

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 506—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

MARCH 22, 2007

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

SUMMARY—Requires the Secretary of State and the county clerks
of each county to study the feasibility of changing
the deadline for registering to vote in an election.
(BDR S-1338)

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; requiring the Secretary of State and
the county clerks of each county to study the feasibility of
changing the deadline for registering to vote in an
election; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides that the period for registering to vote at an election ends
2 at 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday preceding an election. For the period beginning on
3 the fifth Sunday preceding an election and ending on the third Tuesday preceding
4 an election, an elector may register to vote only by appearing in person at the office
5 of the county clerk. (NRS 293.560) This bill requires the Secretary of State and the
6 county clerks for each county jointly to study the feasibility of changing the
7 deadline for registering to vote to any date closer to the date of the election up to
8 and including election day. This bill also requires the Secretary of State and the
9 county clerks to submit a report concerning the results of the study to the 75th
10 Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Secretary of State and the county clerk of
2 each county jointly shall study the feasibility of changing the
3 deadline for registration of voters to allow qualified electors to



1 register to vote in an election on any date closer to the election up to
2 and including the date of the election;

3 2. The study conducted pursuant to subsection 1 must include,
4 without limitation, an analysis of:

5 (a) The potential for logistical and technical problems in
6 conducting an election if the deadline for the registration of voters is
7 changed;

8 (b) Any fiscal impact that would be likely to result from
9 changing the deadline for the registration of voters;

10 (c) The occurrence of voter fraud that would be likely to result
11 from changing the deadline for the registration of voters;

12 (d) The impact on voter turnout that would be likely to result
13 from changing the deadline for the registration of voters; and

14 (e) A review of the methods by which other states have provided
15 for the registration of voters on the date of the election.

16 3. On or before February 1, 2009, the Secretary of State and
17 the county clerks of each county jointly shall submit a written report
18 of the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection 1 to the
19 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the
20 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

21 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

