SENATE BILL NO. 123—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-726)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1, 21) (NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing an elector to register to vote on the day of certain elections at certain polling places; setting forth requirements for such registration; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law sets forth deadlines for registering to vote by mail, computer or appearing in person at the office of a county or city clerk. (NRS 293.560, 293C.527) The last day to register to vote for a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election: (1) by mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the election; (2) by appearing in person at the office of the county or city clerk, as applicable, is the third Tuesday preceding the election; and (3) by computer is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting for the election. **Sections 1 and 21** of this bill authorize an elector to register to vote in person for a primary election, primary city election, general election or general city election on the day of the election at certain polling places required to be designated by the county or city clerk as a site for registering to vote on election day. To register to vote, an elector must appear at such a site, complete an application to register to vote and provide proof of identity and residence. Upon completion of the application and verification of identity and residence, the elector: (1) is deemed registered to vote; (2) may vote in that election only at the polling place at which he or she registered to vote; and (3) must vote by casting a provisional ballot. **Sections 1.5-10, 12-20, 22-26 and 28-32** of this bill make conforming changes.

Existing law provides that the counties and certain cities must complete the canvass of the election returns in the county or city, respectively, on or before the





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sixth working day following the election. (NRS 293.387, 293.393, 293C.387)
However, various city charters set different periods for certain cities to complete the canvass of the election returns following the election. **Sections 11.2, 11.4, 27.5**and 33-45 of this bill provide that all counties and cities must complete the canvass

of the election returns on or before the 10th day following the election.

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 a new section to read as follows:

1. Each county clerk shall:

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

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

- (c) Post a list of the location of each polling place designated pursuant to paragraph (a) 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. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote in person on the day of a primary election or general election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the county clerk of the county where the elector resides as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election.
- 3. To register to vote on the day of the primary election or general election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
- (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.
- 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;





- (b) Any identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (c) A military identification card which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector.
- 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residence of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;

- (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement; or
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon a determination that the application to register to vote is complete and the verification of the elector's identity and residency.
 - 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section:
- (a) May vote in the primary election or general election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote; and
 - (b) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.
- 8. If an elector casts a provisional ballot pursuant to this section, the provisional ballot:
- (a) Must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the elector would have been entitled to vote if the elector had cast a regular ballot; and
- (b) Is not subject to the provisions of NRS 293.3081 to 293.3086, inclusive.
- 9. The county clerk shall establish procedures, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify, before counting a provisional ballot cast by an elector pursuant to this section, that the elector was entitled to register to vote in person on the day of the election and cast the ballot.
- 10. The county clerk shall issue to an elector who is deemed to be a registered voter pursuant to subsection 6 a voter





registration card as described in NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after the election, unless it is determined pursuant to subsection 9 that the elector was not entitled to register to vote in person on the day of the election.

Sec. 1.5. NRS 293.093 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.093 "Regular votes" means the votes cast by registered voters, except votes cast by:

1. An absent ballot;

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- 2. A provisional ballot pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act; or
- 3. A provisional ballot [.] pursuant to NRS 293.3081 to 293.3086, inclusive.
 - **Sec. 2.** 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 [.] and, except for a roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act, contains a list of eligible voters.

- **Sec. 3.** NRS 293.12757 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.12757 A person may sign a petition required under the election laws of this State on or after the date the person is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or 293.517 or subsection 7 of NRS 293.5235 or section 1 or 21 of this act.
- **Sec. 4.** 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 to vote or register to vote before 7 p.m. at [his or her] a polling place at which he or she is entitled to vote [before 7 p.m.] or register to vote 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 as provided by law.





- 8. To receive instruction in the use of the equipment for voting during early voting or on election day.
- 9. To have nondiscriminatory equal access to the elections system, including, without limitation, a voter who is elderly, disabled, a member of a minority group, employed by the military or a citizen who is overseas.
- 10. To have a uniform, statewide standard for counting and recounting all votes accurately.
- 11. To have complaints about elections and election contests resolved fairly, accurately and efficiently.
 - **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081 and 293.3083 and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer or a person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:
- (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board officer at the polling place:
- (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517; and
- (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county or city clerk:
- (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.
- → If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the election board officer or clerk may request additional information.
 - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:
- (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with an application to preregister or register to vote:
 - (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check





which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517;

- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (c) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq.:
- (d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
- (e) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.
- 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person pursuant to [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517 is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.
 - **Sec. 6.** 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. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a polling place designated pursuant to section 1 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on the day of the election.
- 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. 7. NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.275 No election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at any polling place in any election provided for in this title, unless it has before it [the]:

1. The roster for the polling place \Box ; and

2. If the polling place is designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on the day of the election, the roster designated for electors who register to vote pursuant to that section.

Sec. 8. NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in *this section and* 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 [.] or if the person registered to vote on the day of the primary election or general election pursuant to section 1 of this act, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the appropriate 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 or was deemed to be 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. If the person registered to vote on the day of the primary election or general election pursuant to section 1 of this act, the person must vote by casting a provisional ballot that must be verified in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to section 1 of this act.
 - **Sec. 9.** 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 [his or her] a polling place [h] at which he or she is entitled to vote.
- **Sec. 9.5.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:
 - 1. A sample ballot;

- 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of the polling place;
- 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a provisional ballot [;] pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3081 to 293.3086, inclusive;
- 4. Instructions concerning the identification required for persons who registered by mail and are first-time voters for federal office in this State:
- 5. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to persons with disabilities;
- 6. General information concerning federal and state laws which prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and
- 7. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.
 - **Sec. 10.** NRS 293.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.305 1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any [registered]:
 - (a) Registered voters waiting to vote ; or
- (b) If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section 1 of this act as a site for an elector of the county to register to vote on the day of an election, persons waiting to register to vote,
- the doors of the polling place must be closed after all such [voters] persons have been admitted to the polling place. Voting and, if applicable, the registration of voters must continue until those [voters] persons have voted.





2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the polling place and such admittance will not interfere unduly with the voting [.] or the registration of voters.

Sec. 11. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11.2. NRS 293.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.387 1. As soon as the returns from all the precincts and districts in any county have been received by the board of county commissioners, the board shall meet and canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the [sixth working] 10th day following the election.

- 2. In making its canvass, the board shall:
- (a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and
- (b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result declared represents the true vote cast.
- 3. The county clerk shall, as soon as the result is declared, enter upon the records of the board an abstract of the result, which must contain the number of votes cast for each candidate. The board, after making the abstract, shall cause the county clerk to certify the abstract and, by an order made and entered in the minutes of its proceedings, to make:
 - (a) A copy of the certified abstract; and
- (b) A mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State,
- → and transmit them to the Secretary of State not more than 7 working days after the election.
- 4. The Secretary of State shall, immediately after any primary election, compile the returns for all candidates voted for in more than one county. The Secretary of State shall make out and file in his or her office an abstract thereof, and shall certify to the county clerk of each county the name of each person nominated, and the name of the office for which the person is nominated.
 - **Sec. 11.4.** NRS 293.393 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.393 1. On or before the [sixth working] 10th day after any general election or any other election at which votes are cast for any United States Senator, Representative in Congress, member of the Legislature or any state officer who is elected statewide, the board of county commissioners shall open the returns of votes cast and make abstracts of the votes.
- 2. Abstracts of votes must be prepared in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State by regulation.
- 3. The county clerk shall make out a certificate of election to each of the persons having the highest number of votes for the district, county and township offices.





- 4. Each certificate must be delivered to the person elected upon application at the office of the county clerk.
 - **Sec. 12.** 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 at which the registered voter is required to cast a ballot; [and]
- (b) The location of every polling place designated pursuant to section 1 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on election day; and
- (c) 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. 13.** NRS 293.469 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.469 Each county clerk is encouraged to:
- 1. Not later than the earlier date of the notice provided pursuant to NRS 293.203 or the first notice provided pursuant to subsection [4] 5 of NRS 293.560, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293.2955, 293.296, 293.313, 293.316 and 293.3165.
- 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.
- 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:





(a) Related to elections; and

- (b) Made available by the county clerk to the public in printed form.
- **Sec. 13.5.** NRS 293.4695 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.4695 1. Each county clerk shall collect the following information regarding each primary and general election, on a form provided by the Secretary of State and made available at each polling place in the county, each polling place for early voting in the county, the office of the county clerk and any other location deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State:
- (a) The number of ballots that have been discarded or for any reason not included in the final canvass of votes, along with an explanation for the exclusion of each such ballot from the final canvass of votes.
- (b) A report on each malfunction of any mechanical voting system, including, without limitation:
 - (1) Any known reason for the malfunction;
- (2) The length of time during which the mechanical voting system could not be used;
- (3) Any remedy for the malfunction which was used at the time of the malfunction; and
 - (4) Any effect the malfunction had on the election process.
- (c) A list of each polling place not open during the time prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273 and an account explaining why each such polling place was not open during the time prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.273.
- (d) A description of each challenge made to the eligibility of a voter pursuant to NRS 293.303 and the result of each such challenge.
- (e) A description of each complaint regarding a ballot cast by mail or facsimile filed with the county clerk and the resolution, if any, of the complaint.
- (f) The results of any audit of election procedures and practices conducted pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this chapter.
- (g) The number of provisional ballots cast pursuant to sections 1 and 21 of this act.
- (h) The number of provisional ballots cast *pursuant to NRS* 293.3081 to 293.3086, *inclusive*, and the reason for the casting of each *such* provisional ballot.
- 2. Each county clerk shall submit to the Secretary of State, on a form provided by the Secretary of State, the information collected pursuant to subsection 1 not more than 60 days after each primary and general election.





- 3. The Secretary of State may contact any political party and request information to assist in the investigation of any allegation of voter intimidation.
- 4. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain an Internet website pursuant to which the Secretary of State shall solicit and collect voter comments regarding election processes.
- 5. The Secretary of State shall compile the information and comments collected pursuant to this section into a report and shall submit the report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the Legislature not sooner than 30 days before and not later than 30 days after the first day of each regular session of the Legislature.
- 6. The Secretary of State may make the report required pursuant to subsection 5 available on an Internet website established and maintained by the Secretary of State.
 - **Sec. 14.** NRS 293.4855 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.4855 1. Every citizen of the United States who is 17 years of age or older but less than 18 years of age and has continuously resided in this State for 30 days or longer may, *except as otherwise provided in subsection 2*, preregister to vote by any of the means available for a person to register to vote pursuant to this title. A person eligible to preregister to vote is deemed to be preregistered to vote upon the submission of a completed application to preregister to vote.
- 2. A person may not preregister to vote at a polling place designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on the day of an election.
- **3.** If a person preregisters to vote, he or she shall be deemed to be a registered voter on his or her 18th birthday unless:
- (a) The person's preregistration has been cancelled as described in subsection [7;] 8; or
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, on the person's 18th birthday, he or she does not satisfy the voter eligibility requirements set forth in NRS 293.485.
- [3.] 4. The county clerk shall issue to a person who is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection [2] 3 a voter registration card as described in [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after the person is deemed to be registered to vote.
- [4.] 5. On the date that a person who preregisters to vote is deemed to be registered to vote, his or her application to preregister to vote is deemed to be his or her application to register to vote.
 - [5.] 6. If a person preregistered to vote:
- (a) By mail or computer, he or she shall be deemed to have registered to vote by mail or computer, as applicable.





- (b) In person, he or she shall be deemed to have registered to vote in person.
- [6.] 7. The preregistration information of a person may be updated by any of the means for updating the voter registration information of a person pursuant to this chapter.
- [7.] 8. The preregistration to vote of a person may be cancelled by any of the means and for any of the reasons for cancelling voter registration pursuant to this chapter.
- [8.] 9. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all preregistration information relating to a person is confidential and is not a public record. Once a person's application to preregister to vote is deemed to be an application to register to vote, any voter registration information related to the person must be disclosed pursuant to any law that requires voter registration information to be disclosed.
- [9.] 10. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations providing for preregistration to vote. The regulations:
- (a) Must include, without limitation, provisions to ensure that once a person is deemed to be a registered voter pursuant to subsection [2] 3 the person is [immediately] issued a voter registration card as soon as practicable and is immediately added to the statewide voter registration list and the registrar of voters' register; and
- (b) Must not require a county clerk to provide to a person who preregisters to vote sample ballots or any other voter information provided to registered voters unless the person will be eligible to vote at the election for which the sample ballots or other information is provided.
 - **Sec. 15.** NRS 293.517 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.517 1. Any person who meets the qualifications set forth in NRS 293.4855 residing within the county may preregister to vote and any elector residing within the county may register to vote:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.560 and 293C.527, by appearing before the county clerk, a field registrar or a voter registration agency, completing the application to preregister or register to vote, giving true and satisfactory answers to all questions relevant to his or her identity and right to preregister or register to vote, and providing proof of residence and identity;
- (b) By completing and mailing or personally delivering to the county clerk an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- 42 (c) Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.524 or chapter 293D of NRS;
 - (d) At his or her residence with the assistance of a field registrar pursuant to NRS 293.5237; or





- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- The county clerk shall require a person to submit official identification as proof of residence and identity, such as a driver's license or other official document, before preregistering or registering the person. If the applicant preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this subsection and fails to provide proof of residence and identity, the applicant must provide proof of residence and identity before casting a ballot in person or by mail or after casting a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3081 [or 293.3083.] to 293.3086, inclusive. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card issued pursuant to subsection [6] 7 does not provide proof of the residence or identity of a person.
- 2. In addition to the methods for registering to vote described in subsection 1, an elector may register to vote at a polling place designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act as a site for the elector to register to vote on the day of an election.
- 3. The application to preregister or register to vote must be signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the person preregistering or the elector registering.
- [3.] 4. Each person or elector who is or has been married must be preregistered or registered under his or her own given or first name, and not under the given or first name or initials of his or her spouse.
- [4.] 5. A person or an elector who is preregistered or registered and changes his or her name must complete a new application to preregister or register to vote, as applicable. The person or elector may obtain a new application:
 - (a) At the office of the county clerk or field registrar;
- (b) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235;
- (c) By submitting a written statement to the county clerk requesting the county clerk to mail an application to preregister or register to vote;
 - (d) At any voter registration agency; or
- (e) By submitting an application to preregister or register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters.
- 40 → If the elector fails to register under his or her new name, the 41 elector may be challenged pursuant to the provisions of 42 NRS 293.303 or 293C.292 and may be required to furnish proof of 43 identity and subsequent change of name.
 - [5.] 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [7,] 8, an elector who registers to vote pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection





1 shall be deemed to be registered upon the completion of an application to register to vote.

- [6.] 7. After the county clerk determines that the application to register to vote of a person is complete and that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, the county clerk shall issue a voter registration card to the voter which contains:
- (a) The name, address, political affiliation and precinct number of the voter;
 - (b) The date of issuance; and

- (c) The signature of the county clerk.
- [7.] 8. If a person or an elector submits an application to preregister or register to vote or an affidavit described in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.507 that contains any handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the county clerk may object to the application if the county clerk believes that because of such handwritten additions, erasures or interlineations, the application is incomplete or that, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is not eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is not eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485, as applicable. If the county clerk objects pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall immediately notify the person or elector, as applicable, and the district attorney of the county. Not later than 5 business days after the district attorney receives such notification, the district attorney shall advise the county clerk as to whether:
- (a) The application is complete and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.210, the person is eligible to preregister pursuant to NRS 293.4855 or the elector is eligible to vote pursuant to NRS 293.485; and
 - (b) The county clerk should proceed to process the application.
- → If the district attorney advises the county clerk to process the application, the county clerk shall immediately issue a voter registration card to the applicant pursuant to subsection [6,] 7, if applicable.

Sec. 16. NRS 293.5235 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293.5235 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502 and chapter 293D of NRS, a person may preregister or register to vote by mailing an application to preregister or register to vote to the county clerk of the county in which the person resides or may preregister or register to vote by computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote. The county clerk shall, upon request, mail an application to preregister or register to vote to an applicant. The county clerk shall make the applications available at various public places in the county. An application to preregister to





vote may be used to correct information in a previous application. An application to register to vote may be used to correct information in the registrar of voters' register.

- 2. An application to preregister or register to vote which is mailed to an applicant by the county clerk or made available to the public at various locations or voter registration agencies in the county may be returned to the county clerk by mail or in person. For the purposes of this section, an application which is personally delivered to the county clerk shall be deemed to have been returned by mail.
- 3. The applicant must complete the application, including, without limitation, checking the boxes described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 10 and signing the application.
- 4. The county clerk shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the application is complete.
- 5. If the county clerk determines that the application is complete, he or she shall, within 10 days after receiving the application, mail to the applicant:
- (a) A notice that the applicant is preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. If the applicant is registered to vote, the county clerk must also mail to the applicant a voter registration card as required by [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517; or
- (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.
- 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, if the county clerk determines that the application is not complete, the county clerk shall, as soon as possible, mail a notice to the applicant that additional information is required to complete the application. If the applicant provides the information requested by the county clerk within 15 days after the county clerk mails the notice, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after receiving the information, mail to the applicant:
 - (a) A notice that the applicant is:
 - (1) Preregistered to vote; or
- (2) Registered to vote and a voter registration card as required by [subsection 6 of] NRS 293.517; or
- (b) A notice that the person's application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register has been corrected to reflect any changes indicated on the application.
- → If the applicant does not provide the additional information within the prescribed period, the application is void.
- 7. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered or to have corrected the information in the application to preregister to vote or the registrar of voters' register on the date the





application is postmarked or received by the county clerk, whichever is earlier.

- 8. If the applicant fails to check the box described in paragraph (b) of subsection 10, the application shall not be considered invalid and the county clerk shall provide a means for the applicant to correct the omission at the time the applicant appears to vote in person at the assigned polling place.
- 9. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form for applications to preregister or register to vote by:
- (a) Mail, which must be used to preregister or register to vote by mail in this State.
- (b) Computer, which must be used to preregister or register to vote in a county if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to preregister or register to vote.
- 10. The application to preregister or register to vote by mail must include:
 - (a) A notice in at least 10-point type which states:

NOTICE: You are urged to return your application to the County Clerk in person or by mail. If you choose to give your completed application to another person to return to the County Clerk on your behalf, and the person fails to deliver the application to the County Clerk, you will not be preregistered or registered to vote, as applicable. Please retain the duplicate copy or receipt from your application to preregister or register to vote.

- (b) The question, "Are you a citizen of the United States?" and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant is a citizen of the United States.
 - (c) If the application is to:
- (1) Preregister to vote, the question, "Are you at least 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age?" and boxes to indicate whether or not the applicant is at least 17 years of age and not more than 18 years of age.
- (2) Register to vote, the question, "Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?" and boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant will be at least 18 years of age or older on election day.
- (d) A statement instructing the applicant not to complete the application if the applicant checked "no" in response to the question set forth in:
- (1) If the application is to preregister to vote, paragraph (b) or subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c).



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(2) If the application is to register to vote, paragraph (b) or subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c).

(e) A statement informing the applicant that if the application is submitted by mail and the applicant is preregistering or registering to vote for the first time, the applicant must submit the information set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.2725 to avoid the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725 upon voting for the first time.

- 11. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 of NRS 293.518, the county clerk shall not preregister or register a person to vote pursuant to this section unless that person has provided all of the information required by the application.
- 12. The county clerk shall mail, by postcard, the notices required pursuant to subsections 5 and 6. If the postcard is returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service because the address is fictitious or the person does not live at that address, the county clerk shall attempt to determine whether the person's current residence is other than that indicated on the application to preregister or register to vote in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530.
- 13. A person who, by mail, preregisters or registers to vote pursuant to this section may be assisted in completing the application to preregister or register to vote by any other person. The application must include the mailing address and signature of the person who assisted the applicant. The failure to provide the information required by this subsection will not result in the application being deemed incomplete.
- 14. An application to preregister or register to vote must be made available to all persons, regardless of political party affiliation.
- 15. An application must not be altered or otherwise defaced after the applicant has completed and signed it. An application must be mailed or delivered in person to the office of the county clerk within 10 days after it is completed.
- 16. A person who willfully violates any of the provisions of subsection 13, 14 or 15 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 17. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 17. 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:
- (a) For a primary or general election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote:





- (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.
- (2) By appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or, if open, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035, is the third Tuesday preceding the primary or general election.
- (3) By computer, if the county clerk has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting.
- (b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary or general election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary or general election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.
- 3. For a primary or special election, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person [.] pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. during the last 2 days a person may register to vote in person pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 if approved by the board of county commissioners.

[3.] 4. For a general election:

- (a) In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the office of the county clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person [.] pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. The office of the county clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the board of county commissioners.
- (b) In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the office of the county clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which a person may register to vote in person [,] pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1, according to the following schedule:
 - (1) On weekdays until 9 p.m.; and
- (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.
- [4.] 5. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The county clerk of each county shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county indicating:
 - (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and





- (2) If the county clerk has designated a county facility pursuant to NRS 293.5035, the location of that facility.
- → If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest county 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.] 6. The offices of the county clerk, a county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 and other ex officio registrars may remain open on the last Friday in October in each even-numbered year.
- [6.] 7. A county facility designated pursuant to NRS 293.5035 may be open during the periods described in this section for such hours of operation as the county clerk may determine, as set forth in subsection 3 of NRS 293.5035.
 - **Sec. 18.** 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 designated pursuant to section 1 or 21 of this act, as applicable, a roster designated for electors who register to vote on the day of the election pursuant to those sections.
- 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. 19.** 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.
- 40 (e) Show his or her ballot to any person, after voting, so as to 41 reveal any of the names voted for.
- 42 (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. 20.** 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. 21.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 11, each city clerk shall:
- (a) Designate one or more polling places in the city as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote in person on the day of a primary city election or general city election. Each polling place designated pursuant to this paragraph must be approved by the governing body of the city.
- (b) Publish during the week before the election in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of the location of each polling place in the city that has been designated pursuant to paragraph (a).
- (c) Post a list of the location of each polling place designated pursuant to paragraph (a) 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. An elector who is not registered to vote by the close of registration may register to vote in person on the day of a primary city election or general city election at any polling place designated pursuant to subsection 1 by the city clerk of the city where the elector resides as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election.





- 3. To register to vote on the day of the primary city election or general city election, an elector must:
- (a) Appear before the close of the polls at a polling place designated by the city clerk pursuant to subsection 1 as a site for registering to vote on the day of the election;
 - (b) Complete the application to register to vote; and
- (c) Provide proof of his or her identity and residence as described in subsections 4 and 5.
- 4. The following forms of identification may be used to identify an elector applying to vote pursuant to this section:
 - (a) A driver's license;

- (b) Any identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (c) A military identification card which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector; or
- (d) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental agency which contains the signature and a photograph of the elector.
- 5. The following documents may be used to establish the residence of an elector if the current residential address of the elector, as indicated on his or her application to register to vote, is displayed on the document:
 - (a) Any form of identification set forth in subsection 4;
- (b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electricity, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television;
 - (c) A bank or credit union statement;
 - (d) A paycheck;
 - (e) An income tax return;
- (f) A statement concerning the mortgage, rental or lease of a residence;
 - (g) A motor vehicle registration;
 - (h) A property tax statement; or
 - (i) Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- 6. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote upon a determination that the application to register to vote is complete and the verification of the elector's identity and residency.
 - 7. An elector who registers to vote pursuant to this section:
- (a) May vote in the primary city election or general city election only at the polling place at which the elector registers to vote; and
 - (b) Must vote by casting a provisional ballot.
- 8. If an elector casts a provisional ballot pursuant to this section, the provisional ballot:





- (a) Must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the elector would have been entitled to vote if the elector had cast a regular ballot; and
- (b) Is not subject to the provisions of NRS 293.3081 to 293.3086, inclusive.
- 9. The city clerk shall establish procedures, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify, before counting a provisional ballot cast by an elector pursuant to this section, that the elector was entitled to register to vote in person on the day of the election and cast the ballot.
- 10. The county clerk shall issue to an elector who is deemed to be a registered voter pursuant to subsection 6 a voter registration card as described in NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after the election, unless it is determined pursuant to subsection 9 that the elector was not entitled to register to vote in person on the day of the election.
- 11. The provisions of this section do not apply to a city election conducted pursuant to NRS 293C.112 where all ballots must be cast by mail.
- **Sec. 22.** 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 *section 1 of this act*, NRS 293C.265 to 293C.302, inclusive, *and section 21 of this act*, 293C.304 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. 23.** 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] 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. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a





polling place designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote on the day of the election.

- 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. 24. NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in *this section and* NRS 293C.272, if a person's name appears in the roster, [or] if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525 [], or if the person registered to vote on the day of the city election pursuant to section 21 of this act, the person is entitled to vote and must sign his or her name in the appropriate 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 or was deemed to be 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. If the person registered to vote on the day of the city election pursuant to section 21 of this act, the person must vote by casting a provisional ballot that must be verified in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to section 21 of this act.
 - **Sec. 25.** 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 [his or her] a polling place [...] at which he or she is entitled to vote.
- Sec. 26. 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]:
 - (a) Registered voters waiting to vote [,]; or
- (b) If the polling place has been designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote on the day of an election, 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 and, if applicable, the registration of voters must continue until those [voters] persons 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 the registration of voters.
 - **Sec. 27.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 27.5.** NRS 293C.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.387 1. The election returns from a special election, primary city election or general city election must be filed with the city clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault designated by the city clerk. No person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until they are canvassed by the mayor and the governing body of the city.
- 2. After the governing body of a city receives the returns from all the precincts and districts in the city, it shall meet with the mayor to canvass the returns. The canvass must be completed on or before the [sixth working] 10th day following the election.
- 3. In completing the canvass of the returns, the governing body of the city and the mayor shall:





- (a) Note separately any clerical errors discovered; and
- (b) Take account of the changes resulting from the discovery, so that the result declared represents the true vote cast.
- 4. After the canvass is completed, the governing body of the city and mayor shall declare the result of the canvass.
- 5. The city clerk shall enter upon the records of the governing body of the city an abstract of the result. The abstract must be prepared in the manner prescribed by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State and must contain the number of votes cast for each candidate.
 - 6. After the abstract is entered, the:

- (a) City clerk shall seal the election returns, maintain them in a vault for at least 22 months and give no person access to them during that period, unless access is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the governing body of the city.
- (b) Governing body of the city shall, by an order made and entered in the minutes of its proceedings, cause the city clerk to:
 - (1) Certify the abstract;
 - (2) Make a copy of the certified abstract;
- (3) Make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State;
- (4) Transmit a copy of the certified abstract and the mechanized report of the abstract to the Secretary of State within 7 working days after the election; and
- (5) Transmit on paper or by electronic means to each public library in the city, or post on a website maintained by the city or the city clerk on the Internet or its successor, if any, a copy of the certified abstract within 30 days after the election.
 - 7. After the abstract of the results from a:
- (a) Primary city election has been certified, the city clerk shall certify the name of each person nominated and the name of the office for which the person is nominated.
 - (b) General city election has been certified, the city clerk shall:
- (1) Issue under his or her hand and official seal to each person elected a certificate of election; and
- (2) Deliver the certificate to the persons elected upon their application at the office of the city clerk.
- 8. The officers elected to the governing body of the city qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first regular meeting of that body next succeeding that in which the canvass of returns was made pursuant to subsection 2.
- **Sec. 28.** NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293D.230 and 293D.300:





- (a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote:
- (1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.
- (2) By appearing in person at the office of the city clerk or, if open, a municipal facility designated pursuant to NRS 293C.520, is the third Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.
- (3) By computer, if the county clerk of the county in which the city is located has established a system pursuant to NRS 293.506 for using a computer to register voters and:
- (I) The governing body of the city has provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the Thursday preceding the first day of the period for early voting.
- (II) The governing body of the city has not provided for early voting by personal appearance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293C.110, is the third Tuesday preceding any primary city election or general city election.
- (b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary city election or general city election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any means is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in section 21 of this act, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary city election or general city election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.
- 3. For a primary city election or special city election, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person [.] pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.
 - [3.] 4. For a general *city* election:
- (a) In a city whose population is less than 25,000, the office of the city clerk must be open until 7 p.m. during the last 2 days on which a person may register to vote in person [.] pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1. The office of the city clerk may close at 5 p.m. if approved by the governing body of the city.
- (b) In a city whose population is 25,000 or more, the office of the city clerk must be open during the last 4 days on which a person may register to vote in person [], pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1, according to the following schedule:





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

- (2) A minimum of 8 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.
- [4.] 5. Except for a special election held pursuant to chapter 306 or 350 of NRS:
- (a) The city clerk of each city shall cause a notice signed by him or her to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city indicating:
 - (1) The day and time that registration will be closed; and
- (2) If the city clerk has designated a municipal facility pursuant to NRS 293C.520, the location of that facility.
- → If no newspaper is of general circulation in that city, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the nearest city in this State.
- (b) The notice must be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks next preceding the close of registration for any election.
- [5.] 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. 29.** 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]** *registered voters* eligible to vote at a regular or special city election.
- 3. The county clerk shall prepare for each polling place designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site for an elector of the city to register to vote, a roster designated for electors who register to vote on the day of the city election pursuant to that section.
- 4. The [rosters] roster required pursuant to subsection 2 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.] 5. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals or copies of the applications to register to vote in the county clerk's office.
- **Sec. 30.** 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 at which the registered voter is required to cast a ballot; [and]
- (b) The location of every polling place designated pursuant to section 21 of this act as a site for an elector to register to vote on election day; and
- (c) 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 clerk may provide a hyperlink to that website to comply with the provisions of subsection 1 with regard to that information.
 - **Sec. 31.** NRS 293C.720 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.720 Each city clerk is encouraged to:
- 1. Not later than the earlier date of the first notice provided pursuant to subsection [4] 5 of NRS 293.560 or NRS 293C.187, notify the public, through means designed to reach members of the public who are elderly or disabled, of the provisions of NRS 293C.281, 293C.282, 293C.310, 293C.317 and 293C.318.
- 2. Provide in alternative audio and visual formats information concerning elections, information concerning how to preregister or register to vote and information concerning the manner of voting for use by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, providing such information through a telecommunications device that is accessible to a person who is deaf.
- 3. Not later than 5 working days after receiving the request of a person who is elderly or disabled, provide to the person, in a format that can be used by the person, any requested material that is:
 - (a) Related to elections; and
- (b) Made available by the city clerk to the public in printed form.
 - **Sec. 32.** NRS 349.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 349.017 1. If the bond question is submitted at a general election, no notice of registration of electors is required other than that required by the laws for a general election.





- 2. If the bond question is submitted at a special election, the clerk of each county shall cause to be published, at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks by two weekly insertions a week apart, the first publication to be not more than 50 days nor less than 42 days next preceding the election, in a newspaper published within the county, if any is so published, and having a general circulation therein, a notice signed by him or her to the effect that registration for the special election will be closed on a date and time designated therein, as provided in this section.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the office of the county clerk in each county of this State must be open for such a special election, from 9 a.m. to 12 m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, for the registration of any qualified elector.
- 4. The office of the county clerk must be open during the last days of registration as provided in subsection [2] 3 of NRS 293.560.
- 5. The office of the county clerk must be open for registration of voters for such a special election up to but excluding the 30th day next preceding that election and during regular office hours.
- **Sec. 33.** Section 16 of the Boulder City Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 16. Induction of Council into office; meetings of Council.

- 1. The City Council shall meet within [ten days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after each city primary election and each city general election specified in Article IX, to canvass the returns and [to] declare the results. All newly elected or reelected Mayor or Council Members shall be inducted into office at the next regular Council meeting following certification of the applicable city general election results. Immediately following such induction, the Mayor pro tem shall be designated as provided in section 7. Thereafter, the Council shall meet regularly at such times as it shall set by resolution from time to time, but not less frequently than once each month. (Add. 13; Amd. 1; 6-2-1987; Amd. 2; 6-4-1991; Add. 17; Amd. 1; 11-5-1996; Add. 24; Amd. 1; 6-3-2003)
- A. (Add. 3; Amd. 2; 5-2-1967; Repealed by Add. 15; Amd. 1; 6-4-1991)
- 2. It is the intent of this Charter that deliberations and actions of the Council be conducted openly. All meetings of the City Council shall be in accordance with chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. (Add. 10; Amd. 1; 6-2-1981)





- 3. Any emergency meeting of the City Council, as defined by chapter 241, shall be as provided therein, and in addition:
- (a) An emergency meeting may be called by the Mayor or upon written notice issued by a majority of the Council.
- (b) Prior notice of such an emergency meeting shall be given to all members of the City Council. (Add. 10; Amd. 1; 6-2-1981)
- **Sec. 34.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 185, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 627, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.
 - 1. The election returns from any municipal election shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place such returns in a safe or vault, and no person shall be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with such returns until canvassed by the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council shall meet within [6 working days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns shall then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.
 - 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first Monday in July next following their election.
 - 4. If any election should result in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 35.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 185, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 628, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.090 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.
 - 1. The election returns from any municipal election shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place such returns in a safe or vault, and no person is permitted to





handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with such returns until canvassed by the Board of Council Members.

- 2. The Board of Council Members shall meet [on or before the sixth working day] within the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the Board of Council Members.
- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first Monday in:
- (a) July next following their election for those officers elected in June 2007.
- (b) January next following their election for those officers elected in November 2008 and November of every even-numbered year thereafter.
- 4. If any election should result in a tie, the Board of Council Members shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 36.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as amended by chapter 189, Statutes of Nevada 1977, at page 354, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties.
 - 1. The election returns from any special, primary or general municipal election shall be filed with the Clerk, who shall immediately place such returns in a safe or vault, and no person shall be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with such returns until canvassed by the Board.
 - 2. The Board shall meet within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns shall then be sealed and kept by the Clerk for 6 months and no person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the Board.
 - 3. The Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the 1st Monday in January next following their election.





Sec. 37. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 231, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 1003, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.

- 1. The election returns from a municipal election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault. No person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until the returns are canvassed by the City Council.
- 2. The City Council shall meet within [6 working days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after an election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 2 years, and no person may have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.
- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first Monday in:
- (a) If the officer is elected pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 of section 5.010, July next following his or her election.
- (b) If the officer is elected pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 of section 5.010, January next following his or her election.
- 4. If any election should result in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 38.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1216, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.
 - 1. The election returns from any special, primary or general municipal election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault, and no person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until canvassed by the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council shall meet [at any time] within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6





months. No person may have access to the returns except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.

- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person elected a certificate of election. Except as otherwise provided in section 1.070, the officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties at the second regular meeting of the City Council held in June of the year of the general municipal election.
- 4. If any election results in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The City Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 39.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as amended by chapter 193, Statutes of Nevada 1991, at page 364, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; declaration of results; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; procedure for tied vote.
 - 1. The returns of any special, primary or general municipal election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place those returns in a safe or vault, and no person may be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with those returns until they have been canvassed by the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council shall meet within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election [...] and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person may have access to the returns except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.
 - 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person who is declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers who have been elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the day of the first regular meeting of the City Council next succeeding the meeting at which the canvass of the returns is made.
 - 4. If the election for any office results in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the equal number of votes and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.





- **Sec. 40.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Mesquite, being chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 1887, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.
 - 1. The election returns from any special, primary or general municipal election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault, and no person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until canvassed by the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council shall meet [at any time] within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months. No person may have access to the returns except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.
 - 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person elected a certificate of election. Except as otherwise provided in section 1.060, the officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties at the first meeting of the City Council held in December of the year of the general municipal election.
 - 4. If any election results in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The City Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 41.** Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of North Las Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1985, at page 1440, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.080 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.
 - 1. The election returns from any special, primary or general municipal election shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault, and no person may be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until canvassed by the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council shall meet [at any time] within [16 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and [shall] canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person may have access thereto





except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.

- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the 1st day of July next following their election.
- 4. If any election should result in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 42.** Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter 349, Statutes of Nevada 2013, at page 1830, is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - Sec. 5.100 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.
 - 1. The election returns from any special, primary or general election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place those returns in a safe or vault, and no person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with those returns until canvassed by the City Council.
 - 2. The City Council and City Manager shall meet within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person may have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.
 - 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties at the first regular City Council meeting following their election.
 - 4. If any election results in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie as provided in this subsection. The City Clerk shall provide and open in the presence of the candidates who received the tie vote an unused 52-card deck of playing cards, removing any jokers and blank cards. The City Clerk shall shuffle the cards thoroughly and present the shuffled deck to the City Manager, or to the person designated by the City Manager for this purpose. One of the candidates who received the tie vote shall then draw one card from the deck, and the City Clerk shall record the suit and number of the





card. The card then must be returned to the deck, and the City Clerk shall shuffle the cards thoroughly and present the shuffled deck to the City Manager, or to the person designated by the City Manager for this purpose, and another of the candidates who received the tie vote shall draw one card from the deck. This process must be repeated until each of the candidates who received the tie vote has drawn one card from the deck and the result of each draw has been recorded. The candidate who draws the high card shall be deemed the winner of the election. For the purposes of this subsection, aces are high and twos are low. If the candidates draw cards of otherwise equal value, the card of the higher suit is the high card. Spades are highest, followed in descending order by hearts, clubs and diamonds. The City Clerk shall issue to the winner a certificate of election.

Sec. 43. Section 5.100 of the Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, as last amended by chapter 113, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 488, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.100 Election returns: Canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.

- 1. The election returns from any election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place the returns in a safe or vault. No person may handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with the returns until canvassed by the City Council.
- 2. The City Council shall meet within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 22 months, and no person may have access to them except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.
- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue a certificate of election to each person elected. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 5.020, the officers elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties at the first regular City Council meeting following their election.
- 4. If any election results in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The City Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.

Sec. 44. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by





chapter 185, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 629, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.

- 1. The election returns from any municipal election must be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place such returns in a safe or vault, and no person is permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with such returns until canvassed by the Board of Council Members.
- 2. The Board of Council Members shall meet [on or before the sixth working day] within the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the result. The election returns must then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the Board of Council Members.
- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the first Monday in:
- (a) July next following their election for those officers elected in June 2007 or 2009.
- (b) January next following their election for those officers elected in November 2010 and every even-numbered year thereafter.
- 4. If any election should result in a tie, the Board of Council Members shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 45.** Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Yerington, being chapter 465, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 913, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 Election returns; canvass; certificates of election; entry of officers upon duties; tie vote procedure.

- 1. The election returns from any municipal election shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately place such returns in a safe or vault, and no person shall be permitted to handle, inspect or in any manner interfere with such returns until canvassed by the City Council.
- 2. The City Council shall meet within [10 days] the time set forth in NRS 293C.387 after any election and canvass the returns and declare the results. The election returns shall then be sealed and kept by the City Clerk for 6 months, and no





person shall have access thereto except on order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by order of the City Council.

- 3. The City Clerk, under his or her hand and official seal, shall issue to each person declared to be elected a certificate of election. The officers so elected shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the 1st Monday in July next following their election.
- 4. If any election should result in a tie, the City Council shall summon the candidates who received the tie vote and determine the tie by lot. The Clerk shall then issue to the winner a certificate of election.
- **Sec. 46.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.
 - Sec. 47. NRS 293.082 is hereby repealed.
 - **Sec. 48.** This act becomes effective:
- 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations, passing any ordinances and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
 - 2. On January 1, 2020, for all other purposes.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

293.082 "Provisional ballot" defined. "Provisional ballot" means a ballot voted by a person pursuant to NRS 293.3081 to 293.3086, inclusive.





