

SENATE BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to voter registration.
(BDR 24-842)

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

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

AN ACT relating to elections; 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 to require 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:

1 Existing law sets forth certain deadlines for registering to vote by mail,
2 computer or appearing in person at the office of the county or city clerk. (NRS
3 293.560, 293C.527) Existing law also authorizes an elector to register to vote after
4 such deadlines: (1) through the Thursday preceding the election, by computer using
5 the online registration system provided on the Internet website of the Office of the
6 Secretary of State; and (2) after such online registration, by appearing in person
7 during the period for early voting or on election day. To register to vote during such
8 periods, an elector must provide his or her driver's license or identification card
9 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and, if the license or identification
10 card does not include his or her current residential address, certain documents
11 establishing proof of residency. (NRS 293.5837-293.5847) **Sections 1 and 2** of this
12 bill instead provide that to register to vote in person during the period for early
13 voting or on election day, an elector must provide any current and valid photo
14 identification as proof of identity and, if such proof of identity was not issued by
15 the Department of Motor Vehicles or does not include his or her current residential
16 address, the elector must also provide proof of residency.



17 Existing law authorizes the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to
18 arrange for extended hours of operation for offices of the Department in a county
19 whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark County and Washoe
20 County). (NRS 481.057) **Section 3** of this bill provides that, in a county whose
21 population is 100,000 or more, the Director is required to arrange for the offices of
22 the Department to remain open on Saturdays and Sundays and at hours other than 8
23 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a person to only apply for the issuance or renewal of any type of
24 driver's license or identification card issued by the Department: (1) during the two
25 weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail for a primary
26 election, presidential preference primary election or general election; and (2) during
27 the six calendar days immediately following the day of a primary election,
28 presidential preference primary election or general election. **Section 3** further
29 prohibits the Department from requiring, in a county whose population is 100,000
30 or more, a person to have an appointment to apply for the issuance or renewal of
31 any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department: (1)
32 during the two weeks immediately preceding the last day to register to vote by mail
33 for a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election;
34 and (2) during the six calendar days immediately following the day of a primary
35 election, presidential preference primary election or general election.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of
4 registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527,
5 an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for
6 early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as
7 applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

8 2. To register to vote in person during the period for early
9 voting, an elector must:

10 (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place for early
11 voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in
12 which the elector is eligible to vote.

13 (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method
14 authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph.
15 The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following
16 methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:

17 (1) A paper application; or

18 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
19 to NRS 293.671.

20 ➤ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the
21 county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to
22 circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

23 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or
24 her current and valid ~~[driver's license or]~~ *photo* identification ~~[card~~
25 ~~issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her~~



1 ~~physical address~~] as proof of the elector's identity and , *if the photo*
2 *identification was issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and*
3 *shows the elector's current residential address, as proof of the*
4 *elector's identity and* residency.

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

11 (a) A military identification card;

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

15 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

16 (d) A paycheck;

17 (e) An income tax return;

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

20 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

21 (h) A property tax statement; or

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

23 4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in
24 person at a polling place pursuant to this section:

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

27 (1) The determination that the application to register to vote
28 is complete; and

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

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

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

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

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

39 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of
41 registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527,
42 an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at
43 any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the
44 elector is eligible to vote.



1 2. To register to vote on the day of the election, an elector
2 must:

3 (a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the
4 county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

5 (b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method
6 authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph.
7 The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following
8 methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:

9 (1) A paper application; or

10 (2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant
11 to NRS 293.671.

12 ➤ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the
13 county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to
14 circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

15 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or
16 her current and valid ~~[driver's license or]~~ *photo* identification ~~[card~~
17 ~~issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her~~
18 ~~physical address]~~ as proof of the elector's identity, *and if the photo*
19 *identification was issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and*
20 *shows the elector's current residential address, as proof of the*
21 *elector's identity* and residency.

22 3. If the ~~[driver's license or]~~ *photo* identification ~~[card]~~ *was*
23 *not* issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector *or*
24 does not have the elector's current residential address, the following
25 documents may be used to establish the residency of the elector if
26 the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or
27 her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:

28 (a) A military identification card;

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

32 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

33 (d) A paycheck;

34 (e) An income tax return;

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

37 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

38 (h) A property tax statement; or

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

40 4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in
41 person at a polling place pursuant to this section:

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

44 (1) The determination that the application to register to vote
45 is complete; and



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

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

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

6 (2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that
7 polling place; and

8 (3) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.

9 **Sec. 3.** NRS 481.057 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 481.057 ~~HB~~

11 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in a county*
12 *whose population is 100,000 or more, the Director may arrange for*
13 *offices of the Department to remain open on Saturdays and Sundays*
14 *and at hours other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

15 *2. In county whose population is 100,000 or more, the*
16 *Director shall arrange for the offices of the Department to remain*
17 *open on Saturdays and Sundays and at hours other than 8 a.m. to*
18 *5 p.m. for a person to apply only for the issuance or renewal of*
19 *any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the*
20 *Department:*

21 *(a) During the two weeks immediately preceding the last day to*
22 *register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 for a primary*
23 *election, presidential preference primary election or general*
24 *election; and*

25 *(b) During the six calendar days immediately following the day*
26 *of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or*
27 *general election.*

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

32 *(a) During the two weeks immediately preceding the last day to*
33 *register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 for a primary*
34 *election, presidential preference primary election or general*
35 *election; and*

36 *(b) During the six calendar days immediately following the day*
37 *of a primary election, presidential preference primary election or*
38 *general election.*

39 *4. As used in this section:*

40 *(a) "General election" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
41 *NRS 293.060.*

42 *(b) "Presidential preference primary election" has the*
43 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293.0771.*

44 *(c) "Primary election" has the meaning ascribed to it in*
45 *NRS 293.080.*



1 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and
2 approval.

3 2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective:

4 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
5 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
6 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

7 (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

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