

SENATE BILL NO. 401—SENATORS HORSFORD, TITUS,
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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requiring the Secretary of State to report certain
information concerning elections to the Legislature.
(BDR 24-248)

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 each county clerk to collect
certain information regarding elections and to submit that
information to the Secretary of State; requiring the
Secretary of State to compile the information collected
from the county clerks into a report to be submitted to the
Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill requires the Secretary of State to compile and submit to the
2 Legislature a report concerning each election. Each county clerk is required to
3 collect information on each election regarding uncounted ballots, malfunctions of
4 mechanical voting machines, unopened polling places, challenges to voter
5 eligibility, complaints regarding ballots cast by mail, election audits and provisional
6 ballots. Each county clerk must submit the collected information to the Secretary of
7 State within 60 days after each election. The Secretary of State must compile the
8 information submitted by the county clerks and collected by the Secretary of State
9 from political parties and through the use of his website into a report to be
10 submitted to each regular session of the Legislature.



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

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

1. Each county clerk shall collect the following information regarding each primary and general election, on a form provided by the Secretary of State and made available at each polling place in the county, each polling place for early voting in the county, the office of the county clerk and any other location deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State:

(a) The number of ballots that have been discarded or for any reason not included in the final canvass of votes, along with an explanation for the exclusion of each such ballot from the final canvass of votes.

(b) A report on each malfunction of any mechanical voting system, including, without limitation:

(1) Any known reason for the malfunction;

(2) The length of time during which the mechanical voting system could not be used;

(3) Any remedy for the malfunction which was used at the time of the malfunction; and

(4) Any effect the malfunction had on the election process.

(c) A list of each polling place not open during the time prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273 and an account explaining why each such polling place was not open during the time prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273.

(d) A description of each challenge made to the eligibility of a voter pursuant to NRS 293.303 and the result of each such challenge.

(e) A description of each complaint regarding a ballot cast by mail filed with the county clerk and the resolution, if any, of the complaint.

(f) The results of any audit of election procedures and practices conducted pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter.

(g) The number of provisional ballots cast and the reason for the casting of each provisional ballot.

2. Each county clerk shall submit to the Secretary of State, on a form provided by the Secretary of State, the information collected pursuant to subsection 1 not more than 60 days after each primary and general election.

3. The Secretary of State may contact any political party and request information to assist in the investigation of any allegation of voter intimidation.



1 4. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an
2 Internet website pursuant to which he shall solicit and collect
3 voter comments regarding election processes.

4 5. The Secretary of State shall compile the information and
5 comments collected pursuant to this section into a report that he
6 shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
7 transmission to the Legislature not later than 30 days before the
8 start of each regular session of the Legislature.

9 6. The Secretary of State may make the report required
10 pursuant to subsection 5 available on an Internet website
11 established and maintained by the Secretary of State.

