SENATE BILL NO. 270-SENATOR KIECKHEFER

MARCH 13, 2015

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises certain provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-835)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; revising certain provisions relating to the selection of temporary polling places; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes a county or city clerk to establish temporary polling places for early voting, which are not required to have uniform schedules for conducting voting. (NRS 293.3572, 293C.3572) This bill requires a county or city clerk who elects to establish a temporary polling place to appoint an early voting commission to select the locations for any temporary polling places. This commission must: (1) represent the geographic diversity of the county or city, as applicable; and (2) include an equal number of representatives of each of the major political parties.

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

Section 1. NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, the county clerk may *elect to* establish temporary [branch] polling places for early voting which may include, without limitation, the clerk's office pursuant to NRS 293.3561.

2. If the county clerk elects to establish temporary polling places, the county clerk shall appoint not less than four registered voters who reside in the county to serve on an early voting commission to select the locations for the temporary polling places





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pursuant to NRS 293.3561. The registered voters appointed to serve on the early voting commission must represent the geographic diversity of the county and must include, without limitation, an equal number of representatives from each of the major political parties.

- 3. All meetings of the early voting commission must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.
- 4. A temporary polling place must be selected by a majority of members present at a meeting of the early voting commission. In case of a tie, the county clerk may cast a vote. Any temporary polling place must be selected by the commission not less than 30 days before the period for early voting begins.
- 5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293.3568 do not apply to a temporary polling place. Voting at a temporary [branch] polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the county clerk.
- [3.] 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary [branch] polling places.
- [4.] 7. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary [branch] polling place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct early voting at that location.
- **Sec. 2.** NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, the city clerk may *elect to* establish temporary [branch] polling places for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.
- 2. If the city clerk elects to establish temporary polling places, the city clerk shall appoint not less than four registered voters who reside in the city to serve on an early voting commission to select the locations for the temporary polling places pursuant to NRS 293C.3561. The registered voters appointed to serve on the early voting commission must represent the geographic diversity of the city and must include, without limitation, an equal number of representatives from each of the major political parties.
- 3. All meetings of the early voting commission must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 241 of NRS.
- 4. A temporary polling place must be selected by a majority of members present at a meeting of the early voting commission. In case of a tie, the city clerk may cast a vote. Any temporary polling place must be selected by the commission not less than 30 days before the period for early voting begins.





5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293C.3568 do not apply to a temporary polling place. Voting at a temporary [branch] polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the city clerk.

[3.] 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to

be uniform among the temporary [branch] polling places.

[4.] 7. The legal rights and remedies which inure to the owner or lessor of private property are not impaired or otherwise affected by the leasing of the property for use as a temporary [branch] polling place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct early voting at that location.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.





