

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 342—ASSEMBLYMEN GANSERT, MABEY,
PARKS, GOEDHART, HARDY, MANENDO, MARVEL,
MCCLAIN, PARNELL, SEGERBLOM AND STEWART

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR CEGAVSKE

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

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to the process of casting a
mailing ballot in mailing precincts. (BDR 24-689)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 elections; providing under certain
circumstances that a registered voter who lives in a
mailing precinct or an absent ballot mailing precinct of a
county who has received a mailing ballot may vote in
person at the office of the county clerk or at designated
polling places on election day or at polling places during
the period for early voting; requiring certain county clerks
to designate at least one polling place to be the polling
place where any registered voter who lives in any of the
mailing precincts or absent ballot mailing precincts of the
county may vote in person on election day; providing a
penalty; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 4** of this bill requires county clerks in counties with a population of
2 100,000 or more to designate at least one polling place in the county as the polling
3 place where a person who lives in a mailing precinct or an absent ballot mailing
4 precinct may vote in person on election day. In counties with a population of less
5 than 100,000, **section 4** provides that a county clerk may, but is not required to,
6 designate such a polling place. **Section 6** of this bill prohibits the return of a
7 mailing ballot by any person other than the registered voter to whom the ballot was



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8 sent unless a family member returns the ballot at the request of the voter. A person
9 who violates this provision is guilty of a category E felony.

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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293.343 1. A registered voter who resides in an election
6 precinct in which there were not more than 200 voters registered for
7 the last preceding general election, or in a precinct in which it
8 appears to the satisfaction of the county clerk that there are not more
9 than 200 registered voters, may vote at any election regulated by
10 this chapter in the manner provided in NRS 293.345 to 293.355,
11 inclusive.

12 2. Whenever the county clerk has designated a precinct as a
13 mailing precinct, registered voters residing in that precinct may vote
14 at any election regulated by this chapter in the manner provided in
15 NRS 293.345 to 293.355, inclusive.

16 *3. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more,
17 whenever a registered voter is entitled to vote in a mailing precinct
18 or an absent ballot mailing precinct, the county clerk:*

19 *(a) Shall designate at least one polling place in the county as
20 the polling place where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant
21 to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3
22 of NRS 293.353, on election day; and*

23 *(b) May designate certain polling places for early voting as the
24 polling places where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant to
25 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of
26 NRS 293.353, during the period for early voting, if it is impractical
27 for the county clerk to provide at each polling place for early
28 voting a ballot in every form required in the county.*

29 *4. In a county whose population is less than 100,000,
30 whenever a registered voter is entitled to vote in a mailing precinct
31 or an absent ballot mailing precinct, the county clerk:*

32 *(a) May designate one or more polling places in the county as
33 the polling place where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant
34 to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3
35 of NRS 293.353, on election day; and*

36 *(b) May designate certain polling places for early voting as the
37 polling places where such a voter may vote in person, pursuant to
38 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of
39 NRS 293.353, during the period for early voting, if it is impractical*



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1 *for the county clerk to provide at each polling place for early*
2 *voting a ballot in every form required in the county.*

3 *5. Polling places designated pursuant to subsection 3 or 4*
4 *may include, without limitation, polling places located as closely*
5 *as practicable to the mailing precincts.*

6 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 293.345 ~~{The}~~

8 *1. Before 5 p.m. on the last business day preceding the first*
9 *day of the period for early voting for any primary election or*
10 *general election, the county clerk shall ~~{mail}~~ cause to be mailed to*
11 *each registered voter in each mailing precinct and in each absent*
12 *ballot mailing precinct ~~{, before 5 p.m. on the second Thursday~~*
13 *~~before the primary election and before 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday~~*
14 *~~in October of any year in which a general election is to be held,}~~ an*
15 *official mailing ballot to be voted by him at the election ~~{, and~~*
16 *accompanying supplies, as specified in NRS 293.350.*

17 *2. If the county clerk has designated, pursuant to subsection*
18 *3 or 4 of NRS 293.343, one or more polling places where a voter*
19 *may vote in person, the official ballot and the sample ballot must*
20 *include a notice in bold type informing the voter of the location of*
21 *the designated polling place or polling places on election day and*
22 *the polling places during the period for early voting where the*
23 *voter may vote in person pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2*
24 *of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of NRS 293.353.*

25 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.353 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.353 ~~{Upon}~~

27 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 or 3, upon*
28 *receipt of a mailing ballot from the county clerk, the registered voter*
29 *must ~~{:~~*

30 ~~— 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:~~
31 ~~— (a) Immediately after opening the envelope,}~~ *, in accordance*
32 *with the instructions, mark and fold the ballot ~~{:~~*
33 ~~— (b) Place the ballot, if it is a paper ballot, or punch it and~~
34 ~~leave it unfolded, if the ballot is voted by punching a card, deposit~~
35 ~~and seal the ballot in the return envelope ~~{:~~~~
36 ~~— (c) Affix, affix~~ his signature on the back of the envelope ~~{; and~~
37 ~~— (d) Mail or deliver} and mail~~ the envelope to the county clerk.

38 *2. ~~{In those counties using a mechanical voting system~~*
39 *~~whereby a vote is cast by punching a card:~~*
40 ~~— (a) Immediately after opening the envelope, punch the card;~~
41 ~~— (b) Place the unfolded card in the return envelope;~~
42 ~~— (c) Affix his signature on the back of the envelope; and~~
43 ~~— (d) Mail or deliver the envelope to the county clerk.}~~ *Except as*
44 *otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a registered voter who has*
45 *received a mailing ballot applies to vote in person at:*



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1 (a) The office of the county clerk, he must mark or punch the
2 ballot, place and seal it in the return envelope and affix his
3 signature in the same manner as provided in subsection 1, and
4 deliver the envelope to the clerk.

5 (b) One of the polling places on election day or a polling place
6 for early voting in the county designated pursuant to subsection 3
7 or 4 of NRS 293.343, he must surrender the mailing ballot and
8 provide satisfactory identification before being issued a ballot to
9 vote at the polling place. A person who receives a surrendered
10 mailing ballot shall mark it "Cancelled."

11 3. If a registered voter who has received a mailing ballot
12 wishes to vote in person at the office of the county clerk or at one
13 of the polling places on election day or a polling place for early
14 voting in the county designated pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of
15 NRS 293.343, and the voter does not have the mailing ballot to
16 deliver or surrender, the voter must be issued a ballot to vote if the
17 voter:

18 (a) Provides satisfactory identification;

19 (b) Is a registered voter who is otherwise entitled to vote; and

20 (c) Signs an affirmation under penalty of perjury on a form
21 prepared by the Secretary of State declaring that the voter has not
22 voted during the election.

23 4. It is unlawful for any person to return a mailing ballot
24 other than the registered voter to whom the ballot was sent or, at
25 the request of the voter, a member of the family of that voter. A
26 person who returns a mailing ballot and who is a member of the
27 family of the voter who received the mailing ballot shall, under
28 penalty of perjury, indicate on a form prescribed by the county
29 clerk that he is a member of the family of the voter who received
30 the mailing ballot and that the voter requested that he return the
31 mailing ballot. A person who violates the provisions of this
32 subsection is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished
33 as provided in NRS 193.130.

34 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.355 1. Upon receipt of the return envelope from ~~the~~ a
36 registered voter ~~of a mailing precinct or absent ballot mailing~~
37 ~~precinct, whether through the mail or in person at the office of the~~
38 ~~county clerk pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS~~
39 ~~293.353, the county clerk shall follow the same procedure as in the~~
40 ~~case of absent ballots.~~

41 2. Ballots voted in person at a polling place pursuant to
42 paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.353 or subsection 3 of
43 NRS 293.353, or at the office of the county clerk pursuant to
44 subsection 3 of NRS 293.353, by registered voters of a mailing
45 precinct or absent ballot mailing precinct must be processed and



- 1 *reported by the appointed election board or county clerk in the*
2 *same manner as required by law for absent ballots voted in person*
3 *pursuant to NRS 293.330.*
4 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)
5 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)
6 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)
7 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)
8 **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)
9 **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)
10 **Sec. 14.** (Deleted by amendment.)

