SENATE BILL NO. 422—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to voting. (BDR 24-954)

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

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

AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions relating to certain deadlines relating to automatic voter registration; revising provisions relating to voter registration during certain periods preceding an election; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to have extended hours of operation in certain counties during certain periods preceding the deadline to register to vote by mail for certain elections and following the day of certain elections; prohibiting, in certain counties, the Department from requiring an appointment to obtain a driver's license or identification card during certain periods; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law sets forth deadlines for registering to vote for certain elections which depend on the method by which a person registers to vote. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) **Sections 1 and 2.5** of this bill provide that the deadline to register to vote for such elections by means of automatic voter registration is the eighteenth day preceding the election.

Existing law requires: (1) certain agencies to provide automatic voter registration services; and (2) an automatic voter registration agency to transmit certain voter registration information to the top-down voter registration database created by the Secretary of State for the purpose of registering a person to vote or updating the voter registration information of a person. (NRS 293.5768, 293.57686) Existing law further requires an automatic voter registration agency to electronically transmit to the top-down voter registration database voter registration information not later than 1 working day after collecting the information during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the fifth Sunday preceding an election. (NRS 293.57688) Section 1.3 of this bill instead requires an automatic voter registration agency to electronically transmit to the database voter registration information not



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later than 1 working day after collecting the information if the information is collected during the period: (1) beginning 2 weeks immediately preceding the eighteenth day before an election; and (2) ending on the eighteenth day before an election.

Existing law sets forth certain deadlines for registering to vote by mail, computer or appearing in person at the office of the county or city clerk. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) Existing law also authorizes an elector to register to vote after such deadlines: (1) through the Thursday preceding the election, by computer using the online registration system provided on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State; and (2) after such online registration, by appearing in person during the period for early voting or on election day. To register to vote during such periods, an elector must provide his or her driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and, if the license or identification card does not include his or her current residential address, certain documents establishing proof of residency. (NRS 293.5837-293.5847)

Sections 1.7 and 2 of this bill instead provide that to register to vote in person during the period for early voting or on election day, an elector is required, with certain exceptions, to provide a current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by this State, another state, the District of Columbia or a territory of the United States or provide a tribal identification card as proof of the elector's identity. If the elector's driver's license or identification card was issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shows the elector's current residential address, the driver's license or identification card is also proof of the elector's residency. If the elector's tribal identification card shows the elector's current residential address, the tribal identification card is also proof of the elector's residency.

Sections 1.7 and 2 provide that if the elector's driver's license or identification card was not issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the elector may cast a provisional ballot if he or she completes a written affirmation. Any such elector who casts a provisional ballot must provide a current or valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department, an interim document issued by the Department or a tribal identification card demonstrating proof of residency by 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following election day.

Sections 1.7 and 2 also provide that if an elector's driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles does not have the elector's current residential address, the elector may present an original, electronic or certified copy of a document as proof of residency and that, for certain documents, such document must be dated not more than 60 days before the date the elector is registering to vote.

Sections 1.7 and 2 further provide that if an elector does not have a driver's license or identification card issued by this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States or a tribal identification card, the elector may cast a provisional ballot if he or she completes a written affirmation. Any such elector who casts a provisional ballot must provide a current and valid driver's license, identification card or interim document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a tribal identification card demonstrating proof of identity and residency in this State by 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following election day.

Existing law authorizes the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to arrange for extended hours of operation for offices of the Department in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties). (NRS 481.057) **Section 3** of this bill provides that, in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the Director is required to arrange for the offices of the Department to remain open on Saturdays and Sundays and at hours other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a person to only apply for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department: (1) during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail for a primary





election, presidential preference primary election or general election; and (2) during the 6 calendar days immediately following the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election. **Section 3** further prohibits the Department from requiring, in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, a person to have an appointment to apply for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department: (1) during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail for a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election; and (2) during the 6 calendar days immediately following the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.

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

- **Section 1.** 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 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.
- (4) By means of automatic voter registration, is the eighteenth day immediately preceding 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 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. 1.3.** NRS 293.57688 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.57688 1. An automatic voter registration agency is required to electronically transmit the following information of a person to the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675 using the system established pursuant to NRS 293.57686:
- (a) An electronic facsimile of the signature of the person, if the automatic voter registration agency is capable of recording, storing and transmitting to the county clerk an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person;
 - (b) The first or given name and the surname of the person;
- (c) The address at which the person actually resides as set forth in NRS 293.486 and, if different, the address at which the person may receive mail, including, without limitation, a post office box or general delivery;
 - (d) The date of birth of the person;
 - (e) At least one of the following:
- (1) The number indicated on the person's current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; or





- (2) The last four digits of the person's social security number; and
- (f) A description of the documentation presented to the automatic voter registration agency that indicates the person is a citizen of the United States.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5768, the automatic voter registration agency shall electronically transmit to the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675 the information described in subsection 1:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), not later than 5 working days after collecting the information; and
- (b) [During the 2 weeks immediately preceding the fifth Sunday preceding an election, not] Not later than 1 working day after collecting the information [.] if the information is collected during the period:
- (1) Beginning 2 weeks immediately preceding the eighteenth day before an election; and
 - (2) Ending on the eighteenth day before an election.
- **Sec. 1.7.** NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- 2. To register to vote in person during the period for early voting, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:
 - (1) A paper application; or
- (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- → If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 3,] this section, provide his or her [current]:
- (1) Current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by [the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address] this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States as proof of the





elector's identity and, if the driver's license or identification card was issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shows the elector's current residential address, as proof of the elector's identity and residency [...]; or

- (2) Tribal identification card as proof of the elector's identity and, if the tribal identification card shows the elector's current residential address, as proof of the elector's identity and residency.
- 3. If the *elector's* driver's license or identification card *was* issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles [to the elector] but does not have the elector's current residential address, *an original*, *electronic or certified copy of* the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service [;], that is dated not more than 60 days before the date on which the elector is registering to vote;
- (c) A bank or credit union statement [;] that is dated not more than 60 days before the date on which the elector is registering to vote:
- (d) A paycheck [;] that is dated not more than 60 days before the date on which the elector is registering to vote;
 - (e) An income tax return:
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence:
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement; or
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 4. [Subject] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 6, subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
 - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and





- (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.
- 5. If an elector who appears to vote provides as proof of identity a driver's license or identification card that was not issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or provides a tribal identification card that does not have the elector's current residential address, the elector may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 4 if the elector completes a written affirmation on a form provided by an election officer which includes, without limitation:
- (a) A statement in which the person affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a qualified elector; and
- (b) A statement informing the elector that a current and valid driver's license, identification card or interim document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a tribal identification card that demonstrates residency must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following election day and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted.
- 6. If an elector who appears to vote does not have a driver's license or identification card issued by this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States or a tribal identification card, the elector may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 4 if the elector completes a written affirmation on a form provided by an election officer which includes:
- (a) A statement in which the person affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a qualified elector but has not been issued a driver's license or identification card by this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States or a tribal identification card; and
- (b) A statement informing the elector that a current and valid driver's license, identification card or interim document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a tribal identification card that demonstrates proof of identity and residency must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following election day and failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted.
- 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize an elector's provisional ballot that is cast pursuant to this section to be counted unless the elector provides proof of identity and residency as required pursuant to this section.





- **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- 2. To register to vote on the day of the election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.
- (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:
 - (1) A paper application; or

- (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.
- → If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 3,] this section, provide his or her [current]:
- (1) Current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by [the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address] this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States as proof of the elector's identity, and if the driver's license or identification card was issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and shows the elector's current residential address, as proof of the elector's identity and residency [-]; or
- (2) Tribal identification card as proof of the elector's identity and, if the tribal identification card shows the elector's current residential address, as proof of the elector's identity and residency.
- 3. If the *elector's* driver's license or identification card *was* issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles [to the elector] but does not have the elector's current residential address, *an original*, *electronic or certified copy of* the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) A military identification card;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable





television service [;], that is dated not more than 60 days before the elector is registering to vote;

- (c) A bank or credit union statement [;] that is dated not more than 60 days before the elector is registering to vote;
- (d) A paycheck [:] that is dated not more than 60 days before the elector is registering to vote;
 - (e) An income tax return;

- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence:
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement; or
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 4. [Subject] Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 6, subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:
- (a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:
- (1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and
- (2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.
- (b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:
 - (1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;
- (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and
 - (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.
- 5. If an elector who appears to vote provides as proof of identity a driver's license or identification card that was not issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or provides a tribal identification card that does not have the elector's current residential address, the elector may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 4 if the elector completes a written affirmation on a form provided by an election officer which includes, without limitation:
- (a) A statement in which the person affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a qualified elector; and
- (b) A statement informing the elector that a current and valid driver's license, identification card or interim document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a tribal identification card that demonstrates residency must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following election day and that failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted.





- 6. If an elector who appears to vote does not have a driver's license or identification card issued by this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States or a tribal identification card, the elector may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection 4 if the elector completes a written affirmation on a form provided by an election officer which includes:
- (a) A statement in which the person affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a qualified elector but has not been issued a driver's license or identification card by this State, another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States or a tribal identification card; and
- (b) A statement informing the elector that a current and valid driver's license, identification card or interim document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a tribal identification card that demonstrates proof of identity and residency must be provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following election day and failure to do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted.
- 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize an elector's provisional ballot that is cast pursuant to this section to be counted unless the elector provides proof of identity and residency as required pursuant to this section.
- **Sec. 2.5.** 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 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.
- (4) By means of automatic voter registration, is the eighteenth day immediately preceding 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 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. 3.** NRS 481.057 is hereby amended to read as follows: 481.057
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the Director may arrange for offices of the Department to remain open on Saturdays and Sundays and at hours other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 2. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the Director shall arrange for the offices of the Department to remain open on Saturdays and Sundays and at hours other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a person to apply only for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department:
- (a) During the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 for a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election; and
- (b) During the 6 calendar days immediately following the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.





3. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the Department shall not require a person to have an appointment for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department:

(a) During the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 for a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general

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- (b) During the 6 calendar days immediately following the day of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.
 - 4. As used in this section:
- (a) "General election" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293.060.
- (b) "Presidential preference primary election" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293.0771.
- 17 (c) "Primary election" has the meaning ascribed to it in 18 NRS 293.080.
 - **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.





