

SENATE BILL NO. 94—SENATOR FORD

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.
(BDR 24-19)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 3, 17)
(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; providing for voter preregistration by certain persons who are 17 years of age; authorizing an elector to register to vote on the day of certain elections and setting forth the requirements for such registration; requiring permanent polling places to remain open for certain hours on Sundays during early voting in certain counties; extending the period during which an elector can register to vote; requiring county and city clerks to establish a system to distribute sample ballots by electronic means under certain circumstances; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, registration for any primary, primary city, general or general city election closes on the third Tuesday before the election. Unless otherwise specified, registration for a recall or special election closes on the third Saturday before the election. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) **Sections 13 and 23** of this bill extend the period in which a person may register to vote for a primary, primary city, general or general city election until the last day of early voting for the election, which is the Friday before the election. **Sections 13 and 23** also extend the period in which a person may register to vote for recall and special elections until the fourth day before the election unless otherwise provided by specific law. **Sections 8, 11, 15 and 20** of this bill make conforming changes.

Sections 3 and 17 of this bill authorize an elector to register to vote for a primary, primary city, general or general city election on the day of the election at certain polling places designated by the county clerk or city clerk as a site for



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14 registering to vote on election day. To register to vote, an elector must appear at
15 such a site, complete an application to register to vote and provide proof of identity
16 and residence. Upon completion of the application, the elector is deemed registered
17 to vote and may vote in that election only at the polling place at which he or she
18 registered to vote. **Sections 4, 6, 7 and 19** of this bill make conforming changes.

19 **Section 2** of this bill authorizes certain persons who are 17 years of age to
20 preregister to vote. **Sections 5 and 16** of this bill make conforming changes.

21 Existing law sets forth the hours for early voting at a permanent polling place
22 by personal appearance at a primary election, primary city election, general election
23 or general city election. (NRS 293.3568, 293C.3568) **Sections 9 and 21** of this bill
24 require that a permanent polling place in a county whose population is 100,000 or
25 more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) must remain open for at least 4 hours
26 on every Sunday that falls within the period for early voting.

27 Under existing law, each county clerk or city clerk may establish a system to
28 distribute sample ballots by electronic means. If such a system is established, the
29 clerk must distribute a sample ballot by electronic means to every registered voter
30 who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. (NRS 293.565,
31 293C.530) **Sections 14 and 24** of this bill require, rather than authorize, each
32 county and city clerk to establish a system to distribute sample ballots by electronic
33 means. **Sections 12 and 24** of this bill make conforming changes.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1. Every citizen of the United States who is 17 years**
4 **of age and has continuously resided in this State for 30 days or**
5 **more may preregister to vote by any of the means available for a**
6 **person who is entitled to vote at an election pursuant to NRS**
7 **293.485 to register to vote pursuant to this chapter. A person**
8 **eligible to preregister to vote pursuant to this section is deemed to**
9 **be preregistered to vote upon the submission of a completed**
10 **application to preregister.**

11 **2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person who**
12 **preregisters to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be**
13 **registered to vote on his or her 18th birthday and the county clerk**
14 **shall issue to the person a voter registration card as described in**
15 **subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after his or**
16 **her 18th birthday.**

17 **3. The preregistration to vote of a person may be cancelled by**
18 **any of the means and for any of the reasons for cancelling a**
19 **registration pursuant to this chapter.**

20 **4. The preregistration information of a person may be**
21 **updated by any of the means for updating the registration**
22 **information of a person pursuant to this chapter.**



1 5. *The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations providing*
2 *for preregistration to vote pursuant to this section. The*
3 *regulations:*

4 (a) *Must include, without limitation, provisions to ensure that*
5 *any person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section is*
6 *issued a voter registration card; and*

7 (b) *Must not require a county clerk to provide to a person who*
8 *preregisters to vote pursuant to this section sample ballots or any*
9 *other voter information provided to registered voters unless the*
10 *person will be eligible to vote at the election for which the sample*
11 *ballots or other information is provided.*

12 **Sec. 3. 1. Each county clerk shall:**

13 (a) *Designate one or more polling places in the county as a site*
14 *for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of a*
15 *primary election or general election. Each polling place*
16 *designated pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the*
17 *board of county commissioners.*

18 (b) *Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper*
19 *of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place*
20 *in the county that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).*

21 (c) *Post a list of the locations designated pursuant to*
22 *paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of*
23 *meetings of the board of county commissioners. The list must be*
24 *posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth*
25 *business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of*
26 *the election. The county clerk shall make copies of the list*
27 *available to the public during the period of posting in reasonable*
28 *quantities without charge.*

29 2. *An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of*
30 *registration may register to vote on the day of the primary election*
31 *or general election at any polling place designated pursuant to*
32 *subsection 1 by the county clerk of the county where the elector*
33 *resides.*

34 3. *To register to vote on the day of the primary election or*
35 *general election, an elector must:*

36 (a) *Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place*
37 *designated by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site*
38 *for registering to vote on the day of the election;*

39 (b) *Complete the application to register to vote; and*

40 (c) *Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as*
41 *described in subsections 4 and 5.*

42 4. *The following forms of identification may be used to*
43 *identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:*

44 (a) *A driver's license;*



1 ***(b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor***
2 ***Vehicles;***

3 ***(c) A military identification card; or***

4 ***(d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental***
5 ***agency which contains the signatures and a physical description***
6 ***or picture of the elector.***

7 ***5. The following documents may be used to establish the***
8 ***residence of an elector if the current residential address of the***
9 ***elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is***
10 ***displayed on the document:***

11 ***(a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;***

12 ***(b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for***
13 ***electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular***
14 ***telephone or cable television;***

15 ***(c) A bank or credit union statement;***

16 ***(d) A paycheck;***

17 ***(e) An income tax return;***

18 ***(f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a***
19 ***residence;***

20 ***(g) A motor vehicle registration;***

21 ***(h) A property tax statement;***

22 ***(i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or***

23 ***(j) Any other official document which the county clerk, field***
24 ***registrar or other person designated by the county clerk to accept***
25 ***applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines,***
26 ***in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true***
27 ***residential address of the elector.***

28 ***6. An elector who registers pursuant to this section shall be***
29 ***deemed to be registered to vote upon the completion of an***
30 ***application to register to vote and the verification of the elector's***
31 ***identity and residency.***

32 ***7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section***
33 ***may vote in the primary or general election only at the polling***
34 ***place at which the elector registers to vote.***

35 **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.2546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 293.2546 The Legislature hereby declares that each voter has
37 the right:

38 1. To receive and cast a ballot that:

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

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

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



- 1 3. To vote without being intimidated, threatened or coerced.
- 2 4. To vote on election day if the voter is waiting in line *to vote*
- 3 *before 7 p.m.* at ~~this or her~~ a polling place *at which he or she is*
- 4 *entitled* to vote before 7 p.m. and the voter has not already cast a
- 5 vote in that election.
- 6 5. To return a spoiled ballot and is entitled to receive another
- 7 ballot in its place.
- 8 6. To request assistance in voting, if necessary.
- 9 7. To a sample ballot which is accurate, informative and
- 10 delivered in a timely manner.
- 11 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting
- 12 during early voting or on election day.
- 13 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections
- 14 system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly,
- 15 disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or
- 16 a citizen who is overseas.
- 17 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and
- 18 recounting all votes accurately.
- 19 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests
- 20 resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.
- 21 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 22 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in
- 23 NRS 293.3081 and 293.3083 and in federal law, a person who
- 24 registers by mail or computer ~~to vote in this State~~ *or a person who*
- 25 *preregisters to vote pursuant to section 2 of this act and is*
- 26 *subsequently deemed registered*, and who has not previously voted
- 27 in an election for federal office in this State:
- 28 (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the
- 29 election board officer at the polling place:
- 30 (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person,
- 31 which shows his or her physical address; or
- 32 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,
- 33 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check
- 34 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not
- 35 including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517;
- 36 and
- 37 (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county
- 38 or city clerk:
- 39 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the
- 40 person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- 41 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,
- 42 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check
- 43 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not
- 44 including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.



1 ➔ If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the
2 election board officer or clerk may request additional information.

3 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:

4 (a) Registers to vote by mail *or preregisters to vote pursuant to*
5 *section 2 of this act*, and submits with an application to register to
6 vote:

7 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or

8 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,
9 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check
10 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not
11 including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517;

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to
13 vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register
14 to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his
15 or her social security number, if a state or local election official has
16 matched that information with an existing identification record
17 bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the
18 person in the application;

19 (c) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed
20 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et
21 seq.;

22 (d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under
23 the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52
24 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

25 (e) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other
26 federal law.

27 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described
28 in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued
29 to the person pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 is mailed by
30 the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by
31 the United States Postal Service.

32 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.273 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 293.273 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2~~
34 ~~and~~ NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this
35 title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

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

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

44 ~~14~~ 3. No person other than election board officers engaged in
45 receiving, preparing or depositing ballots may be permitted inside



1 the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority
2 of the election board as necessary to keep order and carry out the
3 provisions of this title.

4 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any
6 registered voters waiting to vote ~~††~~ *or persons waiting to register to*
7 *vote*, the doors of the polling place must be closed after all such
8 ~~†voters†~~ *persons* have been admitted to the polling place. Voting
9 must continue until those voters have voted.

10 2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the
11 polling place after the doors have been closed for the purpose of
12 observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the
13 polling place and such admittance will not interfere unduly with the
14 voting ~~††~~ *or registration.*

15 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293.356 If a request is made *in person* to vote early by a
17 registered voter ~~†in-person,†~~ *, including, without limitation, a*
18 *registered voter who registers to vote after the beginning of the*
19 *period for early voting by personal appearance*, the election board
20 shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must
21 be voted on the premises of a polling place for early voting
22 established pursuant to NRS 293.3564 or 293.3572.

23 **Sec. 9.** NRS 293.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.3568 1. ~~†The†~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this*
25 *section, the* period for early voting by personal appearance begins
26 the third Saturday preceding a primary or general election and
27 extends through the Friday before election day, Sundays and federal
28 holidays excepted.

29 2. ~~†The†~~ *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the*
30 *county clerk:*

31 *(a) Shall include every Sunday that falls within the period for*
32 *early voting by personal appearance.*

33 *(b) May:*

34 *(1) Include any federal holiday that falls within the period*
35 *for early voting by personal appearance.*

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

39 3. *In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the*
40 *county clerk may:*

41 *(a) Include any Sunday or federal holiday that falls within the*
42 *period for early voting by personal appearance.*

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



~~13-1~~ 4. 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.

~~114~~ (c) *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, on every Sunday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.*

(d) *In a county whose population is less than 100,000, if the county clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection ~~12-1~~ 3, during such hours as the county clerk may establish.*

Sec. 10. NRS 293.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. The provisions of ~~subsection~~ *subsections 2, 3 and 4* of NRS 293.3568 do not apply to a temporary polling place. Voting at a temporary branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the county clerk.

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

4. 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. 11. NRS 293.557 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.557 1. The county clerk may cause to be published once in each of the newspapers circulated in different parts of the county or cause to be published once in a newspaper circulated in the county:

(a) An alphabetical listing of all registered voters, including the precinct of each voter:

(1) Within the circulation area of each newspaper if the listing is published in each newspaper circulated in different parts of the county; or

(2) Within the entire county if the listing is published in only one newspaper in the county; or



(b) A statement notifying the public that the county clerk will provide an alphabetical listing of the names of all registered voters in the entire county and the precinct of each voter free of charge to any person upon request.

2. If the county clerk publishes the list of registered voters, the county clerk must do so:

(a) Not less than 2 weeks before the ~~close of registration for any~~ primary election.

(b) After each primary election and not less than 2 weeks before the ~~close of registration for the~~ ensuing general election.

3. The county may not pay more than 10 cents per name for six-point or seven-point type or 15 cents per name for eight-point type or larger to each newspaper publishing the list.

4. The list of registered voters, if published, must not be printed in type smaller than six-point.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.558 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.558 1. The county or city clerk shall disclose the identification number of a registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:

(a) In response to an inquiry received by the county or city clerk; or

(b) By inclusion of the identification number of the registered voter on any list of registered voters made available for public inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557, 293C.290 or 293C.542.

2. The county or city clerk shall not disclose:

(a) The social security number or the driver's license or identification card number of a registered voter, and such a number is confidential and is not a public book or record within the meaning of NRS 239.010.

(b) An electronic mail address provided by a registered voter to carry out any state or federal law relating to the voting process, and such an electronic mail address is confidential and is not a public book or record within the meaning of NRS 239.010. The county or city clerk may not release a registered voter's electronic mail address to a third party and may use such an electronic mail address only to:

(1) Communicate with the registered voter about the voting process, including, without limitation, as necessary to carry out the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS; and

(2) Distribute a sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means . ~~if the county or city clerk has established a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and the registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means.~~



3. A registered voter may submit a written request to the county or city clerk to have his or her address and telephone number withheld from the public. Upon receipt of such a request, the county or city clerk shall not disclose the address or telephone number of the registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:

(a) In response to an inquiry received by the county or city clerk; or

(b) By inclusion on any list of registered voters made available for public inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557, 293C.290 or 293C.542.

4. No information relating to a registered voter may be withheld from the public other than:

(a) The address and telephone number of the registered voter if requested by the registered voter pursuant to this section;

(b) An electronic mail address provided by the registered voter to carry out any state or federal law relating to the voting process;

(c) The social security number and driver's license or identification card number of the registered voter; and

(d) Any other information relating to the registered voter that any state or federal law declares to be confidential or otherwise requires to be withheld from the public.

Sec. 13. 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 *at 5 p.m.* on the ~~third Tuesday~~ *Friday* preceding any primary or general election and *, except as otherwise provided by specific law, at 5 p.m.* on the ~~third Saturday~~ *fourth day* preceding any 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.]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of this act, after the close of registration for an election, no person may register to vote for the election.*

2. ~~For~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for* a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. ~~during~~ *on the next to last* ~~2-days~~ *day* on which registration is open ~~1~~ *and 5 p.m. on the last day on which registration is open.* In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. ~~during~~ *on the next to last* ~~2-days~~ *day* before registration closes if approved by the board of county commissioners.

3. For a general election:

(a) ~~For~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in* a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. ~~during~~ *on the next to last* ~~2-days~~ *day* on which registration is open. The office of the county



1 clerk may close at 5 p.m. *on the next to last day on which*
2 *registration is open* if approved by the board of county
3 commissioners.

4 (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office
5 of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which
6 registration is open, according to the following schedule:

7 (1) On ~~weekdays~~ *a day other than the last day on which*
8 *registration is open*, until 9 p.m.; ~~and~~

9 (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
10 holidays ~~and~~; *and*

11 (3) *On the last day on which registration is open, until*
12 *5 p.m.*

13 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
14 350 of NRS:

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

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

19 (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility
20 pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.

21 ➔ If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication
22 may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the
23 nearest county in this State.

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

27 5. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated
28 pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may
29 remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered
30 year.

31 6. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any
32 primary or general election and ending on the ~~third Tuesday~~
33 *Friday* preceding any primary or general election, an elector may
34 register to vote only:

35 (a) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if
open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035; or

36 (b) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system
37 pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.

38 7. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may
39 be open during the periods described in this section for such hours
40 of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in
41 subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.

42 **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,
44 sample ballots must include:
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(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. ~~Each~~ county clerk ~~may~~ **must** 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~~ **electronic means** 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. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:

(a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before 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. 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 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



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1 pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at
2 centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for
3 use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall
4 include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:

5 (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;

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

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

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

14 **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.567 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 293.567 After the close of registration for each primary
16 election but not later than the ~~Friday preceeding~~ *opening of the*
17 *polls for* the primary election and after the close of registration for
18 each general election but not later than the ~~Friday preceeding~~
19 *opening of the polls for* the general election, the county clerk shall
20 ascertain by precinct and district the number of registered voters in
21 the county and their political affiliation, if any, and shall transmit
22 that information to the Secretary of State.

23 **Sec. 16.** NRS 293.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.800 1. A person who, for himself, herself or another
25 person, willfully gives a false answer or answers to questions
26 propounded to the person by the registrar or field registrar of voters
27 relating to the information called for by the application to register to
28 vote, or who willfully falsifies the application in any particular, or
29 who violates any of the provisions of the election laws of this State
30 or knowingly encourages another person to violate those laws is
31 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in
32 NRS 193.130.

33 2. A public officer or other person, upon whom any duty is
34 imposed by this title, who willfully neglects his or her duty or
35 willfully performs it in such a way as to hinder the objects and
36 purposes of the election laws of this State, except where another
37 penalty is provided, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be
38 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

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

41 4. A person who causes or endeavors to cause his or her name
42 to be registered, knowing that he or she is not an elector or will not
43 be an elector on or before the day of the next ensuing election in the
44 precinct or district in which he or she causes or endeavors to cause
45 the registration to be made, and any other person who induces, aids



1 or abets the person in the commission of either of the acts is guilty
2 of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS
3 193.130. *The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a person*
4 *who preregisters to vote pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

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

7 (a) Knowingly falsifies the application or knowingly causes an
8 application to be falsified;

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

11 (c) Intentionally fails to submit to the county clerk a completed
12 application,

13 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided
14 in NRS 193.130.

15 **Sec. 17.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
16 thereto a new section to read as follows:

17 ***1. Each city clerk shall:***

18 (a) *Designate one or more polling places in the city as a site*
19 *for an elector of the city to register to vote on the day of a primary*
20 *city election or general city election. Each polling place designated*
21 *pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the governing*
22 *body of the city.*

23 (b) *Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper*
24 *of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place*
25 *in the city that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).*

26 (c) *Post a list of the locations designated pursuant to*
27 *paragraph (a) on any bulletin board used for posting notice of*
28 *meetings of the governing body of the city. The list must be posted*
29 *continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth*
30 *business day before the election and ending at 7 p.m. on the day of*
31 *the election. The city clerk shall make copies of the list available to*
32 *the public during the period of posting in reasonable quantities*
33 *without charge.*

34 2. *An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of*
35 *registration may register to vote on the day of the primary city*
36 *election or general city election at any polling place designated*
37 *pursuant to subsection 1 by the city clerk of the city where the*
38 *elector resides.*

39 3. *To register to vote on the day of the primary city election or*
40 *general city election, an elector must:*

41 (a) *Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place*
42 *designated by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for*
43 *registering to vote on the day of the election;*

44 (b) *Complete the application to register to vote; and*



1 (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as
2 described in subsections 4 and 5.

3 4. The following forms of identification may be used to
4 identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:

5 (a) A driver's license;

6 (b) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor
7 Vehicles;

8 (c) A military identification card; or

9 (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental
10 agency which contains the signatures and a physical description
11 or picture of the elector.

12 5. The following documents may be used to establish the
13 residence of an elector if the current residential address of the
14 elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is
15 displayed on the document:

16 (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;

17 (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for
18 electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular
19 telephone or cable television;

20 (c) A bank or credit union statement;

21 (d) A paycheck;

22 (e) An income tax return;

23 (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a
24 residence;

25 (g) A motor vehicle registration;

26 (h) A property tax statement;

27 (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency; or

28 (j) Any other official document which the city clerk, field
29 registrar or other person designated by the city clerk to accept
30 applications to register to vote pursuant to this section determines,
31 in his or her discretion, to be a reliable indication of the true
32 residential address of the elector.

33 6. An elector who registers pursuant to this section shall be
34 deemed to be registered to vote upon the completion of an
35 application to register to vote and the verification of the elector's
36 identity and residency.

37 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section
38 may vote in the primary city or general city election only at the
39 polling place at which the elector registers to vote.

40 **Sec. 18.** NRS 293C.267 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293C.267 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 2~~
42 ~~and~~ NRS 293C.297, at all elections held pursuant to the provisions
43 of this chapter, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

44 2. ~~Whenever at any election all the votes of the polling place,~~
45 ~~as shown on the roster, have been cast, the election board officers~~



~~shall close the polls and the counting of votes must begin and continue without unnecessary delay until the count is completed.~~

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

~~4.~~ 3. 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. 19. NRS 293C.297 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.297 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any registered voters waiting to vote ~~or persons waiting to register to vote~~, the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those ~~voters~~ *persons* have been admitted to the polling place. Voting must continue until those voters have voted.

2. The officer appointed by the chief law enforcement officer of the city shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed to observe or for any other lawful purpose if there is room within the polling place and their admittance will not interfere with the voting ~~or registration~~.

Sec. 20. NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.356 1. If a request is made *in person* to vote early by a registered voter ~~in person~~, *including, without limitation, a registered voter who registers to vote after the beginning of the period for early voting by personal appearance*, the city clerk shall issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk's office and returned to the clerk.

2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568, each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in accordance with this section.

Sec. 21. NRS 293C.3568 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. ~~The~~ *In a city located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the city clerk:*

(a) Shall include every Sunday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.



(b) *May:*

(1) *Include any federal holiday that falls within the period for early voting by personal appearance.*

(2) *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. *In a city located in a county whose population is less than 100,000, the city clerk may:*

(a) 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.

~~13-1~~ 4. 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) ~~14-1~~ *In a city in a county whose population is 100,000 or more, on every Sunday that falls within the period for early voting, for at least 4 hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.*

(d) *In a city in a county whose population is less than 100,000, if the city clerk includes a Sunday that falls within the period for early voting pursuant to subsection ~~12-1~~ 3, during such hours as the city clerk may establish.*

Sec. 22. NRS 293C.3572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.3572 1. In addition to permanent polling places for early voting, the city clerk may establish temporary branch polling places for early voting pursuant to NRS 293C.3561.

2. The provisions of ~~subsection~~ *subsections 2, 3 and 4* of NRS 293C.3568 do not apply to a temporary polling place. Voting at a temporary branch polling place may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours within the period for early voting by personal appearance, as determined by the city clerk.

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

4. 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



1 place for early voting, except to the extent necessary to conduct
2 early voting at that location.

3 **Sec. 23.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502,
5 293D.230 and 293D.300, registration must close *at 5 p.m.* on the
6 ~~{third Tuesday}~~ *Friday* preceding any primary city election or
7 general city election and, *except as otherwise provided by specific*
8 *law, at 5 p.m.* on the ~~{third Saturday}~~ *fourth day* preceding any
9 recall or special election. ~~{, except that if a recall or special election~~
10 ~~*is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city*~~
11 ~~*election, registration must close on the third Tuesday preceding the*~~
12 ~~*day of the elections.*~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 17 of*
13 *this act, after the close of registration for an election, no person*
14 *may register to vote for the election.*

15 2. ~~{For}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a*
16 primary city election or special city election, the office of the city
17 clerk must be open until 7 p.m. ~~{during}~~ *on the next to last {2 days}*
18 *day on which registration is open {,} and 5 p.m. on the last day in*
19 *which registration is open.* In a city whose population is less than
20 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. *on the next to*
21 *last day before registration closes* if approved by the governing
22 body of the city.

23 3. For a general *city* election:

24 (a) ~~{For}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in a*
25 city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk
26 must be open until 7 p.m. ~~{during}~~ *on the next to last {2 days}*
27 *day on which registration is open {,} and 5 p.m. on the last day on*
28 *which registration is open.* The office of the city clerk may close at
29 5 p.m. *on the next to last day on which registration is open* if
30 approved by the governing body of the city.

31 (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of
32 the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which
33 registration is open, according to the following schedule:

34 (1) On ~~{weekdays}~~ *a day other than the last day on which*
35 *registration is open*, until 9 p.m.; ~~{and}~~

36 (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal
37 holidays ~~{,}~~ *and*

38 (3) *On the last day on which registration is open, until*
39 *5 p.m.*

40 4. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or
41 350 of NRS:

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

45 (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. For the period beginning on the fifth Sunday preceding any primary city election or general city election and ending on the ~~third Tuesday~~ **Friday** 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. 24. 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~~ **may elect** to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such ~~a system~~ **electronic means** 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. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:

(a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before 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**

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 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;



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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 the voter's regularly designated polling place.

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

Sec. 25. NRS 266.0325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.0325 1. At least 10 days before an election held pursuant to NRS 266.029, the county clerk or registrar of voters shall distribute to each qualified elector by mail or electronic means, as applicable, a sample ballot for the elector's precinct with a notice informing the elector of the location of the polling place for that precinct. ~~{A sample ballot may be distributed by electronic means to an elector only if the county clerk has established a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means pursuant to NRS 293.565 and the elector elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means.}~~

2. The sample ballot must:

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

(b) Include the information required by NRS 266.032.

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

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

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

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

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LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

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

4. The sample ballot distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided



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1 pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be prepared
2 in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

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

6 **Sec. 26.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
7 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
8 provisions of this act.

9 **Sec. 27.** This act becomes effective:

10 1. Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting
11 regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks that
12 are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

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

