
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 89—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA LEAGUE OF
CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES)

FEBRUARY 21, 2005

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Authorizes city clerk to designate alternate or
additional facility at which electors may register to
vote. (BDR 24-508)

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

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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 city elections; authorizing a city clerk to
designate an alternate or additional facility at which
electors may register to vote; prescribing the manner of
operation of such a facility; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires that certain offices, including the office of a city clerk, serve as voter registration agencies. (NRS 293.504) Existing law further requires that the office of a city clerk be open certain hours during the last days before the close of registration before a primary or general city election and provides that, during a certain period preceding such an election, an elector may register to vote only by appearing in person at the office of the city clerk. (NRS 293C.527)

This bill authorizes a city clerk to designate a municipal facility at which an elector may register to vote. The designation may provide, at the discretion of the city clerk, for the registration of voters at the facility in lieu of, or in addition to, the registration of voters at the office of the city clerk. If a city clerk designates such a municipal facility, this bill provides that the hours during which the office of the city clerk would otherwise be required to be open preceding the close of registration may be fulfilled by the facility alone or in conjunction with the office of the city clerk. During the prescribed period preceding an election, an elector may



15 register to vote by appearing in person at a designated facility or the office of the
16 city clerk.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 293.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.504 1. The following offices shall serve as voter
3 registration agencies:

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

6 (b) Each office that receives money from the State of Nevada to
7 provide services to persons in this State who are disabled;

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

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

10 (e) *Such other municipal facilities as a city clerk may*
11 *designate pursuant to section 2 of this act; and*

12 (f) Such other offices as the Secretary of State deems
13 appropriate.

14 2. Each voter registration agency shall:

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

17 (b) Make applications to register to vote which may be returned
18 by mail available to each person who applies for or receives services
19 or assistance from the agency;

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

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

24 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
25 293.524, any application to register to vote accepted by a voter
26 registration agency must be transmitted to the county clerk not later
27 than 10 days after the application is accepted. The applications must
28 be forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the
29 fifth Sunday preceding an election. The county clerk shall accept
30 any application to register to vote which is obtained from a voter
31 registration agency pursuant to this section and completed by the
32 fifth Sunday preceding an election if he receives the application not
33 later than 5 days after that date.

34 4. The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Secretary of
35 Defense to develop and carry out procedures to enable persons in
36 this State to apply to register to vote at recruitment offices of the
37 United States Armed Forces.



1 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 **1. The city clerk may designate any building owned or leased**
4 **by the city, or any portion of such a building, as a municipal**
5 **facility at which electors may register to vote.**

6 **2. A municipal facility designated pursuant to subsection 1**
7 **may, at the discretion of the city clerk, be operated as:**

8 **(a) An alternate municipal facility at which voter registration**
9 **is carried out instead of being carried out at the office of the city**
10 **clerk; or**

11 **(b) An auxiliary municipal facility at which voter registration**
12 **is carried out in addition to being carried out at the office of the**
13 **city clerk.**

14 **3. If the city clerk designates a municipal facility pursuant to**
15 **subsection 1, the city clerk shall, in cooperation with the Secretary**
16 **of State, ensure that the facility is operated, staffed and equipped**
17 **in compliance with all applicable provisions of title 24 of NRS and**
18 **all other applicable provisions of state and federal law relating to**
19 **the registration of electors in this State.**

20 **Sec. 3.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
22 registration must close at 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday preceding any
23 primary city election or general city election and at 9 p.m. on the
24 third Saturday preceding any recall or special election, except that if
25 a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary city
26 election or general city election, registration must close at 9 p.m. on
27 the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.

28 2. The office of the city clerk **or a municipal facility**
29 **designated pursuant to section 2 of this act, or a combination**
30 **thereof,** must be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to
31 9 p.m., including Saturdays, during the last days before the close of
32 registration before a primary city election or general city election,
33 according to the following schedule:

34 (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of
35 the city clerk **or a municipal facility designated pursuant to section**
36 **2 of this act, or a combination thereof,** must be open during the last
37 3 days before registration closes.

38 (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of
39 the city clerk **or a municipal facility designated pursuant to section**
40 **2 of this act, or a combination thereof,** must be open during the last
41 5 days before registration closes.

42 3. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
43 350 of NRS:



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

(1) *The* day that registration will be closed ~~H~~ ; and

(2) *If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to section 2 of this act, 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 close of registration for any election.

4. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary city election or general city election and ending on the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election, an elector may register to vote only by appearing in person at the office of the city clerk ~~H~~ *or a municipal facility designated pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

