

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 462—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to elections.
(BDR 24-615)

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; revising the definitions of certain terms relating to elections; increasing the maximum number of registered voters that may be included in an election precinct; providing that election board officers are appointed for polling places; eliminating the requirements for county clerks to publish the full text of a statewide measure or county referendum three times; revising the requirements for certain information on ballots; revising requirements related to voter signatures at polling places; revising requirements relating to the publication of names of registered voters at polling places; revising certain information required for documents prepared during early voting; authorizing a county or city clerk to distribute a sample ballot by electronic means; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law defines rosters, sample ballots and tally lists that are used in
2 elections. (NRS 293.095, 293.097, 293.113) **Sections 2-4** of this bill clarify that
3 such items may be electronic.

4 The terms "election board register" and "roster" are defined terms that are used
5 interchangeably throughout the provisions of law relating to elections. (NRS
6 293.040, 293.053, 293.095, 293.250, 293.273, 293.275, 293.277, 293.283, 293.285,



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293.287, 293.303, 293.3082, 293.333, 293.3585, 293.3604, 293.363, 293.373, 293.391, 293.510, 293.511, 293.524, 293.525, 293.533, 293.541, 293.547, 293.548, 293.563, 293C.267, 293C.270, 293C.272, 293C.275, 293C.277, 293C.292, 293C.332, 293C.3585, 293C.3604, 293C.362, 293C.375, 293C.525, 293C.535) **Section 75** of this bill repeals the term “election board register,” and **sections 13-16, 18, 29, 31-39, 46-48, 50, 61, 62 and 64** of this bill replace the term “election board register” with “roster.”

Existing law requires an election precinct to have a maximum of 1,500 registered voters. (NRS 293.207) **Section 6** of this bill increases the maximum number to 3,000 registered voters.

Existing law provides that the county clerk of each county shall appoint election board officers for the various precincts and districts in the county. (NRS 293.217, 293C.220) **Section 7** of this bill clarifies that election board officers are appointed for the polling places in the county. **Sections 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19-23, 27, 30, 39, 43-45, 51-55, 59 and 66** of this bill make corresponding changes.

Existing law requires a county clerk to publish a copy of the full text of any proposed constitution, constitutional amendment, statewide measure, including a state referendum, and county referendum along with its condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. (NRS 293.253, 295.045, 295.160) **Sections 10, 67 and 68** of this bill eliminate the requirements to publish the full text of a statewide measure three times, including a statewide referendum, and a county referendum.

Existing law provides for the ballots for a general election to include the name of an independent candidate for a partisan office followed by the word “independent” or the abbreviation “IND.” (NRS 293.267) **Section 11** of this bill provides for the use of the words “no political party” or the abbreviation “NPP” to follow the name of an independent candidate instead.

Existing law requires an election board officer in charge of the roster to announce the name of a voter applying to vote and take the voter’s signature to verify that it matches the signature or facsimile thereof in the original application. (NRS 293.285, 293.3585, 293C.275, 293C.3585) **Section 15, 24, 47 and 57** of this bill provide that if the voter’s signature does not match, the voter must provide certain proof of identification and update his or her signature.

Existing law requires an alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each precinct to be posted in a public area of each polling place in a county and city and for an election board officer to identify at certain times the names of each voter who has voted. (NRS 293.301, 293C.290) **Sections 17 and 49** of this bill authorize the county or city clerk of each county or city to: (1) require an election board officer to post the alphabetical listing at each precinct; or (2) publish on the Internet website of the county or city clerk, as applicable, the alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each precinct in the county or city, respectively. Regardless of which option is selected by the county or city clerk, **sections 17 and 49** require the alphabetical listings to be updated during the election.

Existing law provides that a voter’s precinct or voting district number must be included in certain documents used during early voting. (NRS 293.3585, 293.3604, 293C.3585, 293C.3604) **Sections 24-26 and 56-58** of this bill clarify that during early voting, the precinct or voting district number must be included on the roster and the voting receipt if that information is available. The statements prepared by the election board and the ballots do not require the precinct or voting district number and are not required to be sorted by precinct or voting district at the close of early voting.

Existing law requires each county and city clerk to mail a sample ballot to each registered voter in the applicable county or city. (NRS 293.565, 293C.530) **Sections 40 and 63** of this bill provide that each county and city clerk may provide an option for registered voters to elect to receive sample ballots by electronic



means. If the county or city clerk provides such an option, a registered voter may elect to receive sample ballots by electronic means. **Sections 3, 41, 63 and 69-74** of this bill make conforming changes.

Existing law provides for the chair and at least one other member of the election board to deliver the ballots and election materials to a receiving center or central counting place. (NRS 293B.335, 293C.635) **Sections 42 and 65** of this bill revise this provision to require at least two board members to deliver the ballots and election materials.

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

Section 1. NRS 293.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.040 “Clerk” means the election board officer designated or assigned to make the record of the election in the roster, tally list and challenge list in the precinct , ~~for~~ district *or polling place* in which such officer is appointed.

Sec. 2. NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.095 “Roster” means the form *or file* furnished *to* election board officers *which contains a list of eligible voters and is* to be used for obtaining the signature of each person applying for a ballot. *The term includes a paper form and an electronic file that may be signed electronically.*

Sec. 3. NRS 293.097 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.097 “Sample ballot” means a document distributed by a county or city clerk upon which is ~~printed~~ *included* a list of the offices, candidates and ballot questions that will appear on a ballot. The term includes any such document which is ~~printed~~ *prepared* by a computer ~~and distributed by mail or by electronic means.~~

Sec. 4. NRS 293.113 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.113 “Tally list” means ~~the~~ :
1. The paper form furnished to election board officers to be used in recording the number of votes cast for each candidate and question on the ballot ~~and~~ ; *or*

2. An electronically generated report of the number of votes cast for each candidate and question on the ballot.

Sec. 5. NRS 293.203 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293.203 Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the certified list of candidates from the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall publish a notice of primary election or general election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for 2 successive weeks. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada county. The notice must contain:

1. The date of the election.
2. The location of the polling places.



3. The hours during which the polling places will be open for voting.

4. The names of the candidates.

5. A list of the offices to which the candidates seek nomination or election.

↪ The notice required for a general election pursuant to this section may be published in conjunction with the notice required for a proposed constitution ~~[.]~~ or constitutional amendment ~~for statewide measure]~~ pursuant to NRS 293.253. If the notices are combined in this manner, they must be published three times in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 293.253.

Sec. 6. NRS 293.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.207 1. Election precincts must be established on the basis of the number of registered voters therein, with a maximum of ~~[1,500]~~ 3,000 registered voters who are not designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530 per precinct in those precincts in which a mechanical voting system is used.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the county clerk may consolidate two or more contiguous election precincts into a single voting district to conduct a particular election as public convenience, necessity and economy may require.

3. If a county clerk proposes to consolidate two or more contiguous election precincts, in whole or in part, pursuant to subsection 2, the county clerk shall, at least 14 days before consolidating the precincts, cause notice of the proposed consolidation to be:

(a) Posted in the manner prescribed for a regular meeting of the board of county commissioners; and

(b) Mailed to each Assemblyman, Assemblywoman, State Senator, county commissioner and, if applicable, member of the governing body of a city who represents residents of a precinct affected by the consolidation.

4. A person may file a written objection to the proposed consolidation with the county clerk. The county clerk shall consider each written objection filed pursuant to this subsection before consolidating the precincts.

Sec. 7. NRS 293.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.217 1. The county clerk of each county shall appoint and notify registered voters to act as election board officers for the various ~~polling places and~~ precincts ~~[and districts]~~ in the county as provided in NRS 293.220 to 293.243, inclusive, and 293.384. The registered voters appointed as election board officers for any polling place or precinct ~~for district]~~ must not all be of the same political party. No candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may



1 be appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election
2 board officers are appointed, if requested by the county clerk, the
3 sheriff shall:

4 (a) Appoint a deputy sheriff for each polling place in the county
5 and for the central election board or the absent ballot central
6 counting board; or

7 (b) Deputize as a deputy sheriff for the election an election
8 board officer of each polling place in the county and for the central
9 election board or the absent ballot central counting board. The
10 deputized officer shall receive no additional compensation for
11 services rendered as a deputy sheriff during the election for which
12 the officer is deputized.

13 ➤ Deputy sheriffs so appointed and deputized shall preserve order
14 during hours of voting and attend closing of the polls.

15 2. The county clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of
16 election board officer as set forth in NRS 293.2175.

17 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.2175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 293.2175 1. The county clerk may appoint a pupil as a
19 trainee for the position of election board officer. To qualify for such
20 an appointment, the pupil must be:

21 (a) A United States citizen, a resident of Nevada and a resident
22 of the county in which the pupil serves;

23 (b) Enrolled in high school; and

24 (c) At the time of service, at least 16 years of age.

25 2. The county clerk may only appoint a pupil as a trainee if:

26 (a) The pupil is appointed without party affiliation;

27 (b) The county clerk sends the pupil a certificate stating the date
28 and hours that the pupil will act as a trainee;

29 (c) At least 20 days before the election in which the pupil will
30 act as a trainee, the principal of the high school or the pupil's
31 assigned school counselor receives the county clerk's certificate and
32 a written request signed by the pupil's parent or guardian to be
33 excused from school for the time specified in the certificate;

34 (d) The principal of the high school or the assigned school
35 counselor of the pupil approves the pupil's request; and

36 (e) The pupil attends the training class required by
37 NRS 293B.260.

38 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the county
39 clerk may assign a trainee such duties as the county clerk deems
40 appropriate. The county clerk shall not:

41 (a) Require the trainee to perform those duties later than 10 p.m.
42 or any applicable curfew, whichever is earlier; or

43 (b) Assign more than one trainee to serve as an election board
44 officer in any one ~~precinct~~ **polling place**.



4. The county clerk may compensate a trainee for service at the same rate fixed for election board officers generally.

Sec. 9. NRS 293.227 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.227 1. Each election board must have one member designated as the chair by the county or city clerk. The election boards shall make the records of election required by this chapter.

2. The appointment of a trainee as set forth in NRS 293.2175 and 293C.222 may be used to determine the number of members on the election board, but under no circumstances may:

(a) The election board of any ~~precinct~~ *polling place* include more than one trainee; or

(b) A trainee serve as chair of the election board.

3. The county or city clerk shall conduct or cause to be conducted a school to acquaint the members of an election board with the election laws, duties of election boards, regulations of the Secretary of State and with the procedure for making the records of election and using the register for election boards.

4. The board of county commissioners of any county or the city council of any city may reimburse the members of an election board who attend the school for their travel expenses at a rate not exceeding 10 cents per mile.

Sec. 10. NRS 293.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.253 1. The Secretary of State shall provide each county clerk with copies of any proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or statewide measure which will appear on the general election ballot, together with the copies of the condensations, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250 and 293.252.

2. Whenever feasible, the Secretary of State shall provide those copies on or before the first Monday in August of the year in which the proposals will appear on the ballot. Copies of any additional proposals must be provided as soon after their filing as feasible.

3. Each county clerk shall cause a copy of the full text of any such constitution ~~or~~ *or* amendment ~~for measure~~ and its condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note to be published, in conspicuous display advertising format of not less than 10 column inches, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county three times at intervals of not less than 7 days, the first publication to be on or before the first Monday in October. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada county.

4. If a copy *of any such constitution or amendment* is furnished by the Secretary of State too late to be published at 7-day



intervals, it must be published three times at the longest intervals feasible in each county.

5. *Each county clerk shall cause a copy of the condensation of any statewide measure and its explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note to be published on or before the first Monday in October in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada county.*

6. The portion of the cost of publication which is attributable to publishing the questions, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes of proposed constitutions, constitutional amendments or statewide measures is a charge against the State and must be paid from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account upon recommendation by the Secretary of State and approval by the State Board of Examiners.

Sec. 11. NRS 293.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.267 1. Ballots for a general election must contain the names of candidates who were nominated at the primary election, the names of the candidates of a minor political party and the names of independent candidates.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2565, names of candidates must be grouped alphabetically under the title and length of term of the office for which those candidates filed.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4:

(a) Immediately following the name of each candidate for a partisan office must appear the name or abbreviation of his or her political party, the ~~word "independent"~~ words "*no political party*" or the abbreviation ~~["IND,"]~~ "*NPP*," as the case may be.

(b) Immediately following the name of each candidate for a nonpartisan office must appear the word "nonpartisan" or the abbreviation "NP."

4. Where a system of voting other than by paper ballot is used, the Secretary of State may provide for any placement of the name or abbreviation of the political party, the ~~word "independent"~~ words "*no political party*" or "nonpartisan" or the abbreviation ~~["IND"]~~ "*NPP*" or "NP," as appropriate, which clearly relates the designation to the name of the candidate to whom it applies.

5. If the Legislature rejects a statewide measure proposed by initiative and proposes a different measure on the same subject which the Governor approves, the measure proposed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor must be listed on the ballot before the statewide measure proposed by initiative. Each ballot and sample ballot upon which the measures appear must contain a statement that reads substantially as follows:



The following questions are alternative approaches to the same issue, and only one approach may be enacted into law. Please vote for only one.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

2. Whenever at any election all the votes of the ~~{precinct or district,}~~ **polling place**, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers shall close the polls, and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.

3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.

4. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this title.

Sec. 13. NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.275 No election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at any ~~{precinct or district}~~ **polling place** in any election provided for in this title, unless it has before it the ~~{election board register}~~ **roster** for ~~{its precinct or district,}~~ **the polling place**.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.541, if a person's name appears in the ~~{election board register}~~ **roster** or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the ~~{election board register}~~ **roster** when he or she applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's original application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place are:

(a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote;

(b) A driver's license;

(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(d) A military identification card; or



(e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.

Sec. 15. NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.285 A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the ~~{election board register,}~~ **roster**, and the officer shall immediately announce the name ~~{and take the registered voter's signature.}~~ **, instruct the voter to sign the roster and verify the signature of the voter. If the signature does not match, the voter must:**

1. Provide proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277; and

2. Update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 16. NRS 293.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.287 1. A registered voter applying to vote at any primary election shall give his or her name and political affiliation, if any, to the election board officer in charge of the ~~{election board register,}~~ **roster**, and the officer shall immediately announce the name and political affiliation.

2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by any registered voter upon:

(a) Any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293.303;

(b) The ground that the person applying does not belong to the political party designated upon the ~~{register,}~~ **roster**; or

(c) The ground that the ~~{register}~~ **roster** does not show that the person designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong.

3. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner provided by NRS 293.303.

4. A registered voter who has designated on his or her application to register to vote an affiliation with a minor political party may vote a nonpartisan ballot at the primary election.

Sec. 17. NRS 293.301 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.301 1. The county clerk of each county shall ~~{require}~~ :

(a) Require an election board officer to post an alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each precinct in a public area of each polling place in the county ~~{;}~~ **; or**

(b) Publish on the Internet website of the county clerk an alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each precinct in the county.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5002 and 293.558, the alphabetical listing **required pursuant to subsection 1** must include the name, ~~{address}~~ **precinct** and political affiliation of



each voter. ~~{Not less than four times during the hours in which the polling place is open, and}~~

3. If the county clerk:

(a) Requires an alphabetical listing to be posted in each polling place pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

(1) An election board officer at the polling place shall, not less than four times during the hours in which the polling place is open, identify the name of each voter that voted ~~{since the last identification.~~

~~—2.}~~ at the polling place; and

(2) Each page of the alphabetical listing that is posted in a polling place must contain a notice which reads substantially as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to remove, tear, mark or otherwise deface this alphabetical listing of registered voters except an election board officer acting pursuant to ~~{subsection 1- of}~~ NRS 293.301.

~~{3.}~~ (b) Publishes an alphabetical listing pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the county clerk shall, not less than four times during the hours in which polling places in the county are open, identify on the Internet website of the county clerk the name of every voter who has voted at each polling place.

4. Any person who removes, tears, marks or otherwise defaces an alphabetical listing posted pursuant to this section with the intent to falsify or prevent others from readily ascertaining the name, address or political affiliation of any voter, or the fact that a voter has or has not voted, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 18. NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

(a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

(b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.

2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:

(a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not belong to the political party designated upon the ~~{register,}~~



1 **roster**, “I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I belong to
2 the political party designated upon the ~~{register;} roster~~”;

3 (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the ~~{register} roster~~
4 does not show that the challenged person designated the political
5 party to which he or she claims to belong, “I swear or affirm under
6 penalty of perjury that I designated on the application to register to
7 vote the political party to which I claim to belong”;

8 (c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person
9 does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the
10 ~~{election board register;} roster~~, “I swear or affirm under penalty of
11 perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in
12 the ~~{election board register;} roster~~”;

13 (d) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person
14 previously voted a ballot for the election, “I swear or affirm under
15 penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or
16 questions included on this ballot for this election”;

17 (e) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is
18 not the person he or she claims to be, “I swear or affirm under
19 penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this
20 ~~{election board register;} roster.~~”

21 ➔ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by
22 the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under
23 penalty of perjury.

24 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the
25 challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so
26 tendered, he or she must not be issued a ballot, and the officer in
27 charge of the ~~{election board register;} roster~~ shall write the words
28 “Challenged” opposite his or her name in the ~~{election~~
29 ~~board register;} roster~~.

30 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or
31 affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2, the
32 election board officers shall issue the person a nonpartisan ballot.

33 5. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or
34 affirmation set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election
35 board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to
36 vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.304.

37 6. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and
38 the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of
39 subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue the person a
40 partisan ballot.

41 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph
42 (c) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or
43 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot
44 until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains
45 proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the



purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517 does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.

8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person:

(a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or

(b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who:

(1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and

(2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.

9. The election board officers shall:

(a) Record on the challenge list:

(1) The name of the challenged person;

(2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and

(3) The result of the challenge; and

(b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.

Sec. 19. NRS 293.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.310 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.330 and chapter 293D of NRS, a registered voter who requests and receives an absent voter's ballot may vote only by absent ballot at the election for which the absent ballot was issued.

2. If a registered voter has requested an absent ballot and the ballot has been mailed or issued, the county clerk shall notify the ~~precinct or district~~ appropriate election board that the registered voter has requested an absent ballot.

Sec. 20. NRS 293.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.325 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 293D.200, when an absent ballot is returned by a registered voter to the county clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in person, and record thereof is made in the absent ballot record book, the county clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with any other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver, or cause to be delivered, that container to the ~~precinct or district~~ appropriate election board.



2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, if an absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, when an absent ballot is returned by a registered voter to the county clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in person, the county clerk shall check the signature on the return envelope, facsimile or other approved electronic transmission against the original signature of the voter on the county clerk's register. If the county clerk determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast a ballot, the county clerk shall deposit the ballot in the proper ballot box or place the ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or under the control of the county clerk at all times. At the end of each day before election day, the county clerk may remove the ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the ballots in a container and seal the container with a numbered seal. Not earlier than 4 working days before the election, the county clerk shall deliver the ballots to the absent ballot central counting board to be processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the procedures established by the Secretary of State to ensure the confidentiality of the prepared ballots until after the polls have closed pursuant to NRS 293.273 or 293.305.

Sec. 21. NRS 293.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.333 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, on the day of an election, the ~~[precinct or district]~~ election boards receiving the absent voters' ballots from the county clerk shall, in the presence of a majority of the election board officers, remove the ballots from the ballot box and the containers in which the ballots were transported pursuant to NRS 293.325 and deposit the ballots in the regular ballot box in the following manner:

1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or facsimile, must be called and checked as if the voter were voting in person;

2. The signature on the back of the return envelope or on the facsimile must be compared with that on the original application to register to vote;

3. If the board determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast a ballot, the envelope must be opened, the numbers on the ballot and envelope compared, the number strip or stub detached from the ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the ballot deposited in the regular ballot box; and

4. The election board officers shall mark in the roster opposite the name of the voter the word "Voted."

Sec. 22. NRS 293.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.335 When all absent ballots delivered to ~~[precinct or district]~~ the election boards have been voted or rejected, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, the empty envelopes and the



envelopes containing rejected ballots must be returned to the county clerk. On all envelopes containing rejected ballots the cause of rejection must be noted and the envelope signed by a majority of the election board officers.

Sec. 23. NRS 293.3576 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3576 1. The county clerk shall publish during the week before the period for early voting and at least once each week during the period for early voting in a newspaper of general circulation a schedule stating:

(a) The location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting . ~~{and the election precincts served by each location.}~~

(b) The dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location.

2. The county clerk shall post a copy of the schedule on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the last day of that period.

3. The county clerk shall make copies of the schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge during the period of posting.

4. No additional polling places for early voting may be established after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

Sec. 24. NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3585 1. Upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, ~~{the deputy clerk for early voting}~~ *an election board officer* shall:

(a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county . ~~{}~~

(b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting . ~~{; and}~~

(c) Verify the signature of the voter against that contained on the original application to register to vote or a facsimile thereof, the card issued to the voter at the time of registration or some other piece of official identification. *If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must:*

(1) Provide proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277; and

(2) Update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(d) Verify that the voter has not voted in this election.

2. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to determine that the voter has not already voted pursuant to this section.



1 3. The roster for early voting must contain:

2 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered
3 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the
4 voter's signature;

5 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number ~~§~~ , *if that*
6 *information is available*; and

7 (c) The date of voting early in person.

8 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified
9 himself or herself to the satisfaction of the ~~deputy clerk for early~~
10 ~~voting~~ *election board officer*, the voter is entitled to receive the
11 appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the
12 polling place for early voting.

13 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which
14 directly records the votes electronically, the ~~deputy clerk for early~~
15 ~~voting~~ *election board officer* shall:

16 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

17 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district , *if that*
18 *information is available*, and the form of ballot are indicated on the
19 voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and

20 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

21 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may
22 be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

23 **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording
25 device which directly records the votes electronically are used
26 during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an
27 election other than a presidential preference primary election:

28 1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

29 (a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The
30 statement must include:

31 (1) The title of the election;

32 (2) ~~§~~ ~~The number of the precinct or voting district;~~

33 ~~— (3) The number which identifies the mechanical recording~~
34 ~~device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;~~

35 ~~§~~ (3) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical
36 recording device for that day; and

37 ~~§~~ (4) The number of signatures in the roster for early
38 voting for that day.

39 (b) Secure:

40 (1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by
41 NRS 293.3594; and

42 (2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed
43 by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.3594.

44 2. At the close of the last voting day, the county clerk shall
45 deliver to the ballot board for early voting:



- 1 (a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;
- 2 (b) The voting rosters used for early voting;
- 3 (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from
- 4 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early
- 5 voting; and
- 6 (d) Any other items as determined by the county clerk.

7 3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the
8 close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

- 9 (a) ~~{Sort the items by precinct or voting district;~~
- 10 ~~—(b) Count the number of ballots voted by precinct or voting~~
- 11 ~~district;~~

- 12 ~~—(c) Account for all~~ *Indicate the number of* ballots on an
- 13 official statement of ballots; and

- 14 ~~{(d)}~~ (b) Place the ~~{items}~~ *storage devices* in the container
- 15 provided to transport those items to the central counting place and
- 16 seal the container with a numbered seal. The official statement of
- 17 ballots must accompany the ~~{items}~~ *storage devices* to the central
- 18 counting place.

19 **Sec. 26.** NRS 293.3608 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 293.3608 On election day the county clerk shall:

- 21 1. Ensure that each mechanical recording device used during
- 22 the period for early voting provides a record of the total number of
- 23 votes recorded on the device for each candidate and for or against
- 24 each measure; and

- 25 2. Deliver to the central counting place:

- 26 (a) The ~~{items sorted and counted}~~ *storage devices required*
- 27 pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3604;

- 28 (b) The records provided pursuant to subsection 1; and

- 29 (c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from
- 30 each mechanical recording device used during the period for early
- 31 voting.

32 **Sec. 27.** NRS 293.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.365 No counting board in any precinct , ~~{or}~~ district *or*
34 *polling place* in which paper ballots are used may commence to
35 count the votes until all ballots used or unused are accounted for.

36 **Sec. 28.** NRS 293.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 293.370 ~~{1-}~~ When all the votes have been counted, the
38 counting board officers shall ~~{enter on the}~~ *produce a* tally ~~{lists}~~ *list*
39 *organized* by *precinct and ballot type indicating* ~~{the name of each~~
40 ~~candidate}~~ the number of votes ~~{the}~~ *that each* candidate received.
41 The ~~{vote}~~ *votes* for and against any question submitted to the
42 electors must be entered in the same manner.

43 ~~{2.—The tally lists must show the number of votes, other than~~
44 ~~absentee votes and votes in a mailing precinct, which each candidate~~
45 ~~received in each precinct at:~~



- 1 ~~—(a) A primary election held in an even-numbered year; or~~
2 ~~—(b) A general election.~~

3 **Sec. 29.** NRS 293.373 is hereby amended to read as follows:
4 293.373 If paper ballots are used:

5 1. After the ballots have been counted, the voted ballots,
6 rejected ballots, tally lists for regular ballots, tally list for rejected
7 ballots, challenge list, stubs of used ballots, spoiled ballots and
8 unused ballots must be sealed under cover by the counting board
9 officers and addressed to the county clerk.

10 2. The ~~{other}~~ rosters and tally lists ~~{and the election board~~
11 ~~register}~~ must be returned to the county clerk.

12 **Sec. 30.** NRS 293.465 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 293.465 If an election is prevented in any precinct or district by
14 reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that
15 precinct, or any other cause, the *appropriate* election officers ~~{for}~~
16 *in* that precinct or district shall make an affidavit setting forth that
17 fact and transmit it to the appropriate board of county
18 commissioners. Upon receipt of the affidavit and upon the
19 application of any candidate for any office to be voted for by the
20 registered voters of that precinct or district, the board of county
21 commissioners shall order a new election in that precinct or district.

22 **Sec. 31.** NRS 293.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 293.510 1. In counties where computers are not used to
24 register voters, the county clerk shall:

25 (a) Segregate original applications to register to vote according
26 to the precinct in which the registered voters reside and arrange the
27 applications in each precinct or district in alphabetical order. The
28 applications for each precinct or district must be kept ~~{in a separate~~
29 ~~binder which is marked with the number of the}~~ *separately for each*
30 precinct or district. ~~{This binder constitutes the election board~~
31 ~~register.}~~ *These applications must be used to prepare the rosters.*

32 (b) Arrange the duplicate applications of registration in
33 alphabetical order for the entire county and keep them in binders or
34 a suitable file which constitutes the registrar of voters' register.

35 2. In any county where a computer is used to register voters,
36 the county clerk shall:

37 (a) Arrange the original applications to register to vote for the
38 entire county in a manner in which an original application may be
39 quickly located. These original applications constitute the registrar
40 of voters' register.

41 (b) Segregate the applications to register to vote in a computer
42 file according to the precinct or district in which the registered
43 voters reside, and for each precinct or district have printed a
44 computer listing which contains the applications to register to vote
45 in alphabetical order. These listings of applications to register to



vote must be ~~{placed in separate binders which are marked with the number of the precinct or district. These binders constitute the election board registers.}~~ *used to prepare the rosters.*

Sec. 32. NRS 293.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.511 If a registrar of voters' register or ~~{an election board register}~~ *roster* is kept by computer, the register *or roster, as applicable,* must include ~~{all the information contained in the original applications to register to vote.}~~ *the name, address, precinct, political affiliation and signature or facsimile thereof of each voter and any additional information required by the county clerk.*

Sec. 33. NRS 293.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.524 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide an application to register to vote to each person who applies for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department.

2. The county clerk shall use the applications to register to vote which are signed and completed pursuant to subsection 1 to register applicants to vote or to correct information in the registrar of voters' register. An application that is not signed must not be used to register or correct the registration of the applicant.

3. For the purposes of this section, each employee specifically authorized to do so by the Director of the Department may oversee the completion of an application. The authorized employee shall check the application for completeness and verify the information required by the application. Each application must include a duplicate copy or receipt to be retained by the applicant upon completion of the form. The Department shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, forward each application on a weekly basis to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the applicant resides. The applications must be forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the fifth Sunday preceding an election.

4. The county clerk shall accept any application to register to vote which is obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this section and completed by the fifth Sunday preceding an election if the county clerk receives the application not later than 5 days after that date. Upon receipt of an application, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall determine whether the application is complete. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the application is complete, he or she shall notify the applicant and the applicant shall be deemed to be registered as of the date of the submission of the application. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the application is not complete, he or she shall notify the applicant of



1 the additional information required. The applicant shall be deemed
2 to be registered as of the date of the initial submission of the
3 application if the additional information is provided within 15 days
4 after the notice for the additional information is mailed. If the
5 applicant has not provided the additional information within 15 days
6 after the notice for the additional information is mailed, the
7 incomplete application is void. Any notification required by this
8 subsection must be given by mail at the mailing address on the
9 application not more than 7 working days after the determination is
10 made concerning whether the application is complete.

11 5. The county clerk shall use any form submitted to the
12 Department to correct information on a driver's license or
13 identification card to correct information in the registrar of voters'
14 register, unless the person indicates on the form that the correction
15 is not to be used for the purposes of voter registration. The
16 Department shall forward each such form to the county clerk or, if
17 applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the
18 person resides in the same manner provided by subsection 3 for
19 applications to register to vote.

20 6. Upon receipt of a form to correct information, the county
21 clerk shall compare the information to that contained in the registrar
22 of voters' register. If the person is a registered voter, the county
23 clerk shall correct the information to reflect any changes indicated
24 on the form. After making any changes, the county clerk shall notify
25 the person by mail that the records have been corrected.

26 7. The Secretary of State shall, with the approval of the
27 Director, adopt regulations to:

28 (a) Establish any procedure necessary to provide an elector who
29 applies to register to vote pursuant to this section the opportunity to
30 do so;

31 (b) Prescribe the contents of any forms or applications which the
32 Department is required to distribute pursuant to this section; and

33 (c) Provide for the transfer of the completed applications of
34 registration from the Department to the appropriate county clerk for
35 inclusion in the ~~{election board registers}~~ **rosters** and registrar of
36 voters' register.

37 **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 293.525 1. Any elector who is presently registered and has
39 changed residence after the last preceding general election and who
40 fails to return or never receives a postcard mailed pursuant to NRS
41 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535 who moved:

42 (a) From one precinct to another or from one congressional
43 district to another within the same county must be allowed to vote in
44 the precinct where the elector previously resided after providing an



1 oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting
2 to his or her new address.

3 (b) Within the same precinct must be allowed to vote after
4 providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board
5 officer attesting to his or her new address.

6 2. If an elector alleges that the records in the registrar of voters'
7 register or the ~~{election board register.}~~ **roster** incorrectly indicate
8 that the elector has changed residence, the elector must be permitted
9 to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an
10 election board officer attesting that he or she continues to reside at
11 the same address.

12 3. If an elector refuses to provide an oral or written affirmation
13 attesting to his or her address as required by this section, the elector
14 may only vote at the special polling place in the county in the
15 manner set forth in NRS 293.304.

16 4. The county clerk shall use any information regarding the
17 current address of an elector obtained pursuant to this section to
18 correct information in the registrar of voters' register and the
19 ~~{election board register.}~~ **roster**.

20 **Sec. 35.** NRS 293.533 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.533 Any elector may bring and any number of electors
22 may join in an action or proceeding in a district court to compel the
23 county clerk to enter the name of such elector or electors in the
24 registrar of voters' register and the ~~{election board register.}~~ **roster**.

25 **Sec. 36.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the registration of a
27 voter if:

28 (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district
29 attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that
30 information in the registration concerning the identity or residence
31 of the voter is fraudulent;

32 (b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to
33 subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to
34 subsection 3; and

35 (c) The voter fails to present satisfactory proof of identity and
36 residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.

37 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county
38 clerk shall notify the voter by registered or certified mail, return
39 receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to subsection 1.
40 The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation. Unless the
41 voter, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in the
42 office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory proof of identity and
43 residence to the county clerk, the county clerk shall cancel the
44 voter's registration.



3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to provide the notice required by subsection 2, the county clerk shall execute an affidavit of cancellation and file the affidavit of cancellation with the registrar of voters' register and:

(a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer, the county clerk shall attach a copy of the affidavit of cancellation in the ~~election board register.~~ **roster.**

(b) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, the county clerk shall have the affidavit of cancellation printed on the computer entry for the registration and add a copy of it to the ~~election board register.~~ **roster.**

4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if the voter furnishes:

(a) Official identification which contains a photograph of the voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other official document; and

(b) Satisfactory identification that contains proof of the address at which the voter actually resides and that address is consistent with the address listed on the ~~election board register.~~ **roster.**

5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and an absent ballot or a ballot voted by a voter who resides in a mailing precinct is received from the voter, the ballot must be kept separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter presents satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and residence before such ballots are counted on election day.

6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517 does not provide proof of the:

(a) Address at which a person actually resides; or

(b) Residence or identity of a person.

Sec. 37. NRS 293.547 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.547 1. After the 30th day but not later than the 25th day before any election, a written challenge may be filed with the county clerk.

2. A registered voter may file a written challenge if:

(a) He or she is registered to vote in the same precinct as the person whose right to vote is challenged; and

(b) The challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

3. The challenge must be signed and verified by the registered voter and name the person whose right to vote is challenged and the ground of the challenge.



4. A challenge filed pursuant to this section must not contain the name of more than one person whose right to vote is challenged. The county clerk shall not accept for filing any challenge which contains more than one such name.

5. The county clerk shall:

(a) File the challenge in the registrar of voters' register and:

(1) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer, he or she shall attach a copy of the challenge to the challenged registration in the ~~election board register.~~ **roster.**

(2) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, he or she shall have the challenge printed on the computer entry for the challenged registration and add a copy of it to the ~~election board register.~~ **roster.**

(b) Within 5 days after a challenge is filed, mail a notice in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530 to the person whose right to vote has been challenged pursuant to this section informing the person of the challenge. If the person fails to respond or appear to vote within the required time, the county clerk shall cancel the person's registration. A copy of the challenge and information describing how to reregister properly must accompany the notice.

(c) Immediately notify the district attorney. A copy of the challenge must accompany the notice.

6. Upon receipt of a notice pursuant to this section, the district attorney shall investigate the challenge within 14 days and, if appropriate, cause proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction without delay. The court shall give such proceedings priority over other civil matters that are not expressly given priority by law. Upon court order, the county clerk shall cancel the registration of the person whose right to vote has been challenged pursuant to this section.

Sec. 38. NRS 293.548 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.548 1. A person who files a written challenge pursuant to NRS 293.547 or an affidavit pursuant to NRS 293.535 may withdraw the challenge or affidavit not later than the 25th day before the date of the election, by submitting a written request to the county clerk. Upon receipt of the request, the county clerk shall:

(a) Remove the challenge or affidavit from the registrar of voters' register, any ~~election board register.~~ **roster** and any other record in which the challenge or affidavit has been filed or entered;

(b) If a notice of the challenge or affidavit has been mailed to the person who is the subject of the challenge or affidavit, mail a notice and a copy of the request to withdraw to that person; and

(c) If a notice of the challenge has been mailed to the district attorney, mail a notice and a copy of the request to withdraw to the district attorney.



2. If the county clerk receives a request to withdraw pursuant to subsection 1, the county clerk shall withdraw the person's challenge or affidavit.

Sec. 39. NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of registration and the election, the county clerk shall ~~;~~:

~~—(a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer,~~ prepare for each ~~{precinct or district}~~ **polling place** a ~~{binder}~~ **roster** containing ~~{in alphabetical order the original applications to register to vote of the electors}~~ **the registered voters** in the precinct or district ~~{. The binder constitutes the election board register.}~~

~~—(b) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, have printed and placed in a binder for each precinct or district a computer listing in alphabetical order of the applications to register to vote of the electors in the precinct or district. The binder constitutes the election board register.}~~ **assigned to vote at the polling place.**

2. ~~{Each election board register}~~ **The roster** must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county or city clerk to an election officer of the proper ~~{precinct or district}~~ **polling place** before the opening of the polls.

Sec. 40. NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, sample ballots must include:

(a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;

(b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015, 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;

(c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;

(d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and

(e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, the word "Incumbent" must appear



on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent.

3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment if:

(a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment were not included;

(b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample ballot; and

(c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.

4. *A county clerk may provide an option for registered voters to elect to receive sample ballots by electronic means. If a county clerk provides that option and a registered voter:*

(a) Elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the county clerk must deliver the sample ballot to the registered voter in that manner.

(b) Does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the county clerk must deliver the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

5. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the county clerk shall cause to be ~~mailed~~ *distributed by mail or electronic means, as applicable*, to each registered voter in the county ~~to~~ *the* sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:

(a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before ~~mailing~~ *distributing* the sample ballots; or

(b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

~~5.1~~ 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~6.1~~ 7, a sample ballot required to be ~~mailed~~ *distributed* pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be ~~printed~~ *prepared* in at least 12-point type; and

(b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice ~~printed~~ *prepared* in at least 20-point bold type that states:



NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

~~16.1~~ 7. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.

~~17.1~~ 8. The sample ballot ~~mailed~~ distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be ~~printed~~ prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

~~18.1~~ 9. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots ~~mailed~~ distributed to that person from the county are in large type.

~~19.1~~ 10. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:

(a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

(b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and

(c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his or her regularly designated polling place.

~~110.1~~ 11. The cost of ~~mailing~~ distributing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.

Sec. 41. NRS 293.780 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.780 1. A person who is entitled to vote shall not vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election. Any person who votes or attempts to vote twice at the same election is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

2. Notice of the provisions of subsection 1 must be given by the county or city clerk as follows:

(a) ~~Printed~~ Stated on all sample ballots ~~mailed;~~ distributed by mail or electronic means;



- 1 (b) Posted in boldface type at each polling place; and
2 (c) Posted in boldface type at the office of the county or city
3 clerk.

4 **Sec. 42.** NRS 293B.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293B.335 1. ~~{The chair and at}~~ **At** least ~~{one other member}~~
6 **two members** of the election board shall deliver the sealed container
7 to a receiving center or to the central counting place, as directed by
8 the county clerk. If practicable, the ~~{other board member}~~ **members**
9 must be of ~~{a}~~ different political ~~{party than the chair.}~~ **parties.**

10 2. The ~~{chair}~~ **members of the election board described in**
11 **subsection 1** shall provide for the transportation or other disposition
12 of all other supplies and election materials as directed by the county
13 clerk.

14 3. Any member of the general public may observe the delivery
15 of a sealed container to a receiving center or to the central counting
16 place if he or she does not interfere with the delivery of the sealed
17 container.

18 **Sec. 43.** NRS 293C.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293C.220 1. The city clerk shall appoint and notify registered
20 voters to act as election board officers for the various **polling places**
21 **and** precincts ~~{and districts}~~ in the city as provided in NRS 293.225,
22 293.227, 293C.227 to 293C.245, inclusive, and 293C.382. No
23 candidate for nomination or election or a relative of the candidate
24 within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may be
25 appointed as an election board officer. Immediately after election
26 board officers are appointed, if requested by the city clerk, the chief
27 law enforcement officer of the city shall:

28 (a) Appoint an officer for each polling place in the city and for
29 the central election board or the absent ballot central counting
30 board; or

31 (b) Deputize, as an officer for the election, an election board
32 officer for each polling place and for the central election board or
33 the absent ballot central counting board. The deputized officer may
34 not receive any additional compensation for the services he or she
35 provides as an officer during the election for which the officer is
36 deputized.

37 ➤ Officers so appointed and deputized shall preserve order during
38 hours of voting and attend the closing of the polls.

39 2. The city clerk may appoint a trainee for the position of
40 election board officer as set forth in NRS 293C.222.

41 **Sec. 44.** NRS 293C.222 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293C.222 1. The city clerk may appoint a pupil as a trainee
43 for the position of election board officer. To qualify for such an
44 appointment, the pupil must be:



(a) A United States citizen, a resident of Nevada and a resident of the city in which the pupil serves;

(b) Enrolled in high school; and

(c) At the time of service, at least 16 years of age.

2. The city clerk may only appoint a pupil as a trainee if:

(a) The pupil is appointed without party affiliation;

(b) The city clerk sends the pupil a certificate stating the date and hours that the pupil will act as a trainee;

(c) At least 20 days before the election in which the pupil will act as a trainee, the principal of the high school or the assigned school counselor of the pupil receives the city clerk's certificate and a written request signed by the pupil's parent or guardian to be excused from school for the time specified in the certificate;

(d) The principal of the high school or the assigned school counselor of the pupil approves the pupil's request; and

(e) The pupil attends the training class required by NRS 293B.260.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the city clerk may assign a trainee such duties as the city clerk deems appropriate. The city clerk shall not:

(a) Require the trainee to perform those duties later than 10 p.m., or any applicable curfew, whichever is earlier; or

(b) Assign more than one trainee to serve as an election board officer in any one ~~precinct~~ **polling place**.

4. The city clerk may compensate a trainee for service at the same rate fixed for election board officers generally.

Sec. 45. NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

2. Whenever at any election all the votes of the ~~precinct or district~~ **polling place**, as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers shall close the polls and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.

3. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made so that all present may be aware of the fact that applications of registered voters to vote will be received.

4. No person other than election board officers engaged in receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the provisions of this chapter.



1 **Sec. 46.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293C.270 1. If a person's name appears in the ~~{election board~~
3 ~~register}~~ **roster** or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to
4 NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or
5 her name in the ~~{election board register}~~ **roster** when he or she
6 applies to vote. The signature must be compared by an election
7 board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the
8 person's original application to register to vote or one of the forms
9 of identification listed in subsection 2.

10 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a
11 voter at the polling place are:

12 (a) The card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered
13 to vote;

14 (b) A driver's license;

15 (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
16 Vehicles;

17 (d) A military identification card; or

18 (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
19 agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description
20 or picture.

21 **Sec. 47.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 293C.275 A registered voter who applies to vote must state his
23 or her name to the election board officer in charge of the ~~{election~~
24 ~~board register,}~~ **roster**, and the officer shall immediately announce
25 the name ~~{and take the registered voter's signature.}~~ **, instruct the**
26 **voter to sign the roster and verify the signature of the voter. If the**
27 **signature does not match, the voter must:**

28 1. **Provide proof of identification as described in NRS**
29 **293C.270; and**

30 2. **Update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the**
31 **Secretary of State.**

32 **Sec. 48.** NRS 293C.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293C.277 1. A registered voter who applies to vote at an
34 election must give his or her name to the election board officer in
35 charge of the ~~{election board register,}~~ **roster**, and the officer shall
36 immediately announce the name of the voter.

37 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by a registered
38 voter upon any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS
39 293C.292. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner
40 provided in NRS 293C.292.

41 **Sec. 49.** NRS 293C.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293C.290 1. The city clerk shall ~~{require}~~ **:**

43 **(a) Require** an election board officer to post an alphabetical
44 listing of all registered voters for each precinct in a public area of
45 each polling place in the city ~~{;}~~ **; or**



(b) Publish on the Internet website of the city clerk an alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each precinct in the city.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5002 and 293.558, the alphabetical listing must include the name, precinct and address of each voter. ~~[Not less than four times during the hours in which the polling place is open, and]~~

3. If the city clerk:

(a) Requires an alphabetical listing to be posted in each polling place pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

(1) An election board officer at the polling place shall, not less than four times during the hours in which the polling place is open, identify the name of each voter who voted ~~[since the last identification.~~

~~—2.]~~ at the polling place; and

(2) Each page of the alphabetical listing that is posted in a polling place must contain a notice which reads substantially as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to remove, tear, mark or otherwise deface this alphabetical listing of registered voters except an election board officer acting pursuant to NRS 293C.290.

~~[3.]~~ (b) Publishes an alphabetical listing pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the city clerk shall, not less than four times during the hours in which polling places in the city are open, identify on the Internet website of the city clerk the name of every voter who has voted at each polling place.

4. Any person who removes, tears, marks or otherwise defaces an alphabetical listing posted pursuant to this section with the intent to falsify or prevent others from readily ascertaining the name or address of any voter, or the fact that a voter has or has not voted, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 50. NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:
293C.292 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

(a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct or district upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election; or

(b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.

2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:

(a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the



1 ~~{election board register.}~~ roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of
2 perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in
3 the ~~{election board register.}~~ roster";

4 (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person
5 previously voted a ballot for the election, "I swear or affirm under
6 penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or
7 questions included on this ballot for this election"; or

8 (c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is
9 not the person he or she claims to be, "I swear or affirm under
10 penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this
11 ~~{election board register.}~~ roster."

12 ➤ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by
13 the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under
14 penalty of perjury.

15 3. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or
16 affirmation so tendered, he or she must not be issued a ballot, and
17 the officer in charge of the ~~{election board register.}~~ roster shall
18 write the words "Challenged" opposite his or her name in
19 the ~~{election board register.}~~ roster.

20 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or
21 affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the election
22 board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to
23 vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293C.295.

24 5. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and
25 the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of
26 subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue him or her a
27 ballot.

28 6. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph
29 (a) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or
30 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot
31 until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification that contains
32 proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the
33 purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card issued pursuant
34 to NRS 293.517 does not provide proof of the address at which a
35 person resides.

36 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph
37 (c) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or
38 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot
39 unless the person:

40 (a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph
41 of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document;
42 or

43 (b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at
44 least 18 years of age who:



(1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and

(2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.

8. The election board officers shall:

(a) Record on the challenge list:

(1) The name of the challenged person;

(2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and

(3) The result of the challenge; and

(b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.

Sec. 51. NRS 293C.307 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.307 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.330, a registered voter who requests and receives an absent voter's ballot may vote only by absent ballot at the election for which the absent ballot was issued.

2. If a registered voter has requested an absent ballot and the ballot has been mailed or issued, the city clerk shall notify the ~~precinct or district~~ appropriate election board that the registered voter has requested an absent ballot.

Sec. 52. NRS 293C.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.325 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 293D.200, when an absent ballot is returned by a registered voter to the city clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in person, and record thereof is made in the absent ballot record book, the city clerk shall neatly stack, unopened, the absent ballot with any other absent ballot received that day in a container and deliver, or cause to be delivered, that container to the ~~precinct or district~~ appropriate election board.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, if an absent ballot central counting board has been appointed, when an absent ballot is returned by a registered voter to the county clerk through the mail, by facsimile machine or other approved electronic transmission or in person, the county clerk shall check the signature on the return envelope, facsimile or other approved electronic transmission against the original signature of the voter on the county clerk's register. If the city clerk determines that the absent voter is entitled to cast a ballot, the city clerk shall deposit the ballot in the proper ballot box or place the ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or under the control of the city clerk at all times. At the end of each day before election day, the city clerk may remove the ballots from each ballot box, neatly stack the ballots in a



1 container and seal the container with a numbered seal. Not earlier
2 than 4 working days before the election, the county clerk shall
3 deliver the ballots to the absent ballot central counting board to be
4 processed and prepared for counting pursuant to the procedures
5 established by the Secretary of State to ensure the confidentiality of
6 the prepared ballots until after the polls have closed pursuant to
7 NRS 293C.267 or 293C.297.

8 **Sec. 53.** NRS 293C.332 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 293C.332 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, on
10 the day of an election, the ~~{precinct or district}~~ election boards
11 receiving the absent voters' ballots from the city clerk shall, in the
12 presence of a majority of the election board officers, remove the
13 ballots from the ballot box and the containers in which the ballots
14 were transported pursuant to NRS 293C.325 and deposit the ballots
15 in the regular ballot box in the following manner:

16 1. The name of the voter, as shown on the return envelope or
17 facsimile, must be called and checked as if the voter were voting in
18 person;

19 2. The signature on the back of the return envelope or on the
20 facsimile must be compared with that on the original application to
21 register to vote;

22 3. If the board determines that the absent voter is entitled to
23 cast a ballot, the envelope must be opened, the numbers on the
24 ballot and envelope compared, the number strip or stub detached
25 from the ballot and, if the numbers are the same, the ballot deposited
26 in the regular ballot box; and

27 4. The election board officers shall mark in the roster opposite
28 the name of the voter the word "Voted."

29 **Sec. 54.** NRS 293C.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 293C.335 When all absent ballots delivered to ~~{precinct or~~
31 ~~district}~~ **the** election boards have been voted or rejected, except as
32 otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, the empty envelopes and the
33 envelopes containing rejected ballots must be returned to the city
34 clerk. On all envelopes containing the rejected ballots the cause of
35 rejection must be noted and the envelope signed by a majority of the
36 election board officers.

37 **Sec. 55.** NRS 293C.3576 is hereby amended to read as
38 follows:

39 293C.3576 1. The city clerk shall publish during the week
40 before the period for early voting and at least once each week during
41 the period for early voting in a newspaper of general circulation a
42 schedule stating:

43 (a) The location of each permanent and temporary polling place
44 for early voting . ~~{and the election precincts served by each~~
45 ~~location.}~~



(b) The dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location.

2. The city clerk shall post a copy of the schedule on the bulletin board used for posting notice of the meetings of the city council. The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the last day of that period.

3. The city clerk shall make copies of the schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge during the period of posting.

4. No additional polling places for early voting may be established after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

Sec. 56. NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3585 1. Upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early voting, ~~the deputy clerk for early voting~~ **an election board officer** shall:

(a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county . ~~§~~

(b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting . ~~§ and~~

(c) Verify the signature of the voter against that contained on the original application to register to vote or a facsimile thereof, the card issued to the voter at the time of registration or some other piece of official identification. ***If the signature does not match, the voter must:***

(1) Provide proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270; and

(2) Update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(d) Verify that the voter has not voted in this election.

2. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to determine that the voter has not already voted pursuant to this section.

3. The roster for early voting must contain:

(a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;

(b) The voter's precinct or voting district number ~~§~~ , ***if that information is available;*** and

(c) The date of voting early in person.

4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the ~~deputy clerk for early voting~~ **election board officer**, the voter is entitled to receive the



appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early voting.

5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the ~~{deputy clerk for early voting}~~ **election board officer** shall:

(a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

(b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, **if that information is available**, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and

(c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

Sec. 57. NRS 293C.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3604 If ballots which are voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically are used during the period for early voting by personal appearance in an election other than a presidential preference primary election:

1. At the close of each voting day, the election board shall:

(a) Prepare and sign a statement for the polling place. The statement must include:

(1) The title of the election;

(2) ~~{The number of the precinct or voting district;~~

~~—(3)}~~ (3) The number which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

~~{(4)}~~ (4) The number of ballots voted on the mechanical recording device for that day; and

~~{(5)}~~ (5) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day.

(b) Secure:

(1) The ballots pursuant to the plan for security required by NRS 293C.3594; and

(2) Each mechanical voting device in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293C.3594.

2. At the close of the last voting day, the city clerk shall deliver to the ballot board for early voting:

(a) The statements for all polling places for early voting;

(b) The voting rosters used for early voting;

(c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting; and

(d) Any other items as determined by the city clerk.

3. Upon receipt of the items set forth in subsection 2 at the close of the last voting day, the ballot board for early voting shall:

(a) ~~{Sort the items by precinct or voting district;~~



~~—(b) Count the number of ballots voted by precinct or voting district;~~

~~—(c) Account for all~~ *Indicate the number of* ballots on an official statement of ballots; and

~~[(d)] (b)~~ Place the ~~items~~ *storage devices* in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a number seal. The official statement of ballots must accompany the ~~items~~ *storage devices* to the central counting place.

Sec. 58. NRS 293C.3608 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3608 On election day, the city clerk shall:

1. Ensure that each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting provides a record printed on paper of the total number of votes recorded on the device for each candidate and for or against each measure; and

2. Deliver to the central counting place:

(a) The ~~items sorted and counted~~ *storage devices required* pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293C.3604;

(b) The records printed on paper provided pursuant to subsection 1; and

(c) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting.

Sec. 59. NRS 293C.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.365 A counting board in any precinct , ~~for~~ district *or polling place* in which paper ballots are used may not begin to count the votes until all ballots used or unused are accounted for.

Sec. 60. NRS 293C.372 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.372 When all the votes have been counted, the counting board officers shall ~~enter on the~~ *produce a* tally ~~lists~~ *list organized* by *precinct and ballot type indicating* ~~the name of each candidate~~ the number of votes ~~the~~ *each* candidate received. The ~~vote~~ *votes* for and against any question submitted to the electors must be entered in the same manner.

Sec. 61. NRS 293C.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.375 If paper ballots are used:

1. After the ballots have been counted, the voted ballots, rejected ballots, tally lists for regular ballots, tally list for rejected ballots, challenge list, stubs of used ballots, spoiled ballots and unused ballots must be sealed under cover by the counting board officers and addressed to the city clerk.

2. The ~~other~~ rosters and tally lists ~~and the election board register~~ must be returned to the city clerk.



Sec. 62. NRS 293C.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.525 1. Any elector who is registered to vote and has changed residence after the last preceding general city election and who fails to return or never receives a postcard mailed pursuant to NRS 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535 who moved:

(a) From one precinct to another within the same city must be allowed to vote in the precinct where the elector previously resided after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting to his or her new address.

(b) Within the same precinct must be allowed to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting to his or her new address.

2. If an elector alleges that the records in the registrar of voters' register or the ~~{election board register}~~ **roster** incorrectly indicate that the elector has changed residence, the elector must be allowed to vote after providing an oral or written affirmation before an election board officer attesting that he or she continues to reside at the same address.

3. If an elector refuses to provide an oral or written affirmation attesting to his or her address as required by this section, the elector may only vote at the special polling place in the city in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.295.

Sec. 63. NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.530 1. ***A city clerk may provide an option for registered voters to elect to receive sample ballots by electronic means. If a city clerk provides that option and a registered voter:***

(a) Elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk must deliver the sample ballot to the registered voter in that manner.

(b) Does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk must deliver the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

2. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall cause to be ~~{mailed}~~ ***distributed by mail or electronic means, as applicable,*** to each registered voter in the city ~~{a}~~ ***the*** sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:

(a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before ~~{mailing}~~ ***distributing*** the sample ballots; or

(b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:



NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

~~{2-}~~ 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~{4-}~~ 5, a sample ballot required to be ~~{mailed}~~ **distributed** pursuant to this section must:

(a) Be ~~{printed}~~ **prepared** in at least 12-point type;

(b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question, including arguments for and against the measure or question, as required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217; and

(c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice ~~{printed}~~ **prepared** in at least 20-point bold type that states:

NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

~~{3-}~~ 4. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.

~~{4-}~~ 5. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.

~~{5-}~~ 6. The sample ballot ~~{mailed}~~ **distributed** to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be ~~{printed}~~ **prepared** in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

~~{6-}~~ 7. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots ~~{mailed}~~ **distributed** to that person from the city are in large type.

~~{7-}~~ 8. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:

(a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;



(b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and

(c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at the voter's regularly designated polling place.

~~{8.}~~ 9. The cost of ~~{mailing}~~ *distributing* sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.

Sec. 64. NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided by special charter, registration of electors in incorporated cities must be accomplished in the manner provided in this chapter.

2. The county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the county the ~~{election board register}~~ *roster* of all electors eligible to vote at a regular or special city election.

3. The ~~{official register}~~ *rosters* must be prepared, ~~{in suitable books,}~~ one for each ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. The entries in the ~~{election board register}~~ *roster* must be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.

4. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or copies of the applications to register to vote ~~{contained in the official register}~~ in the county clerk's office.

Sec. 65. NRS 293C.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.635 1. ~~{The chair and at}~~ *At* least ~~{one other member}~~ *two members* of the election board shall deliver the sealed container to a receiving center or to the central counting place, as directed by the city clerk.

2. The ~~{chair}~~ *members of the election board described in subsection 1* shall provide for the transportation or other disposition of all other supplies and election materials as directed by the city clerk.

3. Any member of the general public may observe the delivery of a sealed container to a receiving center or to the central counting place if he or she does not interfere with the delivery of the sealed container.

Sec. 66. NRS 293C.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.710 If a city election is prevented in any precinct or district by reason of the loss or destruction of the ballots intended for that precinct or district, or any other cause, the *appropriate* election officers ~~{for}~~ *in* that precinct or district shall make an affidavit setting forth that fact and transmit it to the governing body of the appropriate city. Upon receipt of the affidavit and upon the application of any candidate for any city office to be voted for by the registered voters of that precinct or district, the governing body of the city shall order a new election in that precinct or district.



Sec. 67. NRS 295.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.045 1. A petition for referendum must be filed with the Secretary of State not less than 120 days before the date of the next succeeding general election.

2. The Secretary of State shall certify the questions to the county clerks, and they shall publish them in accordance with the provisions of law requiring county clerks to publish ~~questions and proposed constitutional amendments which are to be submitted for popular vote.~~ *statewide measures pursuant to NRS 293.253.*

3. The title of the statute or resolution must be set out on the ballot, and the question printed upon the ballot for the information of the voters must be as follows: “Shall the statute (setting out its title) be approved?”

4. Where a mechanical voting system is used, the title of the statute must appear on the list of offices and candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on and may be condensed to no more than 25 words.

5. The votes cast upon the question must be counted and canvassed as the votes for state officers are counted and canvassed.

Sec. 68. NRS 295.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.160 1. If the petition is determined to be sufficient, the county clerk shall, at the next general election, submit the act or resolution, by appropriate questions on the ballot, for the approval or disapproval of the people of that county.

2. The county clerk shall publish those questions in accordance with the provisions of law requiring county clerks to publish ~~questions and proposed constitutional amendments which are to be submitted for popular vote.~~ *statewide measures pursuant to NRS 293.253.*

Sec. 69. NRS 244A.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

244A.785 1. The board of county commissioners of a county whose population is 700,000 or more may, by ordinance, create one or more districts within the unincorporated area of the county for the support of public parks. Such a district may include territory within the boundary of an incorporated city if so provided by interlocal agreement between the county and the city.

2. The ordinance creating a district must specify its boundaries. The area included within the district may be contiguous or noncontiguous. The boundaries set by the ordinance are not affected by later annexations to or incorporation of a city.

3. The alteration of the boundaries of such a district may be initiated by:

(a) A petition proposed unanimously by the owners of the property which is located in the proposed area which was not previously included in the district; or



(b) A resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners on its own motion.

➔ If the board of county commissioners proposes on its own motion to alter the boundaries of a district for the support of public parks, it shall, at the next primary or general election, submit to the registered voters who reside in the proposed area which was not previously included in the district, the question of whether the boundaries of the district shall be altered. If a majority of the voters approve the question, the board shall, by ordinance, alter the boundaries of the district as approved by the voters.

4. The sample ballot required to be ~~mailed~~ *distributed* pursuant to NRS 293.565 must include for the question described in subsection 3, a disclosure of any future increase or decrease in costs which may be reasonably anticipated in relation to the purposes of the district for the support of public parks and its probable effect on the district's tax rate.

Sec. 70. NRS 266.0325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.0325 1. At least 10 days before an election held pursuant to NRS 266.029, the county clerk or registrar of voters shall cause to be ~~mailed~~ *distributed by mail or electronic means, as applicable*, to each qualified elector a sample ballot for the elector's precinct with a notice informing the elector of the location of the polling place for that precinct.

2. The sample ballot must:

(a) Be in the form required by NRS 266.032.

(b) Include the information required by NRS 266.032.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, be ~~printed~~ *prepared* in at least 12-point type.

(d) Describe the area proposed to be incorporated by assessor's parcel maps, existing boundaries of subdivision or parcel maps, identifying visible ground features, extensions of the visible ground features, or by any boundary that coincides with the official boundary of the State, a county, a city, a township, a section or any combination thereof.

(e) Contain a copy of the map or plat that was submitted with the petition pursuant to NRS 266.019 and depicts the existing dedicated streets, sewer interceptors and outfalls and their proposed extensions.

(f) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice ~~printed~~ *prepared* in at least 20-point bold type that states:

NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)



3. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.

4. The sample ballot ~~mailed~~ *distributed* to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be ~~printed~~ *prepared* in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

5. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots ~~mailed~~ *distributed* to that person from the county are in large type.

Sec. 71. NRS 266.034 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.034 1. The costs incurred by the board of county commissioners in carrying out the provisions relating to the incorporation, including the costs incurred in certifying the petition, publishing the notices, requesting the report pursuant to NRS 266.0261, conducting the public hearing and election, including the cost of ~~mailing~~ *distributing* the sample ballots, and any appeal pursuant to NRS 266.0265 are a charge against the county if the proposed incorporation is not submitted to the voters or the incorporation is disapproved by the voters, and a charge against the incorporated city if the incorporation is approved by the voters.

2. The costs incurred by the incorporators in carrying out the provisions relating to the incorporation, including the costs incurred in preparation of the petition for incorporation, preparation of the descriptions and map of the area proposed to be incorporated and circulation of the petition are chargeable to the incorporated city if the incorporation is approved by the voters.

Sec. 72. NRS 349.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

349.015 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the sample ballot required to be ~~mailed~~ *distributed* pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530, and the notice of election must contain:

- (a) The time and places of holding the election.
- (b) The hours during the day in which the polls will be open, which must be the same as provided for general elections.
- (c) The purposes for which the bonds are to be issued.
- (d) A disclosure of any:

(1) Future increase or decrease in costs which can reasonably be anticipated in relation to the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued and its probable effect on the tax rate; and

(2) Requirement relating to the bond question which is imposed pursuant to a court order or state or federal statute and the probable consequences which will result if the bond question is not approved by the voters.



(e) An estimate of the annual cost to operate, maintain and repair any buildings, structures or other facilities or improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds.

(f) The maximum amount of the bonds.

(g) The maximum rate of interest.

(h) The maximum number of years which the bonds are to run.

2. Any election called pursuant to NRS 349.010 to 349.070, inclusive, may be consolidated with a primary or general election.

3. If the election is consolidated with a general election, the notice of election need not set forth the places of holding the election, but may instead state that the places of holding the election will be the same as those provided for the general election.

Sec. 73. NRS 350.024 is hereby amended to read as follows:

350.024 1. The ballot question for a proposal submitted to the electors of a municipality pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 350.020 must contain the principal amount of the general obligations to be issued or incurred, the purpose of the issuance or incurrence of the general obligations and an estimate established by the governing body of:

(a) The duration of the levy of property tax that will be used to pay the general obligations; and

(b) The average annual increase, if any, in the amount of property taxes that an owner of a new home with a fair market value of \$100,000 will pay for debt service on the general obligations to be issued or incurred.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the sample ballot required to be ~~mailed~~ distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and the notice of election must contain:

(a) The time and places of holding the election.

(b) The hours during the day in which the polls will be open, which must be the same as provided for general elections.

(c) The ballot question.

(d) The maximum amount of the obligations, including the anticipated interest, separately stating the total principal, the total anticipated interest and the anticipated interest rate.

(e) An estimate of the range of property tax rates stated in dollars and cents per \$100 of assessed value necessary to provide for debt service upon the obligations for the dates when they are to be redeemed. The municipality shall, for each such date, furnish an estimate of the assessed value of the property against which the obligations are to be issued or incurred, and the governing body shall estimate the tax rate based upon the assessed value of the property as given in the assessor's estimates.

3. If an operating or maintenance rate is proposed in conjunction with the question to issue obligations, the questions



1 may be combined, but the sample ballot and notice of election must
2 each state the tax rate required for the obligations separately from
3 the rate proposed for operation and maintenance.

4 4. Any election called pursuant to NRS 350.020 to 350.070,
5 inclusive, may be consolidated with a primary or general municipal
6 election or a primary or general state election. The notice of election
7 need not set forth the places of holding the election, but may instead
8 state that the places of holding the election will be the same as those
9 provided for the election with which it is consolidated.

10 5. If the election is a special election, the clerk shall cause
11 notice of the close of registration to be published in a newspaper
12 printed in and having a general circulation in the municipality once
13 in each calendar week for 2 successive calendar weeks next
14 preceding the close of registration for the election.

15 **Sec. 74.** NRS 350.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 350.027 1. In addition to any requirements imposed pursuant
17 to NRS 350.024, any sample ballot required to be ~~mailed~~
18 *distributed* pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and any notice of
19 election, for an election that includes a proposal for the issuance by
20 any municipality of any bonds or other securities, including an
21 election that is not called pursuant to NRS 350.020 to 350.070,
22 inclusive, must contain an estimate of the annual cost to operate,
23 maintain and repair any buildings, structures or other facilities or
24 improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the
25 bonds or other securities.

26 2. For the purposes of this section, “municipality” has the
27 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 350.538.

28 **Sec. 75.** NRS 293.053 is hereby repealed.

29 **Sec. 76.** This act becomes effective:

30 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
31 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
32 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

33 2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

293.053 “Election board register” defined. “Election board register” means the record of registered voters provided to election boards.

