

SENATE BILL NO. 452—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.  
(BDR 24-1141)

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions related to persons who distribute forms to request absent ballots; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, a person who, during the 6 months immediately preceding an election, intends to distribute to more than 500 registered voters a form to request an absent ballot for the election, is required to notify the county or city clerk in writing of: (1) the approximate number of forms to be distributed to registered voters in the county or city, as applicable; and (2) the first date on which the forms will be distributed to registered voters. (NRS 293.3095, 293C.306) This bill revises the deadline for providing such notification to the county or city clerk from not later than 14 days to not later than 28 days before distributing such a form to request an absent ballot.

Under existing law, such a person as previously described is prohibited from mailing a form to request an absent ballot to a registered voter later than 21 days before the election. (NRS 293.3095, 293C.306) This bill prohibits such a person from mailing the form to request an absent ballot to a registered voter later than 35 days before the election.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 293.3095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3095 1. A person who, during the 6 months immediately preceding an election, distributes to more than a total of 500



1 registered voters a form to request an absent ballot for the election  
2 shall:

3 (a) Distribute the form prescribed by the Secretary of State,  
4 which must, in 14-point type or larger:

5 (1) Identify the person who is distributing the form; and

6 (2) Include a notice stating, "This is a request for an absent  
7 ballot.";

8 (b) Not later than ~~144~~ 28 days before distributing such a form,  
9 provide to the county clerk of each county to which a form will be  
10 distributed written notification of the approximate number of forms  
11 to be distributed to voters in the county and of the first date on  
12 which the forms will be distributed;

13 (c) Not return or offer to return to a county clerk a form that was  
14 mailed to a registered voter pursuant to this subsection; and

15 (d) Not mail such a form later than ~~124~~ 35 days before the  
16 election.

17 2. The provisions of this section do not authorize a person to  
18 vote by absent ballot if the person is not otherwise eligible to vote  
19 by absent ballot.

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293C.306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293C.306 1. A person who, during the 6 months immediately  
22 preceding an election, distributes to more than a total of 500  
23 registered voters a form to request an absent ballot for the election  
24 shall:

25 (a) Distribute the form prescribed by the Secretary of State,  
26 which must, in 14-point type or larger:

27 (1) Identify the person who is distributing the form; and

28 (2) Include a notice stating, "This is a request for an absent  
29 ballot.";

30 (b) Not later than ~~144~~ 28 days before distributing such a form,  
31 provide to the city clerk of each city to which a form will be  
32 distributed written notification of the approximate number of forms  
33 to be distributed to voters in the city and of the first date on which  
34 the forms will be distributed;

35 (c) Not return or offer to return to the city clerk a form that was  
36 mailed to a registered voter pursuant to this subsection; and

37 (d) Not mail such a form later than ~~124~~ 35 days before the  
38 election.

39 2. The provisions of this section do not authorize a person to  
40 vote by absent ballot if the person is not otherwise eligible to vote  
41 by absent ballot.

42 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

