

Amendment No. 556

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 272 First Reprint (BDR 24-851)

Proposed by: Assemblyman Frierson

Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local government to A.B. 272 R1 (§§ 6, 15, 17, 31, 37, 39).

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red-strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double-strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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A.B. No. 272—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-851)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 272—ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, DIAZ, CARLTON, FLORES; ARAUJO, BILBRAY-AXELROD, BROOKS, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARRILLO, COHEN, DALY, FUMO, JOINER, MCCURDY II, MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, SWANK, THOMPSON, WATKINS AND YEAGER

MARCH 8, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-851)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 6, 15, 17, 31, 37, 39)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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; authorizing each county and city clerk to establish polling places where any registered voter of the county or city, respectively, may vote in person on the day of certain elections; requiring, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks to establish polling places within the boundaries of Indian reservations and colonies; requiring the preparation and use of electronic rosters; authorizing voting materials to be provided in certain languages; authorizing county and city clerks to extend the period for early voting; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires a county clerk to establish the boundaries of election precincts and authorizes election precincts to be combined into election districts. (NRS 293.205-293.209) Existing law prohibits a person from applying for or receiving a ballot at any election precinct or district other than the one at which the person is entitled to vote. (NRS 293.730) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes a county clerk to establish one or more polling places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of a primary or general election. If any such polling place is established: (1) **section 3** of this bill requires, with limited exception, the county clerk to publicize the location of such polling places; and (2) **section 4** of this bill requires the county clerk to prepare a roster of eligible voters in the county for any such polling place. **Section 5** of this bill sets forth the procedure for a person to vote in person at any such polling place. **Sections 27-30** of this bill set forth corresponding provisions authorizing city clerks to establish polling places where any person who is entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary city or general city election. **Sections 8, 10-15, 18, 22-25, 33-37 and 40-42** of this bill make conforming changes.

Sections 6 and 31 of this bill require, under certain circumstances, county and city clerks, respectively, to establish at least one polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations approved by the Indian tribe.

Existing law generally requires a voter to sign his or her name in a roster when the voter applies to vote in person. (NRS 293.277, 293.285, 293C.270, 293C.275) Existing law also provides that a roster may be in printed or electronic form. **Section 7** of this bill requires a roster to be in electronic form. **Sections 19 and 21** of this bill make conforming changes.

Sections 5, 12, 12.5, 13, 17.5, 17.7, 30, 34, 34.5 and 35 of this bill allow a person to sign a signature card rather than the roster.

Existing law requires voting materials to be provided in English and any other languages necessary to be in compliance with federal law. (NRS 293.2699) **Section 9** of this bill authorizes a county or city clerk to provide voting materials in additional languages if the clerk determines that there is a significant and substantial need for such.

Existing law authorizes a county or city clerk to establish permanent polling places for early voting by personal appearance and provides that the period for early voting begins the third Saturday preceding an election and extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal holidays excepted. (NRS 293.3564, 293.3568, 293C.3564, 293C.3568)

Sections 15 and 37 of this bill require a county or city clerk to establish at least one permanent polling place for early voting. **Sections 16 and 38** of this bill authorize a county or city clerk to extend the period for early voting through the Sunday before election day.

Sections 17 and 39 of this bill require, under certain circumstances, a county or city clerk to establish at least one temporary place for early voting within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony.

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

Section 1. Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. A county clerk may establish one or more polling places in the county where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary election or general election.

2. Any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so at any polling place established pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 3. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a county clerk establishes one or more polling places pursuant to section 2 of this act, the county clerk must:

(a) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each such polling place.

(b) Post a list of the location of each such polling place on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The county clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply if every polling place in the county is a polling place where any person entitled to vote in the county by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary election or general election.

3. No additional polling place may be established pursuant to section 2 of this act after the publication pursuant to this section, except in the case of an emergency and if approved by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 4. 1. For each polling place established pursuant to section 2 of this act, if any, the county clerk shall prepare a roster that contains, for every

1 registered voter in the county, the voter's name, the address where he or she is
2 registered to vote, his or her voter identification number, the voter's precinct or
3 district number and the voter's signature.

4 2. The roster must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county clerk
5 to an election board officer of the proper polling place before the opening of the
6 polls.

7 **Sec. 5. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, upon the**
8 **appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to**
9 **section 2 of this act, the election board officer shall:**

10 (a) Determine that the person is a registered voter in the county and has not
11 already voted in that county in the election;

12 (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and

13 (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.

14 2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified
15 by:

16 (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the
17 personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

18 (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other
19 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

20 (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as
21 described in NRS 293.277 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or
22 she registered to vote.

23 3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature
24 on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature
25 on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

26 4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary
27 of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current
28 election.

29 5. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or
30 herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to
31 receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the
32 polling place where he or she applies to vote.

33 6. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly
34 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

35 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

36 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the
37 ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts;
38 and

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

40 7. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to section
41 2 of this act may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

42 **Sec. 6. 1. If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or**
43 **in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the county clerk**
44 **for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian**
45 **reservation or Indian colony.**

46 2. A request for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries
47 of an Indian reservation or Indian colony ~~must~~:

48 (a) ~~Must~~ be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:

49 ~~(a)~~ (1) If the request is for a primary election, the first Friday in January
50 of the year in which the primary election is to be held.

51 ~~(b)~~ (2) If the request is for a general election, the first Friday in July of the
52 year in which the general election is to be held.

(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling place. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria the county clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling place.

3. ~~##~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2, the county clerk must establish at least one polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable, approved by the Indian tribe. The county clerk is not required to establish a polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony if the county clerk established a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same election.

Sec. 7. NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.095 "Roster" means the record in ~~printed or~~ electronic form 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.

Sec. 8. 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 ~~this or her~~ a polling place at which he or she is entitled 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.

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. 9. NRS 293.2699 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.2699 1. Each voting system used by a county or city shall provide voting materials in :

(a) English ~~and other languages~~ ; and

(b) Every language in which voting materials are required to be prepared in compliance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 1973aa-1a. the county or city pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 10503.

2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, if a county clerk or city clerk determines that there is a significant and substantial need for voting materials of the county or city, as applicable, to be provided in the language or languages of a minority group, the county clerk or city clerk may prepare voting

materials in such language or languages. For the purposes of this subsection, there is a significant and substantial need for voting materials to be provided in the language or languages of a minority group if, without limitation, the minority group has been subject to historical discrimination and unequal educational opportunities, and, as a result, members of the minority group are of limited-English proficiency.

3. As used in this section ~~the term "voting"~~:

(a) "Limited-English proficiency" means being unable to speak or understand English adequately to participate in the electoral process.

(b) "Minority group" includes, without limitation, United States citizens of Chinese heritage.

(c) "Voting materials" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~42~~ 52 U.S.C. § ~~1973aa-1a~~ 10503.

Sec. 10. 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~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whenever at any election all the votes of the 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. *This subsection does not apply to a polling place established pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

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. 11. NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.275 ~~Not~~

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an election board may not perform its duty in serving registered voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless it has before it the roster for the polling place.

2. For a polling place established pursuant to section 2 or 27 of this act, an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it the roster for the county or city, as applicable.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.541, if a person's name appears in the 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 roster *or on a signature card* 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 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.

3. *The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to determine that the voter has not already voted in that county in the election.*

Sec. 12.5. NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.283 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster *or on a signature card* as required by NRS 293.277, the voter must be identified by:

(a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

Sec. 13. NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.285 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, a registered voter applying to vote shall state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the roster ~~and~~ *or signature card*, verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277 ~~and verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.~~

2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

(a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.296 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.296 1. Any registered voter who by reason of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice, except:

(a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or

(b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.

2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with respect to the casting of that ballot.

3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to the election board or any member thereof or when the registered voter requests such assistance in any manner.

4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, the county clerk and election board officer shall, upon the request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at ~~this or her~~ *a polling place at which he or she is entitled to vote.*

Sec. 15. NRS 293.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3564 1. ~~The~~ Each county clerk ~~may~~ shall establish *at least one* permanent polling ~~places~~ place for early voting by personal appearance in the county. ~~at the locations selected pursuant to NRS 293.3561.~~

~~2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, any~~

2. Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do so at any polling place for early voting.

~~3. If it is impractical for the county clerk to provide at each polling place for early voting a ballot in every form required in the county, the county clerk may:~~

~~(a) Provide appropriate forms of ballots for all offices within a township, city, town or county commissioner election district, as determined by the county clerk; and~~

~~(b) Limit voting at that polling place to registered voters in that township, city, town or county commissioner election district.~~

Sec. 16. NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary or general election and *, except as otherwise provided in this subsection,* extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal holidays excepted. *A county clerk may extend the period for early voting by personal appearance through the Sunday before election day.*

2. The county clerk may:

(a) ~~Include~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, include* any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.

(b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.

3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:

(a) On Monday through Friday:

(1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

(2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the county clerk so requires.

(b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(c) *If a county clerk extends the period for early voting by personal appearance through the Sunday before election day pursuant to subsection 1, on the Sunday before election day during such hours as the clerk may establish.*

(d) If the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as the county clerk may establish.

Sec. 17. NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,* the county clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting which may include, without limitation, the clerk's office pursuant to NRS 293.3561.

2. *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the county clerk for the establishment of a temporary branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.*

3. *A request for the establishment of a temporary branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony must:*

(a) Must be submitted to the county clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:

~~(1)~~ (1) If the request is for a primary election, the first Friday in January of the year in which the primary election is to be held.

~~(2)~~ (2) If the request is for a general election, the first Friday in July of the year in which the general election is to be held.

(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the temporary branch polling place and proposed hours of operation thereof. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria established by the county clerk for the selection of temporary branch polling places pursuant to NRS 293.3561.

~~4.~~ 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the county clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 3, the county clerk must establish at least one temporary branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony. The location and hours of operation of such a temporary branch polling place for early voting must be approved by the Indian tribe. The county clerk is not required to establish a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony if the county clerk determines that it is not logistically feasible to establish a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian Reservation or colony.

5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293.3568 do not apply to a temporary *branch* 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.

~~6.~~ 6. The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

~~7.~~ 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. 17.5. NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot 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 ~~or~~ *or a signature card.*

(c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.

(d) Verify that the voter has not already voted *in that county* in the current election pursuant to this section.

2. If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified by:

(a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

4. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted *in that county* in the current election pursuant to this section.

5. The roster for early voting *or signature card, as applicable,* 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.

6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the 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.

7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the 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 county clerk uses voting receipts; and

(c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

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

Sec. 17.7. NRS 293.3604 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3604 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 which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

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

(4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day ~~and~~;

and (5) *The number of signatures on signature cards for that day.*

(b) Secure:

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

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

2. At the close of the last voting day, the county 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 signature cards used for early voting;*

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

~~(e)~~ (e) Any other items as determined by the county 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) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots; and

(b) Place the storage devices in the container provided to transport those items to the central counting place and seal the container with a numbered seal. The

official statement of ballots must accompany the storage devices to the central counting place.

Sec. 18. NRS 293.4689 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.4689 1. If a county clerk maintains a website on the Internet for information related to elections, the website must contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the county clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without limitation:

(a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on election day in such a format that a registered voter may search the list to determine the location of the polling place *or places* at which the registered voter is ~~required~~ *entitled* to cast a ballot; and

(b) The abstract of votes required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.388.

2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.

3. If the information required to be maintained by a county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, another county clerk or a city clerk, the county clerk may provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to that information.

Sec. 19. NRS 293.511 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.511 ~~If a~~ *The* registrar of voters' register or ~~roster is kept by computer, the register or~~ roster, as applicable, must include the name, address, precinct, political affiliation and signature or facsimile thereof of each voter and any additional information required by the county clerk.

Sec. 20. NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county clerk shall notify the voter by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to subsection 1. The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation. Unless the voter, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory proof of identity and residence to the county clerk, the county clerk shall cancel the 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 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 ~~the~~ *the affidavit* to the 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 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. 21. 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 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 ~~†††~~ **the challenge** to the 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. 22. 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 prepare for ~~†each†~~ :

(a) Each polling place a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote at the polling place.

(b) Each polling place established pursuant to section 2 or 27 of this act, if any, a roster containing the registered voters eligible to vote in the county or city, respectively.

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

Sec. 23. 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 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 county clerk establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

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

6. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the county clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the county by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place ~~H~~ *or places*. If the location of the polling place *or places* 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 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 **OR**
PLACES HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 **or places** 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 **or places**.

12. 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. 24. NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.730 1. A person shall not:

(a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of the election.

(b) Except an election board officer, receive from any voter a ballot prepared by the voter.

(c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of the polls.

(d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than ~~the~~ one at which the person is entitled to vote.

(e) Show his or her ballot to any person, after voting, so as to reveal any of the names voted for.

(f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for whom he or she intends to vote.

(g) Except an election board officer, deliver a ballot to a voter.

(h) Except an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties, inside a polling place, ask another person his or her name, address or political affiliation.

2. A voter shall not:

(a) Receive a ballot from any person other than an election board officer.

(b) Deliver to an election board or to any member thereof any ballot other than the one received.

(c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may afterward be identified as the one voted by the person.

3. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

Sec. 25. NRS 293.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.790 If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to vote at the same election, at any polling place other than ~~the~~ one in which the person is ~~registered~~ *entitled* to vote, such person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 26. Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 27 to 31, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 27. 1. *A city clerk may establish one or more polling places in the city where any person entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary city election or general city election.*

2. Any person entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so at any polling place established pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 28. 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a city clerk establishes one or more polling places pursuant to section 27 of this act, the city clerk must:*

(a) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each such polling place.

(b) Post a list of the location of each such polling place on any bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body of the city. The list must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of the election. The city clerk shall make copies of the list available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities without charge.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply if every polling place in the city is designated as a polling place where any person entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance may do so on the day of the primary city election or general city election.

3. No additional polling place may be established pursuant to section 27 of this act after the publication pursuant to this section, except in the case of an emergency and if approved by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 29. 1. *For each polling place established pursuant to section 27 of this act, if any, the city clerk shall prepare a roster that contains, for every registered voter in the city, the voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or her voter identification number, the voter's precinct or district number and the voter's signature.*

2. The roster must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the city clerk to an election board officer of the proper polling place before the opening of the polls.

1 **Sec. 30. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, upon the*
2 *appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to*
3 *section 27 of this act, if any, the election board officer shall:*

4 (a) *Determine that the person is a registered voter in the city and has not*
5 *already voted in that city in the election;*

6 (b) *Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and*

7 (c) *Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS*
8 *293C.270.*

9 2. *If the signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified*
10 *by:*

11 (a) *Answering questions from the election board officer covering the*
12 *personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;*

13 (b) *Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other*
14 *personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or*

15 (c) *Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as*
16 *described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he*
17 *or she registered to vote.*

18 3. *If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature*
19 *on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature*
20 *on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.*

21 4. *The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of*
22 *State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current*
23 *election.*

24 5. *When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or*
25 *herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer, the voter is entitled to*
26 *receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the*
27 *polling place where he or she applies to vote.*

28 6. *If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly*
29 *records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:*

30 (a) *Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;*

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

33 (c) *Allow the voter to cast a vote.*

34 7. *A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to section*
35 *27 of this act, if any, may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.*

36 **Sec. 31. 1.** *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole*
37 *or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may request to the city clerk for the*
38 *establishment of a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation*
39 *or Indian colony.*

40 2. *A request for the establishment of a polling place within the boundaries*
41 *of an Indian reservation or Indian colony ~~must~~:*

42 (a) ~~Must~~ be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:

43 ~~(1) If the request is for a primary city election that is held:~~

44 ~~(1) On the dates set forth for primary elections pursuant to the~~
45 ~~provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in January of the year in which~~
46 ~~the primary city election is to be held.~~

47 ~~(2) On the dates set forth for primary city elections pursuant to the~~
48 ~~provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in December of the year immediately~~
49 ~~preceding the year in which the primary city election is to be held.~~

50 ~~(b) If the request is for a general city election that is held:~~

51 ~~(1) On the dates set forth for general elections pursuant to the~~
52 ~~provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in July of the year in which the~~
53 ~~general city election is to be held.~~

~~(22)~~ (11) *On the dates set forth for general city elections pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in January of the year in which the general city election is to be held.*

(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the polling place. Any proposed location for a polling place must satisfy the criteria the city clerk uses for the establishment of any other polling place.

~~3.~~ ~~HH~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 2, the city clerk must establish at least one polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony at a location or locations, as applicable, approved by the Indian tribe. The city clerk is not required to establish a polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony if the city clerk established a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the same election.*

Sec. 32. NRS 293C.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.112 1. The governing body of a city may conduct a city election in which all ballots must be cast by mail if:

(a) The election is a special election; or

(b) The election is a primary city election or general city election in which the ballot includes only:

(1) Offices and ballot questions that may be voted on by the registered voters of only one ward; or

(2) One office or ballot question.

2. The provisions of NRS 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, *and section 31 of this act*, 293C.305 to 293C.340, inclusive, and 293C.355 to 293C.361, inclusive, do not apply to an election conducted pursuant to this section.

3. For the purposes of an election conducted pursuant to this section, each precinct in the city shall be deemed to have been designated a mailing precinct pursuant to NRS 293C.342.

Sec. 33. 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 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. *The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any polling place established pursuant to section 27 of this act where any person entitled to vote in the city by personal appearance on the day of the election may do so.*

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.

Sec. 34. NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the roster *or on a signature card* 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 application to register to vote or one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.

2. The forms of identification that may be used 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 that contains the voter's signature and physical description or picture.

3. *The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to determine that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.*

Sec. 34.5. NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.272 1. If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster *or on a signature card* as required by NRS 293C.270, the voter must be identified by:

- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

2. If the identity of the voter is verified, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

Sec. 35. NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.275 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, a registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the name, instruct the voter to sign the roster ~~hand~~ *or signature card*, verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270 ~~Hand~~ *and verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.*

2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

- (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
- (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 36. NRS 293C.282 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.282 1. Any registered voter who, because of a physical disability or an inability to read or write English, is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to assistance from a consenting person of his or her own choice, except:

- (a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or
 - (b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.
2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a voter in casting a vote shall not disclose any information with respect to the casting of that ballot.

3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied or impaired when the need for assistance is apparent or is known to the election board or any member thereof or when the registered voter requests such assistance in any manner.

4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, the city clerk and election board officer shall, upon the request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at ~~this or her~~ a polling place ~~at which he or she is entitled to vote~~.

Sec. 37. NRS 293C.3564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3564 1. The city clerk ~~may~~ *in a city providing for early voting pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110 shall establish at least one* permanent polling ~~places~~ *place* for early voting by personal appearance in the city at the locations selected pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

2. Any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance may do so at any polling place for early voting.

Sec. 38. NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3568 1. The period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a primary city election or general city election, and , *except as otherwise provided in this subsection*, extends through the Friday before election day, ~~Sundays and~~ federal holidays excepted. *A city clerk may extend the period for early voting by personal appearance through the Sunday before election day.*

2. The city clerk may:

(a) ~~Include~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, include* any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.

(b) Require a permanent polling place for early voting to remain open until 8 p.m. on any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting.

3. A permanent polling place for early voting must remain open:

(a) On Monday through Friday:

(1) During the first week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

(2) During the second week of early voting, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., or until 8 p.m. if the city clerk so requires.

(b) On any Saturday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(c) *If a city clerk extends the period for early voting by personal appearance through the Sunday before election day pursuant to subsection 1, on the Sunday before election day during such hours as the clerk may establish.*

(d) If the city clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection 2, during such hours as the city clerk may establish.

Sec. 39. NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3*, the city clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

2. *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a city, the Indian tribe may submit a request to the city clerk for the establishment of a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.*

3. *A request for the establishment of a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony ~~must~~ :*

~~(a)~~ *Must be submitted to the city clerk by the Indian tribe on or before:*

~~(1)~~ *(1) If the request is for a primary city election that is held:*

~~(1)~~ (I) On the dates set forth for primary elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in January of the year in which the primary city election is to be held.

~~(2)~~ (II) On the dates set forth for primary city elections pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in December of the year immediately preceding the year in which the primary city election is to be held.

~~(3)~~ (2) If the request is for a general city election that is held:

~~(1)~~ (I) On the dates set forth for general elections pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293 of NRS, the first Friday in July of the year in which the general city election is to be held.

~~(2)~~ (II) On the dates set forth for general city elections pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the first Friday in January of the year in which the general city election is to be held.

(b) May include one or more proposed locations within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony for the temporary branch polling place and proposed hours thereof. Any proposed location must satisfy the criteria established by the city clerk pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

4. ~~4~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the city clerk receives a request that satisfies the requirements set forth in subsection 3, the city clerk must establish at least one temporary branch polling place for early voting within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony. The location and hours of operation of such a temporary branch polling place for early voting must be approved by the Indian tribe. The city clerk is not required to establish a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony if the city clerk determines that it is not logistically feasible to establish a temporary branch polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian colony.

5. The provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 293C.3568 do not apply to a temporary **branch** 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.

~~6.~~ The schedules for conducting voting are not required to be uniform among the temporary branch polling places.

~~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. 39.5. NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot 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 ~~or a signature card.~~

(c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.

(d) Verify that the voter has not already voted **in that city** in the current election pursuant to this section.

2. If the signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

(a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the card issued to the voter at the time he or she registered to vote.

3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

4. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted *in that city* in the current election pursuant to this section.

5. The roster for early voting *or signature card, as applicable*, 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.

6. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the 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.

7. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the 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.

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

Sec. 39.7. 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 which identifies the mechanical recording device and the storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084;

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

(4) The number of signatures in the roster for early voting for that day ~~+~~ ;

and
(5) *The number of signatures on signature cards 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 signature cards used for early voting;*
 (d) The storage device required pursuant to NRS 293B.084 from each mechanical recording device used during the period for early voting; and

~~HH~~ (e) 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) Indicate the number of ballots on an official statement of ballots; and
- (b) Place the 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 storage devices to the central counting place.

Sec. 40. 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 establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

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

3. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall distribute to each registered voter in the city by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place ~~HH~~ *or places*. If the location of the polling place *or places* 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 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 *OR*
PLACES HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a sample ballot required to be distributed pursuant to this section must:

- (a) Be 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 prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 *or places* 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 *or places*.

10. The cost of distributing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.

Sec. 41. 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 roster of all electors eligible to vote at a regular or special city election.

3. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 27 of this act, the* rosters must be prepared, one for each ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. The entries in the 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 in the county clerk's office.

Sec. 42. NRS 293C.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.715 1. If a city clerk maintains a website on the Internet for information relating to elections, the website must contain public information maintained, collected or compiled by the city clerk that relates to elections, which must include, without limitation:

(a) The locations of polling places for casting a ballot on election day in such a form that a registered voter may search the list to determine the location of the polling place *or places* at which the registered voter is ~~required~~ *entitled* to cast a ballot; and

(b) The abstract of votes required to be posted on a website pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293C.387.

2. The abstract of votes required to be maintained on the website pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be maintained in such a format as to permit the searching of the abstract of votes for specific information.

3. If the information required to be maintained by a city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained by the public from a website on the Internet maintained by the Secretary of State, a county clerk or another city clerk, the city

1 clerk may provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of
2 subsection 1 with regard to that information.

3 **Sec. 43.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional
4 expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

5 **Sec. 44.** This act becomes effective:

6 1. On July 1, 2017, for the purpose of adopting any regulations and
7 performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the
8 provisions of this act; and

9 2. On January 1, 2018, for all other purposes.