# SENATE BILL NO. 157–SENATORS HANSEN, BUCK, TITUS, GOICOECHEA, KRASNER; AND STONE

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-173)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to elections; eliminating the authority of a person to register to vote or update his or her voter registration information after the close of registration; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, a person may register to vote or update his or her voter registration information after the deadlines for regular voter registration during the period for early voting and on the day of the election. (NRS 293.5772-293.5887) **Section 52** of this bill repeals these provisions. **Sections 1-51** of this bill make conforming changes to remove references to registering to vote or updating voter registration information after the deadlines for regular voter registration.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.093 "Regular votes" means the votes cast by registered voters, except votes cast by:

- 1. A mail ballot; or
- 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive . F: or
- 3. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]



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**Sec. 2.** NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.095 "Roster" means the record in printed or electronic form furnished to election board officers which [:

- 1. Contains contains a list of registered voters and is to be used for obtaining the signature of each registered voter who applies to vote at a polling place. From
- 2. Is to be used for obtaining the signature of each elector who applies to register to vote or applies to vote at a polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.126 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.126 [1.] The provisions of [NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, apply to city elections.
- 2. The other provisions of this chapter, not inconsistent with the provisions of chapter 293C of NRS or a city charter, [also] apply to city elections.
  - **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.12757 If a person is qualified to register to vote and has properly completed any method authorized by the provisions of this title to register to vote:
- 1. The person may sign a petition required under the election laws of this State on or after the date on which the person is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.4855, 293.517, 293.5235 [...] or 293.5752 [or 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] or any other provision of this title; and
- 2. The county clerk shall use the date prescribed by subsection 1 for the purposes of the verification of the person's signature on the petition.
- **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.269911 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.269911 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.
- 2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election.
- 3. The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who :





- (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or
- (b) Elects elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.
- 4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must be distributed to:
  - (a) Each active registered voter who:

- (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election; and
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before the election.
- (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.
- (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.
- 6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days before the special election.
- 7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.
  - **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081 [,] and 293.3083 [and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer, or a person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:
- (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board officer at the polling place:
- (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card; and





- (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county or city clerk:
- (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card.
- → If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the election board officer or clerk may request additional information.
  - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with an application to preregister or register to vote:
  - (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5742, and at that time presents to the Department of Motor Vehicles:
  - (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification;
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card; or
- (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (d) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.;
  - (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or





- (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.
- 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.
  - **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
- 2. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware of the fact that applications will be received from [:
- (a) Registered registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place. [; and
- (b) Electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- 3. No person, other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots or registering electors, may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this title.
  - **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an election board may not perform its duty in serving registered voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title [,] unless it has before it [:
- (a) The] *the* roster designated for registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place . [; and
- (b) The roster designated for electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- 2. For a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072, an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it the roster for the county.
- 3. If a county clerk uses an electronic roster, not earlier than 2 weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the county clerk shall complete a test of the electronic roster to ensure its functionality in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.
  - **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 [,] and 293.541, [and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] if a person's





name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place are:
  - (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
  - (b) A driver's license;

- (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles:
  - (d) A military identification card; or
- (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.
- 3. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
  - **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283:

and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:

- (a) A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and
  - (b) The election board officer shall:
    - (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;
- (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;
- (3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277; and
- (4) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.





- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to preregister or register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.
  - **Sec. 11.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:
  - 1. A sample ballot;

- 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of the polling place;
- 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, [inclusive, or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.587,] inclusive;
- 4. Instructions concerning the identification required for persons who registered by mail or computer and are first-time voters for federal office in this State;
- 5. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to persons with disabilities;
- 6. General information concerning federal and state laws which prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and
- 7. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.
  - **Sec. 12.** NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any [:
- (a) Registered registered voters waiting in line to apply to vote at the polling place, [; or
- (b) Electors waiting in line to apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.
- the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those registered voters [and electors] have been admitted to the polling place. The [registration of those electors and the] voting by those registered voters [and electors] must continue until all such [registration and] voting has been completed.
- 2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed pursuant to subsection 1 for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the polling place and the admittance of the other persons will not interfere unduly with the [registration of the electors and the] voting by the registered voters. [and electors.]





Sec. 13. NRS 293.3075 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3075 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, [and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072, the election board officer shall:

- (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county and has not already voted in that county in the current election;
  - (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and
- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.
- 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 5. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
  - (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
- 7. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.





**Sec. 14.** NRS 293.3078 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3078 As used in NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires **!**:

- 1. "Provisional], "provisional ballot" means a provisional ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive.
- [2. The term does not include a provisional ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- Sec. 15. NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, [and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer shall:
  - (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.
- (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.
- (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.
- 5. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable, must contain:
- (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;
- (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
  - (c) The date of voting early in person.





- 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.
- 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
  - (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

- 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.
- 9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.
  - **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically are used during the period for early voting by personal appearance:
  - 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:
- (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The statement must include:
  - (1) The title of the election:
- (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;
- (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording device for that day;
- (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day; *and*
- (5) The number of signatures on signature cards for the day .  $\frac{1}{1}$ : and
- (6) The number of signatures in the roster designated for electors who applied to register to vote or applied to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
  - (b) Secure:
- (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by NRS 293.3594; and
- (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.3594.
- 2. At the close of the last voting day, the county clerk shall deliver to the ballot board for early voting:
  - (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;
  - (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;
  - (c) The signature cards used for early voting;





- (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting; and
  - (e) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.
- 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:
- (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots; and
- (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a numbered seal. The official statement of ballots must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

**Sec. 17.** NRS 293.4695 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.4695 1. Each county clerk shall collect the following information regarding each primary election, presidential preference primary election and general election, on a form provided by the Secretary of State and made available at each polling place in the county, each polling place for early voting in the county, the office of the county clerk and any other location deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State:
- (a) The number of ballots that have been discarded or for any reason not included in the final canvass of votes, along with an explanation for the exclusion of each such ballot from the final canvass of votes.
- (b) A report on each malfunction of any mechanical voting system, including, without limitation:
  - (1) Any known reason for the malfunction;
- (2) The length of time during which the mechanical voting system could not be used;
- (3) Any remedy for the malfunction which was used at the time of the malfunction; and
  - (4) Any effect the malfunction had on the election process.
- (c) A list of each polling place not open during the time prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273 and an account explaining why each such polling place was not open during the time prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273.
- (d) A description of each challenge made to the eligibility of a voter pursuant to NRS 293.303 and the result of each such challenge.
- (e) A description of each complaint regarding a ballot cast by mail or facsimile filed with the county clerk and the resolution, if any, of the complaint.
- (f) The results of any audit of election procedures and practices conducted pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter.





- (g) The number of provisional ballots cast pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, and the reason for the casting of each such provisional ballot.
- [(h) The number of provisional ballots cast pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- 2. Each county clerk shall submit to the Secretary of State, on a form provided by the Secretary of State, the information collected pursuant to subsection 1 not more than 60 days after each primary election, presidential preference primary election and general election.
- 3. The Secretary of State may contact any political party and request information to assist in the investigation of any allegation of voter intimidation.
- 4. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an Internet website pursuant to which the Secretary of State shall solicit and collect voter comments regarding election processes.
- 5. The Secretary of State shall compile the information and comments collected pursuant to this section into a report and shall submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature not sooner than 30 days before and not later than 30 days after the first day of each regular session of the Legislature.
- 6. The Secretary of State may make the report required pursuant to subsection 5 available on an Internet website established and maintained by the Secretary of State.
  - **Sec. 18.** NRS 293.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.506 1. A county clerk may, with approval of the board of county commissioners, establish a system for using a computer to register voters and to keep records of registration.
  - 2. A system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:
- (a) Comply with any procedures and requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.250; and
- (b) Allow a person to preregister to vote and the county clerk to keep records of preregistration by computer.
- 3. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, regardless] Regardless of whether a county clerk establishes a system pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk shall accept applications to preregister and register to vote submitted by computer to the Secretary of State through the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
  - **Sec. 19.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:





- (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or register to vote, and providing proof of residence and identity;
- (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5727 or 293.5742 or chapter 293D of NRS;
- (d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar pursuant to NRS 293.5237;
- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system:
- (1) Established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or
- (2) Established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters; or
- (f) By any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.
- The county clerk shall require a person to submit official identification as proof of residence and identity, such as a driver's license or other official document, before preregistering or registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to provide proof of residence and identity, the applicant must provide proof of residence and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the residence or identity of a person.
- 2. In addition to the methods for registering to vote described in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote pursuant to :
- —(a)] NRS 293.269951, if applicable. [; or
  - (b) NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5732 to 293.5757, inclusive, the application to preregister or register to vote must be signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person preregistering or the elector registering.
- 4. Each person or elector who is or has been married must be preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her spouse.
- 5. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered and changes his or her name must complete a new application to





preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector may obtain a new application:

- (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
- (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or register to vote;
  - (d) At any voter registration agency; or

- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer using the system:
- (1) Established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or
- (2) Established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- → If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of identity and subsequent change of name.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8 and NRS 293.5742 to 293.5757, inclusive, *and* 293.5767, [and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.] an elector who registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.
- 7. After the county clerk determines that the application to register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration card to the voter.
- 8. If a person or an elector submits an application to preregister or register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to the application if the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is not eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, as applicable. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall immediately notify the person or elector, as applicable, and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days after the district attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:





- (a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and
  - (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application.
- 9. If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the application pursuant to subsection 8, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant, unless the applicant is preregistered to vote and does not currently meet the requirements to be issued a voter registration card pursuant to NRS 293.4855.
- **Sec. 20.** NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502 and chapter 293D of NRS, a person may preregister or register to vote by:
- (a) Mailing an application to preregister or register to vote to the county clerk of the county in which the person resides.
  - (b) A computer using:

- (1) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or
- (2) A system established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote.
  - (c) Any other method authorized by the provisions of this title.
- 2. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to preregister or register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall make the applications available at various public places in the county.
- 3. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:
  - (a) An application to [preregister]:
- (a) **Preregister** to vote may be used to correct information in a previous application.
- (b) [An application to register] Register to vote may be used to correct information in the registrar of voters' register.
- 4. An application to preregister or register to vote which is mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For the purposes of this section, an application which is personally delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned by mail.
- 5. The applicant must complete the application, including, without limitation, checking the boxes described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 12 and signing the application.





- 6. The county clerk shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the application is complete.
- 7. If the county clerk determines that the application is complete, he or she shall, within 10 days after receiving the application, mail to the applicant:
- (a) A notice that the applicant is preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. If the applicant is registered to vote, the county clerk must also mail to the applicant a voter registration card; or
- (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.
- 8. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 of NRS 293.518 and NRS 293.5767, if the county clerk determines that the application is not complete, the county clerk shall, as soon as possible, mail a notice to the applicant that additional information is required to complete the application. If the applicant provides the information requested by the county clerk within 15 days after the county clerk mails the notice, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after receiving the information, mail to the applicant:
  - (a) A notice that the applicant is:
    - (1) Preregistered to vote; or
    - (2) Registered to vote and a voter registration card; or
- (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.
- → If the applicant does not provide the additional information within the prescribed period, the application is void.
- 9. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered or to have corrected the information in the application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register on the date the application is postmarked or received by the county clerk, whichever is earlier.
- 10. If the applicant fails to check the box described in paragraph (b) of subsection 12, the application shall not be considered invalid, and the county clerk shall provide a means for the applicant to correct the omission at the time the applicant appears to vote in person at the assigned polling place.
- 11. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form for applications to preregister or register to vote by:
- 40 (a) Mail, which must be used to preregister or register to vote by 41 mail in this State.
  - (b) Computer, which must be used to preregister or register to vote by computer using:
  - (1) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; or





- (2) A system established by the county clerk, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote.
- 12. The application to preregister or register to vote by mail must include:
  - (a) A notice in at least 10-point type which states:

NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to the County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your completed application to another person to return to the County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver the application to the County Clerk, you will not be preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. Please retain the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to preregister or register to vote.

(b) The question, "Are you a citizen of the United States?" and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant is a citizen of the United States.

(c) If the application is to:

- (1) Preregister to vote, the question, "Are you at least 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age?" and boxes to indicate whether or not the applicant is at least 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age.
- (2) Register to vote, the question, "Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?" and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant will be at least 18 years of age or older on election day.
- (d) A statement instructing the applicant not to complete the application if the applicant checked "no" in response to the question set forth in:
- (1) If the application is to preregister to vote, paragraph (b) or subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c).

(2) If the application is to register to vote, paragraph (b) or subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c).

- (e) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is submitted by mail and the applicant is preregistering or registering to vote for the first time, the applicant must submit the information set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.2725 to avoid the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 upon voting for the first time.
- 13. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 of NRS 293.518, the county clerk shall not preregister or register a person to vote pursuant to this section unless that person has provided all of the information required by the application.





- 14. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices required pursuant to subsections 7 and 8. If the postcard is returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person's current residence is other than that indicated on the application to preregister or register to vote in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530.
- 15. A person who, by mail, preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the application to preregister or register to vote by any other person. The application must include the mailing address and signature of the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the information required by this subsection will not result in the application being deemed incomplete.
- 16. An application to preregister or register to vote must be made available to all persons, regardless of political party affiliation.
- 17. An application must not be altered or otherwise defaced after the applicant has completed and signed it. An application must be mailed or delivered in person to the office of the county clerk within 10 days after it is completed.
- 18. A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of subsection 15, 16 or 17 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 19. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- **Sec. 21.** NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951, 293.502, [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] 293D.230 and 293D.300:
- (a) For a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, the last day to register to vote:
- (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.
- (2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035, is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.
- (3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election. [, unless the system is used to





register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.1

- (4) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the day of the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.
- (b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, after] After the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.
- 3. Except for a recall or special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating:
- (1) The day and time that each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed; and
- (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.
- → If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest county in this State.
- (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the day that the last method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed.
- 4. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered year.
- 5. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.
  - **Sec. 22.** NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of registration and the election, the county clerk shall prepare for:
  - (a) Each polling place [+





- (1) A], a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote at the polling place; and
- [(2) A roster designated for electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; and]
- (b) Each polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 or 293C.3032, a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote in the county or city, respectively.
- 2. The rosters must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county or city clerk to an election board officer of the proper polling place before the opening of the polls.
  - Sec. 23. NRS 293.671 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.671 1. The Secretary of State shall establish a system on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State to allow persons by computer to:
  - (a) Preregister and register to vote;
  - (b) Cancel his or her preregistration or voter registration;
- (c) Update his or her preregistration or voter registration information, including, without limitation, the person's name, address and party affiliation; and
- (d) Determine at what polling place or places he or she is entitled to vote.
  - 2. The system established pursuant to subsection 1 must:
  - (a) Be user friendly; *and*

- (b) Comply with any procedures and requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.250 and 293.4855. [; and
- (c) Inform any person who uses the system to register to vote for an election pursuant to NRS 293.5837, 293.5842 and 293.5847 that the person may vote in the election only if the person complies with the applicable requirements established by those sections.]
- 3. The Secretary of State shall include on the system, in black lettering and not more than 14-point type, the following information:
  - (a) The qualifications to register or preregister to vote;
- (b) That if the applicant does not meet the qualifications, he or she is prohibited from registering or preregistering to vote; and
  - (c) The penalties for submitting a false application.
  - 4. The Secretary of State shall not include on the system:
- (a) Any additional warnings regarding the penalties for submitting a false application; or
  - (b) The notice set forth in NRS 225.083.
  - **Sec. 24.** NRS 293C.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS [293.5817 and] 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive, the conduct of any city





election is under the control of the governing body of the city, and it shall, by ordinance, provide for the holding of the election, appoint the necessary election officers and election boards and do all other things required to carry the election into effect.

2. The governing body of the city may provide for the conduct of early voting by personal appearance in a city election pursuant to NRS [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and] 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive.

**Sec. 25.** NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail in accordance with

the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive, if:

- (a) The election is a special election; or
- (b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the ballot includes only:
- (1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered voters of only one ward; or
  - (2) One office or ballot question.
- 2. The provisions of NRS [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,] 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.
  - **Sec. 26.** NRS 293C.263 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.263 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.
- 2. The city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the city clerk which must be received by the city clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election.
- 3. The city clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who :
- (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or
- 42 (b) Elects] *elects* not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to 43 subsection 2.
  - 4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.





- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must be distributed to:
  - (a) Each active registered voter who:

- (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election; and
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before the election.
- (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.
- (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.
- 6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days before the special election.
- 7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.
- **Sec. 27.** NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
- 2. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be aware of the fact that applications will be received from :
- (a) Registered registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place. [; and
- (b) Electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
- 3. No person, other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots or registering electors, may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this chapter.
- **Sec. 28.** NRS 293C.2695 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.2695 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an election board may not perform its duty in serving registered voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless it has before it





- (a) The the roster designated for registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place. [; and
  - (b) The roster designated for electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
  - 2. For a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it the roster for the city.
  - 3. If a city clerk uses an electronic roster, not earlier than 2 weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the city clerk shall complete a test of the electronic roster to ensure its functionality in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 29.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and] 293C.272, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

- 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a voter at the polling place are:
  - (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;
  - (b) A driver's license;
- (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
  - (d) A military identification card; or
- (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.
- 3. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
  - **Sec. 30.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and] 293C.272:
- (a) A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and
  - (b) The election board officer shall:
    - (1) Announce the name of the registered voter;





- (2) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;
- (3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270; and
- (4) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.
  - **Sec. 31.** NRS 293C.297 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293C.297 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any [:
- (a) Registered registered voters waiting in line to apply to vote at the polling place, [; or
- (b) Electors waiting in line to apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive,
- The doors of the polling place must be closed after all those registered voters [and electors] have been admitted to the polling place. The [registration of those electors and the] voting by those registered voters [and electors] must continue until all such [registration and] voting has been completed.
- 2. The officer appointed by the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed pursuant to subsection 1 for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the polling place and the admittance of those other persons will not interfere unduly with the <a href="#registration-of-the-electors and-the-">[registration-of-the-electors and-the-]</a> voting by the registered voters.
- **Sec. 32.** NRS 293C.3035 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3035 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and] 293C.272, upon the





- appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, the election board officer shall:
- (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the city and has not already voted in that city in the current election;
  - (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and
- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.
- 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- 5. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.
- 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
  - (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
- 7. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
  - **Sec. 33.** NRS 293C.355 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.355 The provisions of [NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, relating to early voting and the provisions of] NRS 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, apply to a city only if the





governing body of the city has provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110.

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

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

- (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county.
- (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
- (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.
- (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- 2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:
- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter.
- 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- 4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.
- 5. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable, must contain:
- (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;
- (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is available; and
  - (c) The date of voting early in person.
- 6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.





- 7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:
  - (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;
- (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
  - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

- 8. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.
- 9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.
- **Sec. 35.** NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically are used during the period for early voting by personal appearance:
  - 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:
- (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The statement must include:
  - (1) The title of the election;
- (2) The number which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;
- (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording device for that day;
- (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day; *and*
- (5) The number of signatures on signature cards for that day .  $[\frac{1}{2}]$ ; and
- (6) The number of signatures in the roster designated for electors who applied to register to vote or applied to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.]
  - (b) Secure:
- (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by NRS 293C.3594; and
- (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293C.3594.
- 2. At the close of the last voting day, the city clerk shall deliver to the ballot board for early voting:
  - (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;
  - (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;
  - (c) The signature cards used for early voting;
- (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting; and





- (e) Any other items as determined by the city clerk.
- 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:
- (a) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots; and
- (b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a number seal. The official statement of ballots must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.
- **Sec. 36.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, [293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.] 293D.230 and 293D.300:
- (a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall or special city election that is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote:
- (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.
- (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.
- (3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the primary city election or general city election. [, unless the system is used to register voters for the election pursuant to NRS 293.5842 or 293.5847.]
- (4) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the day of the primary city election or general city election.
- (b) If a recall or special city election is not held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special city election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special city election.
- 2. [Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, after] After the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary city election or general city election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.
- 3. Except for a recall or special city election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city indicating:





- (1) The day and time that each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed; and
- (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.
- → If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city in this State.
- (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the day on which the last method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed.
- 4. A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.
- **Sec. 37.** NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided [in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, or] by special charter, registration of electors in incorporated cities must be accomplished in the manner provided in this chapter.
- 2. The county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the county the roster of all registered voters eligible to vote at a regular or special city election.
- 3. [The county clerk shall prepare for each polling place a roster designated for electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.
- —4.] Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.3032, the roster required pursuant to subsection 2 must be prepared, one for each ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. The entries in the roster must be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.
- [5.] 4. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or copies of the applications to register to vote in the county clerk's office.
  - **Sec. 38.** NRS 298.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 298.680 1. There must be a separate presidential preference primary ballot for each major political party that has qualified candidates. The name of the major political party must appear at the top of the ballot. Following this designation must appear the names of qualified candidates of the major political party, grouped alphabetically under the title.
- 2. A registered voter may cast a ballot at a presidential preference primary election for a major political party only if the





registered voter designated on his or her application to register to vote an affiliation with the party. Such a registered voter may vote for only one qualified candidate on the ballot as the voter's preference for the nominee for President of the United States for the party.

[3. The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, apply to a presidential preference primary election.]

**Sec. 39.** Section 96 of the Charter of Boulder City is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 96. Conduct of municipal elections.

- 1. All municipal elections must be nonpartisan in character and must be conducted in accordance with:
- (a) [The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter;
- (b) All [other] provisions of the general election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter; and
- [(e)] (b) Any ordinance regulations as adopted by the City Council which are consistent with law and this Charter. (1959 Charter)
- 2. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, a Mayor and two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 3. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2024, and at each successive interval of 4 years, there must be elected by the qualified voters of the City, at a general municipal election to be held for that purpose, two Council Members who shall hold office for a period of 4 years and until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- 4. All full terms of office in the City Council are 4 years, and Council Members must be elected at large without regard to precinct residency. In each election, the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes must be declared elected to the available full-term positions. (Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)
- 5. In the event one or more 2-year term positions on the Council will be available at the time of a general municipal election as provided in section 12, candidates must file specifically for such position(s). Candidates receiving the





greatest respective number of votes must be declared elected to the respective available 2-year positions. (Add. 15; Amd. 2; 6-4-1991)

- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a primary municipal election must be held:
- (a) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April 2019; and
- (b) Beginning in 2022, on the second Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year.
- 7. A primary municipal election must not be held if no more than double the number of Council Members to be elected file as candidates. A primary municipal election must not be held for the office of Mayor if no more than two candidates file for that position. The primary municipal election must be held for the purpose of eliminating candidates in excess of a figure double the number of Council Members to be elected. (Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996)
- 8. If, in the primary municipal election, a candidate receives votes equal to a majority of voters casting ballots in that election, he or she shall be considered elected to one of the vacancies and his or her name shall not be placed on the ballot for the general municipal election. (Add. 10; Amd. 7; 6-2-1981)
- 9. In each primary and general municipal election, voters are entitled to cast ballots for candidates in a number equal to the number of seats to be filled in the municipal elections. (Add. 11; Amd. 5; 6-7-1983)
- 10. The conduct of all municipal elections must be under the control of the City Council, which shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed as to deny or abridge the power of the City Council to provide for supplemental regulations for the prevention of fraud in such elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud. (Add. 24; Amd. 1; 6-3-2003)
- **Sec. 40.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4132, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:





- 1 (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
  2 inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting
  3 provisions of this Charter; and
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  - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
  - 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
  - **Sec. 41.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4132, is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections under Board of Council Members' control; voting precincts.
    - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by :
    - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
    - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
    - 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under the control of the Board of Council Members. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the Board of Council Members shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
    - 3. There shall be but one voting precinct in the City. All elective officers shall be elected by the voters of the City at large.
  - **Sec. 42.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969 as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4133, is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections under control of Clerk; Board regulations.
    - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:





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- (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
- 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the control of the Clerk. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in those elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the Board shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- **Sec. 43.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4134, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections under control of City Council.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
  - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
  - 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- **Sec. 44.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4135, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and





- (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
- 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the control of the City Council. The City Council shall by ordinance provide for the holding of the election, appoint the necessary officers thereof and do all the things required to carry the election into effect as it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- **Sec. 45.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4136, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council's control.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
  - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
  - 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the control of the City Council. The City Council shall prescribe by ordinance all of the regulations which it considers are desirable and consistent with law and this Charter for the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in those elections and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud.
- **Sec. 46.** Section 5.040 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite, being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4137, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.040 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
  - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.





- 2. The conduct of all municipal elections is under the control of the City Council.
- 3. The City Council shall by ordinance provide for the holding of a municipal election, appoint the necessary officers thereof and do all the things required to carry the election into effect as it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the City Council may enter into an interlocal agreement with another public entity to conduct municipal elections or any portion thereof.
- **Sec. 47.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4138, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control.

- 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by :
- (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
- (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
- 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be prescribed by ordinance. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- **Sec. 48.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4139, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws; elections under City Council control.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
  - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.





- 2. The conduct of all elections must be under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of elections, for the prevention of fraud in those elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- **Sec. 49.** Section 5.030 of the Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4140, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.030 Applicability of state election laws: Elections under City Council control.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
  - (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
  - 2. The conduct of all elections must be under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of elections, for the prevention of fraud in elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.
- **Sec. 50.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4141, is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws; elections under Board of Council Members' control; voting precincts.
  - 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
  - (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
  - (b) All other] all provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
  - 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under the control of the Board of Council Members. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the Board of Council Members shall adopt by





ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

3. There shall be but one voting precinct in the City. All elective officers shall be elected by the voters of the City at large.

**Sec. 51.** Section 5.020 of the Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 619, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 4142, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.020 Applicability of state election laws, elections under City Council control.

- 1. All elections held under this Charter must be governed by [:
- (a) The provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, which supersede and preempt any conflicting provisions of this Charter; and
- (b) All other] *all* provisions of the election laws of this State, so far as those laws can be made applicable and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.
- 2. The conduct of all municipal elections shall be under the control of the City Council. For the conduct of municipal elections, for the prevention of fraud in such elections, and for the recount of ballots in cases of doubt or fraud, the City Council shall adopt by ordinance all regulations which it considers desirable and consistent with law and this Charter.

**Sec. 52.** NRS 293.5772, 293.5777, 293.5782, 293.5787, 293.5792, 293.5812, 293.5817, 293.5832, 293.5837, 293.5842, 293.5847, 293.5852, 293.5872, 293.5877, 293.5882 and 293.5887 are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 53.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

### LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

**293.5772 Definitions.** 

**293.5777** "Election" defined.

293.5782 "Final verification" defined.

293.5787 "Polling place for early voting" defined.

293.5792 "Provisional ballot" defined.

293.5812 Applicability of other election laws; resolution of conflicts; rules of interpretation; intended public purpose.

293.5817 Applicability to city elections; preemption of conflicting city charters; exceptions.



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293.5832 Methods and procedures for updating voter registration information during certain periods; casting of provisional ballot under certain circumstances.

293.5837 Methods and procedures for registering by computer during certain periods and appearing in person to vote at polling place for early voting or on election day; casting of provisional ballot under certain circumstances.

293.5842 Methods and procedures for registering and voting in person at polling place for early voting; casting of

provisional ballot under certain circumstances.

293.5847 Methods and procedures for registering and voting in person at polling place on election day; casting of provisional ballot.

293.5852 Provisional ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures.

293.5872 Procedures for final verification of qualifications to register and vote in election; procedures for handling provisional ballots until final verification.

293.5877 Canvass and counting of provisional ballots; requirements and restrictions on reporting results involving provisional ballots.

293.5882 Free access system to provide information to certain voters regarding counting of provisional ballots.

293.5887 Issuance of voter registration card after final verification.





