notice of intent pursuant to the provisions of chapter 306 of*
6 *NRS or is otherwise legally insufficient when submitted to the*
7 *filing officer pursuant to the provisions of that chapter, every*
8 *person, committee and political party described in subsection 1*
9 *which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as*
10 *applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special*
11 *election to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or*
12 *for or against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30*
13 *days after the expiration of the notice of intent, for the period from*
14 *the filing of the notice of intent through the date that the notice of*
15 *intent expires or the petition is determined to be legally*
16 *insufficient, report each of the campaign expenses described in*
17 *subsection 1 incurred during the period. The provisions of this*
18 *subsection apply to the person, committee and political party if the*
19 *petition for recall:*

20 (a) *Is not submitted to the filing officer as required by chapter*
21 *306 of NRS;*

22 (b) *Is submitted to the filing officer without any valid*
23 *signatures or with fewer than the necessary number of valid*
24 *signatures required by chapter 306 of NRS; or*

25 (c) *Is otherwise legally insufficient or efforts to obtain the*
26 *necessary number of valid signatures required by chapter 306 of*
27 *NRS are suspended or discontinued.*

28 7. If a district court determines that the petition for recall is
29 legally insufficient pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 306.040, every
30 person, committee and *political* party described in subsection 1
31 which makes an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as
32 applicable, for or against a candidate for office at a special election
33 to determine whether a public officer will be recalled or for or
34 against a group of such candidates shall, not later than 30 days after
35 the district court orders the officer with whom the petition is filed to
36 cease any further proceedings regarding the petition, for the period
37 from the filing of the notice of intent to circulate the petition for
38 recall through the date of the district court's order, report each
39 independent expenditure or other expenditure, as applicable, in
40 excess of \$1,000 made during the period and independent
41 expenditures or expenditures, as applicable, made during the period
42 to one recipient which cumulatively exceed \$1,000.

43 ~~7.1~~ 8. Independent expenditures and other expenditures made
44 within the State or made elsewhere but for use within the State,
45 including independent expenditures and other expenditures made



1 outside the State for printing, television and radio broadcasting or
2 other production of the media, must be included in the report.

3 ~~8-~~ 9. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.3737, the
4 reports must be filed electronically with the Secretary of State.

5 ~~9-~~ 10. If an independent expenditure or other expenditure, as
6 applicable, is made for or against a group of candidates, the reports
7 must be itemized by the candidate.

8 ~~10-~~ 11. A report shall be deemed to be filed on the date that
9 it was received by the Secretary of State. Every person, committee
10 or political party described in subsection 1 shall file a report
11 required by this section even if the person, committee or political
12 party receives no contributions.

13 **Sec. 27.2.** NRS 294A.365 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows:

15 294A.365 1. Each report required pursuant to NRS
16 294A.210, 294A.220 and 294A.280 must consist of a list of each
17 expenditure in excess of \$100 or \$1,000, as is appropriate, that was
18 made during the periods for reporting. Each report required pursuant
19 to NRS 294A.125 and 294A.200 must consist of a list of each
20 campaign expense in excess of \$100 that was incurred during the
21 periods for reporting. The list in each report must state the category
22 and amount of the campaign expense or expenditure and the date on
23 which the campaign expense was incurred or the expenditure was
24 made.

25 2. The categories of campaign expense or expenditure for use
26 on the report of campaign expenses or expenditures are:

- 27 (a) Office expenses;
- 28 (b) Expenses related to volunteers;
- 29 (c) Expenses related to travel;
- 30 (d) Expenses related to advertising;
- 31 (e) Expenses related to paid staff;
- 32 (f) Expenses related to consultants;
- 33 (g) Expenses related to polling;
- 34 (h) Expenses related to special events;
- 35 (i) Expenses related to a legal defense fund;
- 36 (j) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 294A.362, goods and

37 services provided in kind for which money would otherwise have
38 been paid;

39 (k) Contributions made to another candidate, a nonprofit
40 corporation that is registered or required to be registered pursuant to
41 NRS 294A.225, a committee for political action that is registered or
42 required to be registered pursuant to NRS 294A.230 or a committee
43 for the recall of a public officer that is registered or required to be
44 registered pursuant to NRS 294A.250;



1 (l) Fees for filing declarations of candidacy or acceptances of
2 candidacy;

3 (m) Repayments or forgiveness of loans;

4 (n) The disposal of unspent contributions pursuant to NRS
5 294A.160; ~~and~~

6 (o) *Interest, credit card fees, debit card fees or penalty fees*
7 *incurred in relation to campaign expenses or expenditures paid*
8 *for by a credit card or debit card; and*

9 (p) Other miscellaneous expenses.

10 3. Each report of campaign expenses or expenditures described
11 in subsection 1 must ~~list~~ :

12 (a) *List* the disposition of any unspent contributions using the
13 categories set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 294A.160 or subsection
14 3 of NRS 294A.286, as applicable ~~H~~ ; and

15 (b) *For any campaign expense or expenditure that is paid for*
16 *using a credit card or debit card, itemize each transaction and*
17 *identify the business or other entity from whom the purchase of*
18 *the campaign expense or expenditure was made.*

19 **Sec. 28.** (Deleted by amendment.)

20 **Sec. 29.** (Deleted by amendment.)

21 **Sec. 30.** Chapter 295 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
22 thereto a new section to read as follows:

23 1. *A petition for initiative or referendum may be withdrawn if*
24 *a person authorized pursuant to NRS 295.015 to withdraw the*
25 *petition submits a notice of withdrawal to the Secretary of State on*
26 *a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.*

27 2. *Once a petition for initiative or referendum is withdrawn*
28 *pursuant to subsection 1, no further action may be taken on that*
29 *petition.*

30 **Sec. 31.** NRS 295.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 295.015 1. Before a petition for initiative or referendum may
32 be presented to the registered voters for their signatures, *the person*
33 *who intends to circulate the petition must:*

34 (a) *File* a copy of the petition for initiative or referendum,
35 including the description required pursuant to NRS 295.009, ~~must~~
36 ~~be placed on file~~ with the Secretary of State.

37 (b) *Submit to the Secretary of State on a form prescribed by*
38 *the Secretary of State:*

39 (1) *The name and signature of the person.*

40 (2) *If the person has formed a committee for political*
41 *action for the purposes of advocating the passage of the initiative*
42 *or referendum, the name of that committee for political action.*

43 (3) *The names of not more than three persons who are*
44 *authorized to withdraw the petition or submit an amended petition.*



1 2. If a petition for initiative or referendum or a description of
2 the effect of an initiative or referendum required pursuant to NRS
3 295.009 is amended after the petition is placed on file with the
4 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1:

5 (a) The revised petition must be placed on file with the Secretary
6 of State before it is presented to the registered voters for their
7 signatures;

8 (b) Any signatures that were collected on the original petition
9 before it was amended are not valid; and

10 (c) The requirements for submission of the petition to each
11 county clerk set forth in NRS 295.056 apply to the revised petition.

12 3. Upon receipt of a petition for initiative or referendum placed
13 on file pursuant to subsection 1 or 2:

14 (a) The Secretary of State shall consult with the Fiscal Analysis
15 Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to determine if the
16 initiative or referendum may have any anticipated financial effect on
17 the State or local governments if the initiative or referendum is
18 approved by the voters. If the Fiscal Analysis Division determines
19 that the initiative or referendum may have an anticipated financial
20 effect on the State or local governments if the initiative or
21 referendum is approved by the voters, the Division must prepare a
22 fiscal note that includes an explanation of any such effect.

23 (b) The Secretary of State shall consult with the Legislative
24 Counsel regarding the petition for initiative or referendum. The
25 Legislative Counsel may provide technical suggestions regarding
26 the petition for initiative or referendum.

27 4. Not later than 10 business days after the Secretary of State
28 receives a petition for initiative or referendum filed pursuant to
29 subsection 1 or 2, the Secretary of State shall post a copy of the
30 petition, including the description required pursuant to NRS
31 295.009, any fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection 3 and any
32 suggestions made by the Legislative Counsel pursuant to subsection
33 3, on the Secretary of State's Internet website.

34 **Sec. 32.** NRS 295.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 295.056 1. Before a petition for initiative or referendum is
36 filed with the Secretary of State, the petitioners must submit to each
37 county clerk for verification pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279,
38 inclusive, the document or documents which were circulated for
39 signature within the clerk's county. The clerks shall give the person
40 submitting a document or documents a receipt stating the number of
41 documents and pages and the person's statement of the number of
42 signatures contained therein.

43 2. If a petition for initiative proposes a statute or an amendment
44 to a statute, the document or documents must be submitted not later
45 than :



1 ***(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b),*** the second
2 Tuesday in November of an even-numbered year.

3 ***(b) If the second Tuesday in November of an even-numbered***
4 ***year is the day of the general election, the next working day after***
5 ***the general election.***

6 3. If a petition for initiative proposes an amendment to the
7 Constitution, the document or documents must be submitted not
8 later than the third Tuesday in June of an even-numbered year.

9 4. If the petition is for referendum, the document or documents
10 must be submitted not later than the third Tuesday in June of an
11 even-numbered year.

12 5. All documents which are submitted to a county clerk for
13 verification must be submitted at the same time. If documents
14 concerning the same petition are submitted for verification to more
15 than one county clerk, the documents must be submitted to each
16 county clerk on the same day. At the time that the petition is
17 submitted to a county clerk for verification, the petitioners may
18 designate a contact person who is authorized by the petitioners to
19 address questions or issues relating to the petition.

20 **Sec. 33.** (Deleted by amendment.)

21 **Sec. 34.** NRS 298.109 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 298.109 1. A person who desires to be an independent
23 candidate for the office of President of the United States must, not
24 later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday in August in each year in
25 which a presidential election is to be held, pay a filing fee of \$250
26 and file with the Secretary of State a declaration of candidacy and a
27 petition of candidacy, in which the person must also designate
28 a nominee for Vice President. The petition must be signed by a
29 number of registered voters equal to not less than 1 percent of the
30 total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election for
31 candidates for the offices of Representative in Congress and must
32 request that the names of the proposed candidates be placed on the
33 ballot at the general election that year. The candidate shall file a
34 copy of the petition the person intends to circulate for signatures
35 with the Secretary of State ***† before the petition may be circulated***
36 ***for signatures.***

37 2. The petition may consist of more than one document. Each
38 document must bear the name of a county and only registered voters
39 of that county may sign the document. The documents which are
40 circulated for signature in a county must be submitted to that county
41 clerk for verification in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to
42 293.1279, inclusive, not later than 25 working days before the last
43 day to file the petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State
44 pursuant to subsection 1. Each person signing shall add to his or her
45 signature the address of the place at which he or she resides, the date



1 that he or she signs and the name of the county wherein he or she is
2 registered to vote. Each document of the petition must also contain
3 the affidavit of the person who circulated the document that all
4 signatures thereon are genuine to the best of the person's knowledge
5 and belief and were signed in his or her presence by persons
6 registered to vote in that county.

7 3. If the candidacy of any person who seeks to qualify pursuant
8 to this section is challenged, all affidavits and documents in support
9 of the challenge must be filed with the First Judicial District Court
10 not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in August. Any judicial
11 proceeding relating to the challenge must be set for hearing not later
12 than 5 days after the fourth Tuesday in August.

13 4. The county clerk shall not disqualify the signature of a voter
14 who fails to provide all the information required by this section if
15 the voter is registered in the county named on the document.

16 **Sec. 35.** (Deleted by amendment.)

17 **Sec. 36.** (Deleted by amendment.)

18 **Sec. 37.** (Deleted by amendment.)

19 **Sec. 38.** (Deleted by amendment.)

20 **Sec. 39.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

