

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 478—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.
(BDR 24-463)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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; changing the deadline by which a person may register to vote by mail or computer for a primary election, primary city election, general city election or general election; providing that the county and city clerks are not required to distribute sample ballots for an election to certain persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing federal law requires that each state ensure that an eligible voter who submits an application to register to vote by mail be registered to vote in an election for federal office if the voter registration form is postmarked not later than 30 days before the date of the election. (52 U.S.C. § 20507) Under existing Nevada law, an application to register to vote by mail must be postmarked or received by the county clerk not later than the fifth Saturday before a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election. (NRS 293.5235, 293.560, 293C.527) This bill changes the deadline to register to vote by mail for these elections.

Sections 5 and 6 of this bill provide the last day to register to vote by mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election. **Sections 1.5-4** of this bill make conforming changes.

Existing law provides that the last day to register to vote by computer is the third Tuesday preceding any primary or general election. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) **Sections 5 and 6** of this bill provide, with limited exception, that the last day to register to vote by computer is the Thursday before the period for early voting begins.



Existing law requires county and city clerks to distribute sample ballots before the period for early voting begins. (NRS 293.565, 293C.530) **Sections 5.5 and 6.5** of this bill provide a limited exception to this requirement so that the clerks are not required to distribute sample ballots for an election to persons who register to vote less than 20 days before the election. **Section 1** of this bill makes a conforming change.

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

Section 1. NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has the right:

1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

(a) Is written in a format that allows the clear identification of candidates; and

(b) Accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of candidates.

2. To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to have an explanation of the procedures for voting posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place.

3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.

4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line at his or her polling place to vote before 7 p.m. and the voter has not already cast a vote in that election.

5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another ballot in its place.

6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.

7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and delivered in a timely manner **H as provided by law.**

8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting during early voting or on election day.

9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly, disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or a citizen who is overseas.

10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and recounting all votes accurately.

11. To have complaints about elections and election contests resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 293.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.504 1. The following offices shall serve as voter registration agencies:



1 (a) Such offices that provide public assistance as are designated
2 by the Secretary of State;

3 (b) Each office that receives money from the State of Nevada to
4 provide services to persons with disabilities in this State;

5 (c) The offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles;

6 (d) The offices of the city and county clerks;

7 (e) Such other county and municipal facilities as a county clerk
8 or city clerk may designate pursuant to NRS 293.5035 or 293C.520,
9 as applicable;

10 (f) Recruitment offices of the United States Armed Forces; and

11 (g) Such other offices as the Secretary of State deems
12 appropriate.

13 2. Each voter registration agency shall:

14 (a) Post in a conspicuous place, in at least 12-point type,
15 instructions for registering to vote;

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, distribute
17 applications to register to vote which may be returned by mail with
18 any application for services or assistance from the agency or
19 submitted for any other purpose and with each application for
20 recertification, renewal or change of address submitted to the
21 agency that relates to such services, assistance or other purpose;

22 (c) Provide the same amount of assistance to an applicant in
23 completing an application to register to vote as the agency provides
24 to a person completing any other forms for the agency; and

25 (d) Accept completed applications to register to vote.

26 3. A voter registration agency is not required to provide an
27 application to register to vote pursuant to paragraph (b) of
28 subsection 2 to a person who applies for or receives services or
29 assistance from the agency or submits an application for any other
30 purpose if the person declines to register to vote and submits to the
31 agency a written form that meets the requirements of 42 U.S.C. §
32 1973gg-5(a)(6). No information related to the declination to register
33 to vote may be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

34 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and NRS
35 293.524, any application to register to vote accepted by a voter
36 registration agency must be transmitted to the county clerk not later
37 than 10 days after the application is accepted. The applications must
38 be forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the
39 ~~{fifth Sunday preceding an election}~~ *last day to register to vote by*
40 *mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.* The
41 county clerk shall accept any application to register to vote which is
42 obtained from a voter registration agency pursuant to this section
43 and completed by the ~~{fifth Sunday preceding an election}~~ *last day*
44 *to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527,*



1 *as applicable*, if the county clerk receives the application not later
2 than 5 days after that date.

3 5. The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Secretary of
4 Defense to develop and carry out procedures to enable persons in
5 this State to apply to register to vote at recruitment offices of the
6 United States Armed Forces.

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 293.505 1. All justices of the peace, except those located in
9 county seats, are ex officio field registrars to carry out the
10 provisions of this chapter.

11 2. The county clerk shall appoint at least one registered voter to
12 serve as a field registrar of voters who, except as otherwise provided
13 in NRS 293.5055, shall register voters within the county for which
14 the field registrar is appointed. Except as otherwise provided in
15 subsection 1, a candidate for any office may not be appointed or
16 serve as a field registrar. A field registrar serves at the pleasure of
17 the county clerk and shall perform such duties as the county clerk
18 may direct. The county clerk shall not knowingly appoint any
19 person as a field registrar who has been convicted of a felony
20 involving theft or fraud. The Secretary of State may bring an action
21 against a county clerk to collect a civil penalty of not more than
22 \$5,000 for each person who is appointed as a field registrar in
23 violation of this subsection. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to
24 this subsection must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit
25 to the State General Fund.

26 3. A field registrar shall demand of any person who applies for
27 registration all information required by the application to register to
28 vote and shall administer all oaths required by this chapter.

29 4. When a field registrar has in his or her possession five or
30 more completed applications to register to vote, the field registrar
31 shall forward them to the county clerk, but in no case may the field
32 registrar hold any number of them for more than 10 days.

33 5. Each field registrar shall forward to the county clerk all
34 completed applications in his or her possession immediately after
35 the ~~{fifth Sunday preceding an election.}~~ *last day to register to vote*
36 *by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.*
37 Within 5 days after the ~~{fifth Sunday preceding any general election~~
38 ~~or general city election.}~~ *last day to register to vote by mail*
39 *pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable*, a field
40 registrar shall return all unused applications in his or her possession
41 to the county clerk. If all of the unused applications are not returned
42 to the county clerk, the field registrar shall account for the
43 unreturned applications.

44 6. Each field registrar shall submit to the county clerk a list of
45 the serial numbers of the completed applications to register to vote



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1 and the names of the electors on those applications. The serial
2 numbers must be listed in numerical order.

3 7. Each field registrar shall post notices sent to him or her by
4 the county clerk for posting in accordance with the election laws of
5 this State.

6 8. A field registrar, employee of a voter registration agency or
7 person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection 13 of NRS 293.5235
8 shall not:

9 (a) Delegate any of his or her duties to another person; or

10 (b) Refuse to register a person on account of that person's
11 political party affiliation.

12 9. A person shall not hold himself or herself out to be or
13 attempt to exercise the duties of a field registrar unless the person
14 has been so appointed.

15 10. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter
16 registration agency or person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection
17 13 of NRS 293.5235 shall not:

18 (a) Solicit a vote for or against a particular question or
19 candidate;

20 (b) Speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot
21 for or against a particular question or candidate; or

22 (c) Distribute any petition or other material concerning a
23 candidate or question which will be on the ballot for the ensuing
24 election,

25 ➤ while registering an elector.

26 11. When the county clerk receives applications to register to
27 vote from a field registrar, the county clerk shall issue a receipt to
28 the field registrar. The receipt must include:

29 (a) The number of persons registered; and

30 (b) The political party of the persons registered.

31 12. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter
32 registration agency or person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection
33 13 of NRS 293.5235 shall not:

34 (a) Knowingly register a person who is not a qualified elector or
35 a person who has filed a false or misleading application to register
36 to vote; or

37 (b) Register a person who fails to provide satisfactory proof of
38 identification and the address at which the person actually resides.

39 13. A county clerk, field registrar, employee of a voter
40 registration agency, person assisting a voter pursuant to subsection
41 13 of NRS 293.5235 or any other person providing a form for the
42 application to register to vote to an elector for the purpose of
43 registering to vote:

44 (a) If the person who assists an elector with completing the form
45 for the application to register to vote retains the form, shall enter his



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1 or her name on the duplicate copy or receipt retained by the voter
2 upon completion of the form; and

3 (b) Shall not alter, deface or destroy an application to register to
4 vote that has been signed by an elector except to correct information
5 contained in the application after receiving notice from the elector
6 that a change in or addition to the information is required.

7 14. If a field registrar violates any of the provisions of this
8 section, the county clerk shall immediately suspend the field
9 registrar and notify the district attorney of the county in which the
10 violation occurred.

11 15. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsection
12 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be
13 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

14 **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.5237 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 293.5237 Any time before the ~~fifth Sunday preceding an~~
16 ~~election,~~ *last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS*
17 *293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable,* a person who because of
18 illness, disability or for other good cause shown requires assistance
19 to complete an application to register to vote may request the county
20 clerk in writing or by telephone to register the person at the person's
21 residence. Upon request, the county clerk shall direct the appropriate
22 field registrar to go to the home of such a person to register the
23 person to vote.

24 **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 293.524 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide
26 an application to register to vote to each person who applies for the
27 issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification
28 card issued by the Department.

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

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



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~~Sunday preceding an election.~~ *last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.*

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}~~ *last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable*, 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 the additional information required. The applicant shall be deemed to be registered as of the date of the initial submission of the application if the additional information is provided within 15 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed. If the applicant has not provided the additional information within 15 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed, the incomplete application is void. Any notification required by this subsection must be given by mail at the mailing address on the application not more than 7 working days after the determination is made concerning whether the application is complete.

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

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

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

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



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

(c) Provide for the transfer of the completed applications of registration from the Department to the appropriate county clerk for inclusion in the rosters and registrar of voters' register.

Sec. 5. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300 ~~registration must close on~~ :

(a) For a primary or general election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote:

(1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.

(2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035, is the third Tuesday preceding ~~any~~ the primary or general election . ~~and on~~

(3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting.

(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday preceding ~~any~~ the recall or special election . ~~except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.~~

2. For a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person.* In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. during the last 2 days ~~before registration closes~~ *a person may register to vote in person* if approved by the board of county commissioners.

3. For a general election:

(a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person.* The office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the board of county commissioners.

(b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person,* according to the following schedule:



- 1 (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and
- 2 (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
- 3 holidays.

4 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or

5 350 of NRS:

6 (a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed

7 by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general

8 circulation in the county indicating:

9 (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and

10 (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility

11 pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.

12 ➤ If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication

13 may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the

14 nearest county in this State.

15 (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4

16 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any

17 election.

18 5. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated

19 pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may

20 remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered

21 year.

22 6. ~~If for the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any~~

23 ~~primary or general election and ending on the third Tuesday~~

24 ~~preceding any primary or general election, an elector may register to~~

25 ~~vote only:~~

26 ~~—(a) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if~~

27 ~~open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or~~

28 ~~—(b) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system~~

29 ~~pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.~~

30 ~~—7.†~~ A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035

31 may be open during the periods described in this section for such

32 hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in

33 subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.

34 **Sec. 5.5.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,

36 sample ballots must include:

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

38 (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect,

39 as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015,

40 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment,

41 statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special

42 district or political subdivision and advisory question;

43 (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,

44 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed

45 constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted



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1 upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory
2 question;

3 (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional
4 amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a
5 special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and
6 rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810,
7 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and

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

9 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word
10 “Incumbent” must appear on the ballot next to the name of the
11 candidate who is the incumbent, the word “Incumbent” must appear
12 on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the
13 incumbent.

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

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

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

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

26 4. A county clerk may establish a system for distributing
27 sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who
28 elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system
29 may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access
30 through an Internet website. If a county clerk establishes such a
31 system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by
32 electronic means, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot
33 to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the
34 procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the
35 Secretary of State.

36 5. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot
37 by electronic means pursuant to subsection 4, the county clerk shall
38 distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

39 6. ~~Before~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7,*
40 *before* the period for early voting for any election begins, the county
41 clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the county by mail
42 or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her
43 precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or
44 her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed
45 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 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

7. If a person registers to vote less than 20 days before the date of an election, the county clerk is not required to distribute to the person the sample ballot for that election by mail or electronic means.

~~8.~~ 9. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~8.~~ 9, a sample ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

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

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

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

~~8.~~ 9. 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.

~~9.~~ 10. The sample ballot 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 prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

~~10.~~ 11. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to that person from the county are in large type.

~~11.~~ 12. 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;



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(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.

~~13.~~ **13.** The cost of distributing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.

Sec. 6. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300 ~~registration must close on~~ :

(a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote:

(1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.

(2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is the third Tuesday preceding ~~any~~ the primary city election or general city election. ~~and on~~

(3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters and:

(I) The governing body of the city has provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting.

(II) The governing body of the city has not provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election.

(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday preceding ~~any~~ recall or special election. ~~except that if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the day of the elections.~~

2. For a primary city election or special city election, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person.* In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.

3. For a general election:



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(a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person.* The office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.

(b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which ~~registration is open.~~ *a person may register to vote in person,* according to the following schedule:

(1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and

(2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:

(a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city indicating:

(1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and

(2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.

➔ If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city in this State.

(b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.

5. ~~If for the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary city election or general city election and ending on the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election, an elector may register to vote only:~~

~~—(a) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520; or~~

~~—(b) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.~~

~~—6.†~~ A municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the city clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293C.520.

Sec. 6.5. NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.530 1. A city clerk may establish a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website. If a city clerk



1 establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a
2 sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the
3 sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to
4 the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by
5 the Secretary of State.

6 2. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot
7 by electronic means pursuant to subsection 1, the city clerk shall
8 distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.

9 3. ~~Before~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4,*
10 *before* the period for early voting for any election begins, the city
11 clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the city by mail or
12 electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her
13 precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or
14 her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed
15 since the last election:

16 (a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each
17 registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before
18 distributing the sample ballots; or

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

21
22 NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE
23 HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION
24

25 4. *If a person registers to vote less than 20 days before the*
26 *date of an election, the city clerk is not required to distribute to the*
27 *person the sample ballot for that election by mail or electronic*
28 *means.*

29 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~16,~~ 7, a sample
30 ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

31 (a) Be prepared in at least 12-point type;

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

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

38
39 NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN
40 LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)
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42 ~~15,~~ 6. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample
43 ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if
44 required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.



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~~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 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 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 city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots distributed to that person from the city are in large type.

~~19-1~~ 10. 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.

~~110-1~~ 11. The cost of distributing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.

