

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 245—ASSEMBLYMAN SILBERKRAUS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing elections.
(BDR 24-926)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
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; increasing the penalty for certain crimes related to a person who registers to vote; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides that a person is guilty of a category E felony if that person: (1) provides or encourages another person to provide false information in connection with an application to register to vote; or (2) registers to vote or aids another person in registering to vote knowing that he or she is not or will not be a qualified elector at the next election. (NRS 293.800) This bill increases the penalty for such crimes to a category D felony.

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

Section 1. NRS 293.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.800 1. A person who, for himself, herself or another person, willfully gives a false answer or answers to questions propounded to the person by the registrar or field registrar of voters relating to the information called for by the application to register to vote, or who willfully falsifies the application in any particular, or who violates any of the provisions of the election laws of this State or knowingly encourages another person to violate those laws is guilty of a category ~~E~~ *D* felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
2. A public officer or other person, upon whom any duty is imposed by this title, who willfully neglects his or her duty or



1 willfully performs it in such a way as to hinder the objects and
2 purposes of the election laws of this State, except where another
3 penalty is provided, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be
4 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

5 3. If the person is a public officer, his or her office is forfeited
6 upon conviction of any offense provided for in subsection 2.

7 4. A person who causes or endeavors to cause his or her name
8 to be registered, knowing that he or she is not an elector or will not
9 be an elector on or before the day of the next ensuing election in the
10 precinct or district in which he or she causes or endeavors to cause
11 the registration to be made, and any other person who induces, aids
12 or abets the person in the commission of either of the acts is guilty
13 of a category ~~H~~ D felony and shall be punished as provided in
14 NRS 193.130.

15 5. A field registrar or other person who provides to an elector
16 an application to register to vote and who:

17 (a) Knowingly falsifies the application or knowingly causes an
18 application to be falsified;

19 (b) Knowingly provides money or other compensation to
20 another for a falsified application; or

21 (c) Intentionally fails to submit to the county clerk a completed
22 application,

23 is guilty of a category ~~H~~ D felony and shall be punished as
24 provided in NRS 193.130.

