

SENATE BILL NO. 216—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS)

MARCH 6, 2023

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to elections.  
(BDR 24-364)

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; requiring each county and city clerk to establish and maintain a working relationship with each Indian tribe located in whole or in part within the county or city; authorizing an Indian tribe to submit a request to the Secretary of State to allow the tribal identification card of the Indian tribe to be accepted by the online voter preregistration and registration system established by the Secretary of State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law authorizes an Indian tribe to submit a request to a county or city clerk to establish a polling place or ballot drop box within the boundaries of an Indian reservation or Indian colony on the day of an election or for early voting. (NRS 293.2733, 293.3572, 293C.2675, 293C.3572) **Sections 2 and 4** of this bill require each county and city clerk to establish and maintain a working relationship with each Indian tribe located in whole or in part within the county or city.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish a system on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State to allow a person by computer to: (1) preregister and register to vote; (2) cancel his or her preregistration or voter registration; (3) update his or her preregistration or voter registration; and (4) determine the polling places at which he or she is entitled to vote. (NRS 293.671)

**Section 3** of this bill authorizes an Indian tribe to submit a request to the Secretary of State to allow a member of the Indian tribe to use a tribal identification card for purposes of using the system established by the Secretary of State to perform any of



these same tasks. **Section 3** further requires the Secretary of State, under certain circumstances, to ensure that the system allows such a tribal member to use his or her tribal identification card for such purposes.

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

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

**Sec. 2.** *Each county clerk shall establish and maintain a working relationship with each Indian tribe located in whole or in part within the county.*

**Sec. 3. 1.** *If an Indian reservation or Indian colony is located in whole or in part within a county in this State, the respective Indian tribe may submit a request to the Secretary of State for approval to allow a member of the Indian tribe to use a tribal identification card for the purposes of using the system established pursuant to NRS 293.671 to:*

*(a) Preregister and register to vote;*

*(b) Cancel his or her preregistration or voter registration;*

*(c) Update his or her preregistration or voter registration information, including, without limitation, the person's name, address and party affiliation; and*

*(d) Determine at what polling place or places he or she is entitled to vote.*

**2.** *If the Secretary of State determines that the tribal identification cards issued by an Indian tribe that submits a request to the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1 meet the requirements of federal law and this chapter for purposes of determining eligibility for voter preregistration and registration, the Secretary of State shall ensure that the system established pursuant to NRS 293.671 allows a member of the Indian tribe to use his or her tribal identification card to:*

*(a) Preregister and register to vote;*

*(b) Cancel his or her preregistration or voter registration;*

*(c) Update his or her preregistration or voter registration information, including, without limitation, the person's name, address and party affiliation; and*

*(d) Determine at what polling place or places he or she is entitled to vote.*

**3.** *As used in this section, "tribal identification card" means an identification card issued by an Indian tribe located in whole or in part in this State and which satisfies the requirements of subsection 3 of NRS 232.006.*



1     **Sec. 4.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2     thereto a new section to read as follows:

3     *Each city clerk shall establish and maintain a working*  
4     *relationship with each Indian tribe located in whole or in part*  
5     *within the city.*

6     **Sec. 5.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
7     approval.

8     2. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act become effective:

9     (a) Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting  
10    regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
11    tasks; and

12    (b) On January 1, 2024, for all other purposes.

