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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 534–COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE)

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-975)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 18, 20, 51, 61)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions relating to voter registration and updating voter registration information; renaming certain provisional ballots to "conditional ballots"; revising provisions relating to certain petitions; revising provisions relating to the publication of certain information by a county clerk; revising provisions relating mail ballots; revising provisions relating to the testing of certain technology prior to an election; defining the term "personal knowledge" for purposes of certain challenges; revising provisions relating to risk-limiting audits; revising provisions relating to certain prohibited conduct in or around a polling place; revising provisions relating to mechanical voting systems; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Secretary of State to adjust the date of the presidential preference primary election; creating the Voter Access Grant Program and the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 3 of this bill requires, with limited exception, a county or city clerk to respond within 2 working days after receiving any request from the Secretary of State for information or data relating to the current election cycle.

Section 4 of this bill provides that if an active registered voter moves to another county and registers to vote therein, which may include, without limitation, an application to register to vote which is transmitted to a county clerk from an automatic voter registration agency, it shall be deemed that the voter is updating his or her voter registration rather than registering to vote and, with certain exceptions, the voter must not be required to cast a provisional ballot on the basis of such an update.

Existing law sets forth certain procedures governing the use of provisional ballots by registered voters who update their voter registration information after the close of registration for an election and by electors who register to vote in person or by computer during certain periods of time leading up to and during an election. Specifically, existing law: (1) with certain exceptions, requires an elector who is deemed conditionally registered to vote under such circumstances to cast his or her vote by a provisional ballot; and (2) authorizes a county or city clerk, under certain circumstances, to require a registered voter who updates his or her voter registration to cast a provisional ballot in an election. (NRS 293.5772-293.5887) **Sections 5, 23, 26, 32 and 38-47** of this bill rename ballots cast under such circumstances to be "conditional ballots."

Existing law requires certain petitions to be submitted to a county clerk for verification of the signatures on the petition and sets forth certain deadlines for such submission. (NRS 293.128, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035, 306.110) **Section 65** of this bill authorizes a county clerk, under certain circumstances, to delay beginning verification for petitions for referendum and certain initiatives. (NRS 295.056) Existing law requires, after the submission of certain petitions containing signatures which are required to be verified, the county clerk to determine the number of signatures affixed to the documents and forward that information to the Secretary of State. (NRS 293.1276) **Section 6** of this bill increases the time provided to a county clerk to make such a determination: (1) for a petition to place the name of a candidate for partisan office of a minor political party or an independent candidate for partisan office on the ballot, from 2 working days to 7 working days; and (2) for any other petition which is required to be submitted for such purposes, from 4 working days to 9 working days.

If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, existing law requires: (1) the Secretary of State to immediately notify the county clerks; and (2) each of the county clerks, after the receipt of such notification, to determine the number of registered voters who have signed the document. (NRS 293.1277) **Section 7** of this bill increases the time provided to a county clerk to make such a determination: (1) for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, from 20 working days to 25 working days; (2) for a petition to place the name of a candidate for partisan office of a minor political party or an independent candidate for partisan office on the ballot, from 3 working days to 8 working days; and (3) for any other petition which is required to be submitted for such purposes, from 9 working days to 14 working days. **Sections 8 and 11** of this bill require a petition to place the name of a candidate for partisan office of a minor political party or an independent candidate for partisan office on the ballot be submitted to the county clerk for verification or filing, respectively, not later than 25 working days, rather than 10 working days, before the last day to file the petition.

Existing law requires that the petition of candidacy for an independent candidate for partisan office be filed not earlier than the first Monday in March of the year in which the election is to be held and not later than the third Friday in

June. (NRS 293.200) **Section 11** instead provides that a petition of candidacy for an independent candidate for partisan office must not be filed earlier than the second Monday after the primary election and not later than the third Friday after the primary election. **Section 11** additionally: (1) requires such a petition to be submitted to the county clerk for verification during this period of time; and (2) provides that if such a petition is submitted in a timely manner but the Secretary of State receives certificates from the county clerks showing the petition has met certain requirements after this deadline, the petition is deemed to be timely filed.

Existing law requires a county clerk to publish certain information concerning elections in a newspaper of general circulation. (NRS 293.203, 293.253, 293.3073, 293.3576, 293.391, 293.464, 298.670) **Sections 12, 25, 27, 28, 31 and 68** of this bill instead require the county clerk to publish such notices in such a manner as the county clerk deems proper, which may include, without limitation, publication in a newspaper of general circulation, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.

Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, on three separate occasions, in each county of the State, together with any explanatory matter to be placed on the ballot, the entire text of a proposed amendment to the Nevada Constitution which is proposed by an initiative petition. (Nev. Art. 19, § 2; NRS 293.253) **Section 17** of this bill authorizes a county clerk to also publish such materials in any other manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations, not inconsistent with the election laws of this State, for the conduct of primary, presidential preference primary, general, special and district elections in all cities and counties. (NRS 293.247) **Section 14** of this bill authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt regulations which provide standards for certain reports which are required to be filed by a county or city clerk.

Existing law authorizes a mail ballot central counting board to begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election and requires the board to complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the seventh day following the election. (NRS 293.269931, 293C.26331) **Sections 20 and 61** of this bill: (1) require, instead of authorize, the mail ballot central counting board to begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election; and (2) require the mail ballot central counting board to process each mail ballot within 24 hours after receipt of the mail ballot unless a waiver is granted by the Secretary of State. **Sections 19 and 60** of this bill require the Secretary of State, rather than a county or city clerk, to establish procedures for minimum requirements for the processing and counting of mail ballots. (NRS 293.269925, 293C.26325)

Existing law requires a county clerk to: (1) prepare and distribute to certain persons in the county a mail ballot for every election; and (2) allow a voter to elect not to receive such a mail ballot by submitting a written notice to the county clerk which must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election. (NRS 293.269911) **Section 18** of this bill authorizes a voter who elects not to receive a mail ballot to later elect to receive a mail ballot for the election if he or she, not later than 14 days before the election, submits to the county clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk. **Sections 18 and 59.5** of this bill revise the deadline for distributing a mail ballot to each registered voter who resides within the State from not later than 20 days before the election to instead on or after the fifth Monday before the election but not later than the fourth Monday before the election.

Existing law authorizes an elector to vote in the county or city in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State before the elector

appears at a polling place to vote in person. Existing law further requires an elector who submits an application to register to vote in such a manner less than 14 days before the election to vote in person. (NRS 293.5837, 293.671) **Section 41** of this bill instead requires an elector who submits such an application less than 18 days before the election to vote in person. **Section 18** requires a county clerk to prepare and distribute a mail ballot to each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than 18 days, rather than 14 days, before the election. (NRS 293.269911)

Existing law requires a county clerk, if the county clerk uses an electronic roster, to complete a test of the electronic roster not earlier than 2 weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance to ensure its functionality. (NRS 293.275) **Section 22** of this bill prohibits such a test from being completed earlier than 6 weeks, instead of 2 weeks, before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance. **Section 55** of this bill similarly revises the time period provided in existing law for a county or city clerk to perform certain tests on a mechanical recording device which directly records votes electronically and any automatic tabulating equipment and programs. (NRS 293B.150)

Sections 24 and 33 of this bill define the term "personal knowledge" for purposes of certain provisions of existing law which authorize certain persons to challenge the right of a person to vote and provide that the term does not include knowledge obtained from a third party. (NRS 293.303, 293.535)

Existing law requires each county clerk to conduct a risk-limiting audit of the results of an election. (NRS 293.394) **Section 29** of this bill renames such audits to "election accuracy audits." Existing law provides that certain materials used in the completion of logic and accuracy tests must be sealed and deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. (NRS 293B.170) **Section 56** of this bill provides that such materials are subject to inspection for the purposes of an election accuracy audit.

Section 30 of this bill provides that the term "canvass" as used in certain provisions relating to recounts demanded by a candidate defeated at an election includes, in any general election, the canvass by the Supreme Court of the returns for a candidate for United States Senator or Representative in Congress. (NRS 293.403)

Existing law requires a county clerk to cancel the preregistration or registration of a person under certain circumstances and authorizes or requires the reregistration of certain electors whose registration is cancelled. (NRS 293.540, 293.543) **Section 34** of this bill requires a county clerk to cancel the preregistration or registration of a person if the county clerk receives, from a person who is within the second degree of consanguinity of the person, a sworn affidavit which indicates the death of the person. **Section 35** of this bill requires, if the registration or preregistration of an elector is cancelled under such circumstances and the county clerk later determines that the registration or preregistration should not have been cancelled, the county clerk to reregister or repreregister the elector.

Existing law provides that the last day for a person to register to vote for certain elections that are held on the same day as a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election is, if the person is registering by appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or certain county facilities, the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election. (NRS 293.560) **Section 36** of this bill instead provides that the last day to register to vote in such a manner is the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance. **Section 62** of this bill similarly revises such deadlines for registration for a primary city, general city, recall and special city election if there is a period for early voting for the primary or general city election. **Section 37** of this bill requires, if an application to register to vote is received not later than 5 days after the appropriate deadline, a county clerk to accept the application if it is obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles and

is completed by, depending on if there is a period for early voting by personal appearance, the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance or the last day to register to vote by mail. (NRS 293.5727)

Existing law further provides that if a recall or special election is not held on the same day as certain elections, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election by any method of registration is the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election. (NRS 293.560) **Section 36** instead provides that the last day to register to vote for such a recall or special election: (1) by mail is the second Tuesday preceding the recall or special election; (2) by appearing in person at the office of the county clerk or certain county facilities is, depending on if there is a period for early voting for the recall or special election, either the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance or the third Saturday preceding the recall or special election; and (3) by computer using the system established on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State is the day of the recall or special election. **Section 62** similarly revises deadlines for such registration for such recall and special city elections.

Sections 48 and 49 of this bill exempt a person who is conducting an exit poll from certain provisions of law which prohibit a person from: (1) with certain exceptions, remaining inside or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of an election; and (2) in certain locations, soliciting a vote or speaking to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballots. (NRS 293.730, 293.740)

Section 50 of this bill provides that the termination of a contract by certain local governing bodies for the lease or use of a mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device which is currently used in any election of this State is provisional unless such an entity: (1) submits to the Secretary of State a plan to transition to a new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device which is approved by the Secretary of State; and (2) signs a contract for the purchase, lease or use of the new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device.

Existing law authorizes mechanical voting systems to be used to cast, register, record and count ballots or votes at all statewide, county, city and district elections of any kind held in this State. (NRS 293B.050) **Section 51** of this bill instead provides that ballots or votes: (1) may be cast, registered and recorded using a mechanical voting system; and (2) must be counted using a mechanical voting system. **Sections 13, 52-54, 57, 63, 64, 66 and 69-80** of this bill make conforming changes to require the use of a mechanical voting system for counting votes and clarify that the use of a mechanical voting system for casting ballots is authorized but not required.

Section 67 of this bill authorizes the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Legislative Commission, to adjust the date of the presidential primary election which is set forth in existing law as the first Tuesday in February of each presidential election year. (NRS 298.650)

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to serve as the Chief Officer of Elections for this State and to be responsible for the execution and enforcement of the provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes and all other provisions of state and federal law relating to elections. (NRS 293.124) **Section 69.4** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to establish and administer the Voter Access Grant Program to provide grants of money from the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program which is created by **section 69.6** of this bill to eligible entities to support the administration of elections and improve voter access. For purposes of providing such grants, an "eligible entity" is defined by **section 69.6** to mean a county, city or tribal government.

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, 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. ***Except as otherwise provided in this title, if the Secretary of State requests any information or data relating to the current election cycle from a county clerk or city clerk, the county or city clerk shall, not later than the second working day after receiving the request, respond to the Secretary of State with:***

1. The information or data; or

2. A written explanation that indicates when the clerk will reasonably be able to provide the information or data.

Sec. 4. ***If an active registered voter moves to another county and registers to vote therein, which may include, without limitation, an application to register to vote which is transmitted to a county clerk from an automatic voter registration agency:***

1. It shall be deemed that the voter is updating his or her voter registration rather than registering to vote; and

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5832, the voter must not be required to, on the basis of the update to his or her address, cast a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, or a conditional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

Sec. 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. A mail ballot;

2. A provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive; or

3. A ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

Sec. 6. NRS 293.1276 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1276 1. ~~[Within 4]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided by NRS 295.056, within 9*** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the submission of a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110, and within ~~[2]~~ ***7*** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the submission of a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.172 or 293.200, the county clerk shall determine the total number of signatures affixed to the documents and, in the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the number of

signatures for each petition district contained fully or partially within the county and forward that information to the Secretary of State.

2. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures filed with all the county clerks is less than 100 percent of the required number of registered voters, the Secretary of State shall so notify the person who submitted the petition and the county clerks and no further action may be taken in regard to the petition. If the petition is a petition to recall a county, district or municipal officer, the Secretary of State shall also notify the officer with whom the petition is to be filed.

3. After the petition is submitted to the county clerk, it must not be handled by any other person except by an employee of the county clerk's office until it is filed with the Secretary of State.

4. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations establishing procedures to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 7. NRS 293.1277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.1277 1. If the Secretary of State finds that the total number of signatures submitted to all the county clerks is 100 percent or more of the number of registered voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, the Secretary of State shall immediately so notify the county clerks. After the notification, each of the county clerks shall determine the number of registered voters who have signed the documents submitted in the county clerk's county and, in the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, shall tally the number of signatures for each petition district contained or fully contained within the county clerk's county. This determination must be completed within ~~[9]~~ ***14*** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 295.056, 298.109 or 306.110, within ~~[20]~~ ***25*** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 306.035, and within ~~[3]~~ ***8*** days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the notification pursuant to this subsection regarding a petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.172 or 293.200. For the purpose of verification pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall not include in his or her tally of total signatures any signature included in the incorrect petition district.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, if more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted to a county clerk, the county clerk shall examine the signatures by

sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the county clerk is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include an examination of:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures, whichever is greater.

(b) If the petition is for the recall of a public officer who holds a statewide office, at least 25 percent of the signatures.

➥ If documents were submitted to the county clerk for more than one petition district wholly contained within that county, a separate random sample must be performed for each petition district.

3. If a petition district comprises more than one county and the petition is for an initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or a statewide measure, and if more than 500 names have been signed on the documents submitted for that petition district, the appropriate county clerks shall examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification. The random sample of signatures to be verified must be drawn in such a manner that every signature which has been submitted to the county clerks within the petition district is given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. The sample must include an examination of at least 500 or 5 percent of the signatures presented in the petition district, whichever is greater. The Secretary of State shall determine the number of signatures that must be verified by each county clerk within the petition district.

4. If a petition is for the recall of a public officer who does not hold a statewide office, each county clerk:

(a) Shall not examine the signatures by sampling them at random for verification;

(b) Shall examine for verification every signature on the documents submitted to the county clerk; and

(c) When determining the total number of valid signatures on the documents, shall remove each name of a registered voter who submitted a request to have his or her name removed from the petition pursuant to NRS 306.015.

5. In determining from the records of registration the number of registered voters who signed the documents, the county clerk may use the signatures contained in the file of applications to register to vote. If the county clerk uses that file, the county clerk shall ensure that every application in the file is examined, including any application in his or her possession which may not yet be entered into the county clerk's records. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the county clerk shall rely only on the appearance of

the signature and the address and date included with each signature in making his or her determination.

6. If:

(a) A person registers to vote using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671;

(b) A person registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293D.230 and signs his or her application to register to vote using a digital signature or an electronic signature; or

(c) A person is registered to vote by an automatic voter registration agency,

➥ the county clerk may rely on such other indicia as prescribed by the Secretary of State in making his or her determination.

7. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, when the county clerk is determining the number of registered voters who signed the documents from each petition district contained fully or partially within the county clerk's county, he or she must use the statewide voter registration list available pursuant to NRS 293.675.

8. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, upon completing the examination, the county clerk shall immediately attach to the documents a certificate properly dated, showing the result of the examination, including the tally of signatures by petition district, if required, and transmit the documents with the certificate to the Secretary of State. In the case of a petition for initiative or referendum proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, if a petition district comprises more than one county, the appropriate county clerks shall comply with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section to complete the certificate. A copy of this certificate must be filed in the clerk's office. When the county clerk transmits the certificate to the Secretary of State, the county clerk shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of requests to remove a name received by the county clerk pursuant to NRS 295.055 or pursuant to NRS 306.015 for a petition to recall a public officer who holds a statewide office, if applicable.

9. A person who submits a petition to the county clerk which is required to be verified pursuant to NRS 293.128, 293.172, 293.200, 295.056, 298.109, 306.035 or 306.110 must be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures. A public officer who is the subject of a recall petition must also be allowed to witness the verification of the signatures on the petition.

10. For any petition containing signatures which are required to be verified pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.200, 306.035 or 306.110 for any county, district or municipal office within one

county, the county clerk shall not transmit to the Secretary of State the documents containing the signatures of the registered voters.

11. The Secretary of State shall by regulation establish further procedures for carrying out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. NRS 293.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.172 1. A petition filed pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.1715 may consist of more than one document. Each document of the petition must:

(a) Bear the name of the minor political party and, if applicable, the candidate and office to which the candidate is to be nominated.

(b) Include the affidavit of the person who circulated the document verifying that the signers are registered voters in this State according to his or her best information and belief and that the signatures are genuine and were signed in his or her presence.

(c) Bear the name of a county and be submitted to the county clerk of that county for verification in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, not later than ~~[10]~~ ***25*** working days before the last day to file the petition. A challenge to the form of a document must be made in a district court in the county that is named on the document.

(d) Be signed only by registered voters of the county that is named on the document.

2. If the office to which the candidate is to be nominated is a county office, only the registered voters of that county may sign the petition. If the office to which the candidate is to be nominated is a district office, only the registered voters of that district may sign the petition.

3. Each person who signs a petition shall also provide the address of the place where he or she resides, the date that he or she signs and the name of the county in which he or she is registered to vote.

4. The county clerk shall not disqualify the signature of a voter who failed to provide all the information required by subsection 3 if the voter is registered in the county named on the document.

Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 10. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11. NRS 293.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.200 1. An independent candidate for partisan office must file with the appropriate filing officer as set forth in NRS 293.185:

(a) A copy of the petition of candidacy that he or she intends to subsequently circulate for signatures. The copy must be filed not earlier than the January 2 preceding the date of the election and not later than ~~[10]~~ ***25*** working days before the last day to file the petition pursuant to subsection 4. The copy of the petition must be

filed with the appropriate filing officer before the petition may be circulated for signatures.

(b) Either of the following:

(1) A petition of candidacy signed by a number of registered voters equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of ballots cast in:

(I) This State for that office at the last preceding general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a statewide office;

(II) The county for that office at the last preceding general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a county office; or

(III) The district for that office at the last preceding general election in which a person was elected to that office, if the office is a district office.

(2) A petition of candidacy signed by 250 registered voters if the candidate is a candidate for statewide office, or signed by 100 registered voters if the candidate is a candidate for any office other than a statewide office.

2. The petition may consist of more than one document. Each document must bear the name of the county in which it was circulated, and only registered voters of that county may sign the document. If the office is not a statewide office, only the registered voters of the county, district or municipality in question may sign the document. The documents that are circulated for signature in a county must be submitted to that county clerk for verification in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, ~~[not later than 10 working days before]~~ ***during*** the ~~[last day to file the petition pursuant to]~~ ***period of time set forth in*** subsection 4. Each person who signs the petition shall add to his or her signature the address of the place at which the person actually resides, the date that he or she signs the petition and the name of the county where he or she is registered to vote. The person who circulates each document of the petition shall sign an affidavit attesting that the signatures on the document are genuine to the best of his or her knowledge and belief and were signed in his or her presence by persons registered to vote in that county.

3. The petition of candidacy may state the principle, if any, which the person qualified represents.

4. Petitions of candidacy must be filed not earlier than the ~~[first]~~ ***second*** Monday ~~[in March preceding]~~ ***following*** the ~~[general]~~ ***primary*** election and not later than 5 p.m. on the third Friday ***following the primary election. If a petition is submitted*** in ~~[June.]~~ ***a timely manner pursuant to subsection 2 but the Secretary of State receives certificates from the county clerks showing the***

petition to be signed by the requisite number of voters after 5 p.m. on the third Friday following the primary election, the petition shall be deemed to be timely filed with the Secretary of State.

5. No petition of candidacy may contain the name of more than one candidate for each office to be filled.

6. A person may not file as an independent candidate if he or she is proposing to run as the candidate of a political party.

7. The names of independent candidates must be placed on the general election ballot and must not appear on the primary election ballot.

8. If the sufficiency of the petition of the candidacy of any person seeking to qualify pursuant to this section is challenged, all affidavits and documents in support of the challenge must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in June. Any judicial proceeding resulting from the challenge must be set for hearing not more than 5 days after the fourth Friday in June.

9. Any challenge pursuant to subsection 8 must be filed with:

(a) The First Judicial District Court if the petition of candidacy was filed with the Secretary of State.

(b) The district court for the county where the petition of candidacy was filed if the petition was filed with a county clerk.

10. The district court in which the challenge is filed shall give priority to such proceedings over all other matters pending with the court, except for criminal proceedings.

11. An independent candidate for partisan office must file a declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pay the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 not earlier than the first Monday in March of the year in which the election is held and not later than 5 p.m. on the second Friday after the first Monday in March.

Sec. 12. NRS 293.203 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.203 Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the certified list of candidates for judicial and nonjudicial office from the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.187, the county clerk shall publish a notice of primary election or general election ***once a week for 2 successive weeks*** in ***such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication in*** a newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~[once a week for 2 successive weeks. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in]~~ ***or*** the nearest Nevada county ~~[.]~~ ***, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.*** The notice must contain:

1. The date of the election.

2. The location of the polling places.

3. The hours during which the polling places will be open for voting.

➥ The notice required for a general election pursuant to this section may be published in conjunction with the notice required for a proposed constitution or constitutional amendment pursuant to NRS 293.253. If the notices are combined in this manner, they must be published three times in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 293.253.

Sec. 13. NRS 293.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.207 1. Election precincts must be established on the basis of the number of registered voters therein, with a maximum of 5,000 registered voters who are not designated inactive pursuant to NRS 293.530 per precinct in those precincts in which a mechanical voting system is used ~~[.]~~ ***for casting ballots.***

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the county clerk may consolidate two or more contiguous election precincts into a single voting district to conduct a particular election as public convenience, necessity and economy may require.

3. If a county clerk proposes to consolidate two or more contiguous election precincts, in whole or in part, pursuant to subsection 2, the county clerk shall, at least 14 days before consolidating the precincts, cause notice of the proposed consolidation to be:

(a) Posted in the manner prescribed for a regular meeting of the board of county commissioners; and

(b) Mailed to each Assemblyman, Assemblywoman, State Senator, county commissioner and, if applicable, member of the governing body of a city who represents residents of a precinct affected by the consolidation.

4. A person may file a written objection to the proposed consolidation with the county clerk. The county clerk shall consider each written objection filed pursuant to this subsection before consolidating the precincts.

Sec. 14. NRS 293.247 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.247 1. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations, not inconsistent with the election laws of this State, for the conduct of primary, presidential preference primary, general, special and district elections in all cities and counties. Permanent regulations of the Secretary of State that regulate the conduct of a primary, general, special or district election and are effective on or before the last business day of February immediately preceding a primary, general, special or district election govern the conduct of that election. Permanent regulations of the Secretary of State that regulate the conduct of a presidential preference primary election and are effective on or before the last business day of September

immediately preceding a presidential preference primary election govern the conduct of that election.

2. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the forms for a declaration of candidacy and any petition which is filed pursuant to the election laws of this State.

3. The regulations must prescribe:

(a) The manner of printing ballots and the number of ballots to be distributed to precincts and districts;

(b) The form and placement of instructions to voters;

(c) The disposition of election returns;

(d) The procedures to be used for canvasses, ties, recounts and contests, including, without limitation, the appropriate use of a paper record created when a voter casts a ballot on a mechanical voting system that directly records the votes electronically;

(e) The procedures to be used to ensure the security of the ballots from the time they are transferred from the polling place until they are stored pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.391 or 293C.390;

(f) The procedures to be used to ensure the security and accuracy of computer programs and tapes used for elections;

(g) The procedures to be used for the testing, use and auditing of a mechanical voting system which directly records the votes electronically and which creates a paper record when a voter casts a ballot on the system;

(h) The acceptable standards for the sending and receiving of applications, forms and ballots, by approved electronic transmission, by the county clerks and the electors, registered voters or other persons who are authorized to use approved electronic transmission pursuant to the provisions of this title;

(i) The forms for applications to preregister and register to vote and any other forms necessary for the administration of this title; and

(j) Such other matters as determined necessary by the Secretary of State.

4. ***The Secretary of State may adopt regulations which provide standards for any reports required to be filed by a county or city clerk pursuant to this title.***

5. The Secretary of State may provide interpretations and take other actions necessary for the effective administration of the statutes and regulations governing the conduct of primary, presidential preference primary, general, special and district elections in this State.

~~[5.]~~ ***6.*** The Secretary of State shall prepare and distribute to each county and city clerk copies of:

(a) Laws and regulations concerning elections in this State;

(b) Interpretations issued by the Secretary of State's Office; and

(c) Any Attorney General's opinions or any state or federal court decisions which affect state election laws or regulations whenever any of those opinions or decisions become known to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 15. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 16. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 17. NRS 293.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.253 1. The Secretary of State shall provide each county clerk with copies of any proposed constitution or constitutional amendment which will appear on the general election ballot, together with the copies of the condensations, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250 and 293.252.

2. Whenever feasible, the Secretary of State shall provide those copies on or before the first Monday in August of the year in which the proposals will appear on the ballot. Copies of any additional proposals must be provided as soon after their filing as feasible.

3. Each county clerk shall cause a copy of the full text of any such constitution or amendment and its condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note to be published, in conspicuous display advertising format of not less than 10 column inches, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county three times at intervals of not less than 7 days, the first publication to be on or before the first Monday in October. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in the nearest Nevada county ~~[.]~~ ***and in addition to any publication made in a newspaper pursuant to this subsection, a county clerk may publish a copy of the full text of any such constitution or amendment and its condensation, explanation, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal note in such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.***

4. If a copy of any such constitution or amendment is furnished by the Secretary of State too late to be published at 7-day intervals, it must be published three times at the longest intervals feasible in each county.

5. The portion of the cost of publication which is attributable to publishing the questions, explanations, arguments, rebuttals and fiscal notes of proposed constitutions or constitutional amendments is a charge against the State and must be paid from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account upon recommendation by the Secretary of State and approval by the State Board of Examiners.

Sec. 18. NRS 293.269911 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.269911 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter in the county and each person who registers to vote or updates his or her voter registration information not later than the ~~[14]~~ ***18*** days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.

2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the county clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election. ***If a voter elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this subsection, he or she may later elect to receive a mail ballot for the election if he or she, not later than 14 days before the election, submits to the county clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk.***

3. The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:

(a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or

(b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.

4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must be distributed to:

(a) Each active registered voter who:

(1) Resides within the State, ***on or after the fifth Monday before the election but*** not later than ~~[20 days]~~ ***the fourth Monday*** before the election; and

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before the election.

(b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.

(c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.

6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days before the special election.

7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.

Sec. 19. NRS 293.269925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.269925 1. The ~~[county clerk]~~ ***Secretary of State*** shall establish procedures for ***minimum requirements for*** the processing and counting of mail ballots.

2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) May authorize mail ballots to be processed, verified and counted by computer or other electronic means; and

(b) Must not conflict with the provisions of NRS 293.269911 to 293.269937, inclusive.

Sec. 20. NRS 293.269931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.269931 1. The mail ballot central counting board ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election ~~[.]~~ ***and must process each mail ballot pursuant to NRS 293.269933 within 24 hours after the receipt of the mail ballot unless the Secretary of State grants a waiver requested pursuant to subsection 2.*** The board must complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the seventh day following the election. The counting procedure must be public.

2. ***If a mail ballot central counting board is unable to process a mail ballot within 24 hours after the receipt of the mail ballot, the mail ballot central counting board may request a waiver from the Secretary of State to extend the time that the mail ballot central counting board has to process the mail ballot. A waiver granted pursuant to this subsection must not authorize the mail ballot central counting board to count the mail ballot after the deadline for the completion of the count of all mail ballots set forth in subsection 1.***

3. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to present the appearance of a single ballot, the mail ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed by an election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box after the count is completed.

Sec. 21. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 22. NRS 293.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(a) The roster designated for registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place; and

(b) The roster designated for electors who apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

2. For a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072, an election board may perform its duty in serving registered voters at the polling place in an election if the election board has before it the roster for the county.

3. If a county clerk uses an electronic roster, not earlier than ~~[2]~~ ***6*** weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance, the county clerk shall complete a test of the electronic roster to ensure its functionality in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 23. 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 NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, or a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive;

4. Instructions concerning the identification required for persons who registered by mail or computer 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. 24. NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

(a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or

has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

(b) On any ground set forth in a challenge filed with the county clerk pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.547.

2. If a person is challenged, an election board officer shall tender the challenged person the following oath or affirmation:

(a) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not belong to the political party designated upon the roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I belong to the political party designated upon the roster";

(b) If the challenge is on the ground that the roster does not show that the challenged person designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I designated on the application to register to vote the political party to which I claim to belong";

(c) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person does not reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the roster";

(d) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person previously voted a ballot for the election, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I have not voted for any of the candidates or questions included on this ballot for this election"; or

(e) If the challenge is on the ground that the challenged person is not the person he or she claims to be, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the person whose name is in this roster."

➥ The oath or affirmation must be set forth on a form prepared by the Secretary of State and signed by the challenged person under penalty of perjury.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged" by the person's name.

4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue the person a nonpartisan ballot.

5. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293.304.

6. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue the person a partisan ballot.

7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot until he or she furnishes satisfactory identification which contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.

8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person:

(a) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official document; or

(b) Brings before the election board officers a person who is at least 18 years of age who:

(1) Furnishes official identification which contains a photograph of that person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and

(2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.

9. The election board officers shall:

(a) Record on the challenge list:

(1) The name of the challenged person;

(2) The name of the registered voter who initiated the challenge; and

(3) The result of the challenge; and

(b) If possible, orally notify the registered voter who initiated the challenge of the result of the challenge.

10. For the purposes of this section, "personal knowledge" means firsthand knowledge through experience or observation of the facts upon each ground that the challenge is based. The term does not include knowledge obtained from a third party, including, without limitation, information obtained from the review of data in a database or other compilation of information.

Sec. 25. NRS 293.3073 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3073 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a county clerk establishes one or more polling places pursuant to NRS 293.3072, the county clerk must:

(a) Publish during the week before the election ~~[in a newspaper of general circulation]~~ a notice of the location of each such polling

place. ***The county clerk may make this publication in such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication in a newspaper of general circulation, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.***

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

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

3. No additional polling place may be established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 after the publication pursuant to this section, except in the case of an emergency and if approved by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 26. NRS 293.3078 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3078 As used in NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Provisional ballot" means a provisional ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive.

2. The term does not include a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

Sec. 27. NRS 293.3576 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.3576 1. The county clerk shall publish during the week before the period for early voting and at least once each week during the period for early voting ~~[in a newspaper of general circulation]~~ a schedule stating ~~[:~~

~~(a) The]~~ ***the*** location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting ~~[.~~

~~(b) The]~~ ***and the*** dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. ***The county clerk may make this publication in such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication in a newspaper of general circulation, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.***

2. The county clerk shall post a copy of the schedule on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the board of county commissioners. The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the fifth day before the first day

of the period for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the last day of that period.

3. The county clerk shall make copies of the schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities without charge during the period of posting.

4. No additional polling places for early voting may be established after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

5. The hours that early voting will be conducted at each polling place for early voting may be extended at the discretion of the county clerk after the schedule is published pursuant to this section.

Sec. 28. NRS 293.391 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.391 1. The voted ballots, rejected ballots, spoiled ballots, challenge lists, records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400, reports prepared pursuant to NRS 293.269937 and stubs of the ballots used, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The records of voted ballots that are maintained in electronic form must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be sealed and deposited in the vaults of the county clerk. The tally lists collected pursuant to this title must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk without being sealed. All materials described by this subsection must be preserved for at least 22 months, and all such sealed materials must be destroyed immediately after the preservation period. A notice of the destruction must ***, not less than 2 weeks before the destruction,*** be published by the clerk in ***such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication in*** at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~[not less than 2 weeks before]~~ ***, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of*** the ~~[destruction.]~~ ***county clerk.***

2. Unused ballots, enclosed and sealed, must, after canvass of the votes by the board of county commissioners, be deposited in the vaults of the county clerk and preserved for at least the period during which the election may be contested and adjudicated, after which the unused ballots may be destroyed.

3. The rosters containing the signatures of those persons who voted in the election and the tally lists deposited with the board of county commissioners are subject to the inspection of any elector who may wish to examine them at any time after their deposit with the county clerk.

4. A contestant of an election may inspect all of the material regarding that election which is preserved pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, except the voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted

ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the county clerk.

5. The voted ballots and records printed on paper of voted ballots collected pursuant to NRS 293B.400 which are deposited with the county clerk are not subject to the inspection of anyone, except in cases of a contested election, and then only by the judge, body or board before whom the election is being contested, or by the parties to the contest, jointly, pursuant to an order of such judge, body or board.

Sec. 29. NRS 293.394 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.394 1. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations for conducting ~~[a risk-limiting]~~ ***an election accuracy*** audit of an election, which may include, without limitation:

(a) Procedures to conduct ~~[a risk-limiting]~~ ***an election accuracy*** audit;

(b) Criteria for which elections must be audited; and

(c) Criteria to determine the scope of the ~~[risk-limiting]~~ ***election accuracy*** audit.

2. In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to this section, each county clerk shall conduct ~~[a risk-limiting]~~ ***an election accuracy*** audit of the results of an election.

3. As used in this section, ~~[“risk-limiting]~~ ***“election accuracy*** audit” means an audit protocol that:

(a) Makes use of statistical principles and methods; and

(b) Is designed to limit the risk of certifying an incorrect election outcome.

Sec. 30. NRS 293.403 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.403 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.424, a candidate defeated at any election may demand and receive a recount of the vote for the office for which he or she is a candidate to determine the number of votes received for the candidate and the number of votes received for the person who won the election if, within 3 working days after the canvass of the vote and the certification by the county clerk or city clerk of the abstract of votes, the candidate who demands the recount:

(a) Files in writing a demand with the officer with whom the candidate filed his or her declaration of candidacy; and

(b) Deposits in advance the estimated costs of the recount with that officer.

2. Any voter at an election may demand and receive a recount of the vote for a ballot question if, within 3 working days after the canvass of the vote and the certification by the county clerk or city clerk of the abstract of votes, the voter:

(a) Files in writing a demand with:

(1) The Secretary of State, if the demand is for a recount of a ballot question affecting more than one county; or

(2) The county or city clerk who will conduct the recount, if the demand is for a recount of a ballot question affecting only one county or city; and

(b) Deposits in advance the estimated costs of the recount with the person to whom the demand was made.

3. The estimated costs of the recount must be determined by the person with whom the advance is deposited based on regulations adopted by the Secretary of State defining the term "costs."

4. As used in this section, "canvass" means:

(a) In any primary election, the canvass by the board of county commissioners of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted for in one county or the canvass by the board of county commissioners last completing its canvass of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted for in more than one county.

(b) In any primary city election, the canvass by the city council of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted for in the city.

(c) In any general election:

(1) The canvass by the Supreme Court of the returns for a candidate for ***United States Senator, Representative in Congress or*** a statewide office or a statewide ballot question; or

(2) The canvass of the board of county commissioners of the returns for any other candidate or ballot question, as provided in paragraph (a).

(d) In any general city election, the canvass by the city council of the returns for a candidate or ballot question voted for in the city.

Sec. 31. NRS 293.464 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.464 1. If a court of competent jurisdiction orders a county to extend the deadline for voting beyond the statutory deadline in a particular election, the county clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving notice of the court's decision:

(a) Cause notice of the extended deadline to be published in ***such a manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication in*** a newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~[.]~~ ***, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk;*** and

(b) Transmit a notice of the extended deadline to each registered voter who received a mail ballot for the election and has not returned the mail ballot before the date on which the notice will be transmitted.

2. The notice required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be published:

(a) In a county whose population is 52,000 or more, on at least 3 successive days.

(b) In a county whose population is less than 52,000, at least twice in successive issues of the newspaper ~~[.]~~ ***or, if the notice is not published in a newspaper, on at least 2 successive days.***

Sec. 32. NRS 293.4695 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.4695 1. Each county clerk shall collect the following information regarding each primary election, presidential preference primary election 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 NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, and the reason for the casting of each such provisional ballot.

(h) The number of ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballots cast pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

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

election, presidential preference primary election 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. 33. NRS 293.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.535 1. The county clerk shall notify a registrant if any elector or other reliable person files an affidavit with the county clerk stating that:

(a) The registrant is not a citizen of the United States; or

(b) The registrant has:

(1) Moved outside the boundaries of the county where he or she is registered to another county, state, territory or foreign country, with the intention of remaining there for an indefinite time and with the intention of abandoning his or her residence in the county where registered; and

(2) Established residence in some other state, territory or foreign country, or in some other county of this state, naming the place.

➥ The affiant must state that he or she has personal knowledge of the facts set forth in the affidavit.

2. Upon the filing of an affidavit pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the county clerk shall notify the registrant in the manner set forth in NRS 293.530 and shall enclose a copy of the affidavit. If the registrant fails to respond or appear to vote within the required time, the county clerk shall cancel the registration.

3. An affidavit filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be filed not later than 30 days before an election. Upon the filing of such an affidavit, the county clerk shall notify the registrant by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the filing of the affidavit, and shall enclose a copy of the affidavit. Unless the registrant, within 15 days after the return receipt has been filed in

the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory proof of citizenship, the county clerk shall cancel the registration.

4. The provisions of this section do not prevent the challenge provided for in NRS 293.303 or 293C.292.

5. A county clerk is not required to take any action pursuant to this section in relation to a person who is preregistered to vote until the person is deemed to be registered to vote pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.4855.

6. For the purposes of this section, "personal knowledge" means firsthand knowledge through experience or observation of the facts upon each ground that the challenge is based. The term does not include knowledge obtained from a third party, including, without limitation, information obtained from the review of data in a database or other compilation of information.

Sec. 34. NRS 293.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.540 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration of a person:

(a) If the county clerk ***becomes aware of the death of the person through any of the following methods:***

(1) The county clerk has personal knowledge of the death of the person ***;***

(2) The county clerk receives, from a person who is within the second degree of consanguinity to the person, a sworn affidavit which indicates the death of the person; or ~~[if an]~~

(3) An authenticated certificate of the death of the person is filed in the county clerk's office.

(b) At the request of the person.

(c) If the county clerk has discovered an incorrect preregistration pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235 and the person has failed to respond within the required time.

(d) As required by NRS 293.541.

(e) Upon verification that the application to preregister to vote is a duplicate if the county clerk has the original or another duplicate of the application on file in the county clerk's office.

2. The county clerk shall cancel the registration of a person:

(a) If the county clerk ***becomes aware of the death of the person through any of the following methods:***

(1) The county clerk has personal knowledge of the death of the person ***;***

(2) The county clerk receives, from a person who is within the second degree of consanguinity to the voter, a sworn affidavit which indicates the death of the voter; or ~~[if an]~~

(3) An authenticated certificate of the death of the person is filed in the county clerk's office.

(b) If the county clerk is provided a certified copy of a court order stating that the court specifically finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person lacks the mental capacity to vote because he or she cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a specific desire to participate in the voting process.

(c) Upon the determination that the person has been convicted of a felony and is currently incarcerated.

(d) Upon the production of a certified copy of the judgment of any court directing the cancellation to be made.

(e) At the request of the person.

(f) If the county clerk has discovered an incorrect registration pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5235, 293.530 or 293.535 and the elector has failed to respond or appear to vote within the required time.

(g) As required by NRS 293.541.

(h) Upon verification that the application to register to vote is a duplicate if the county clerk has the original or another duplicate of the application on file in the county clerk's office.

Sec. 35. NRS 293.543 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.543 1. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, the county clerk shall reregister the elector upon notice from the clerk of the district court that the elector has been found by the district court to have the mental capacity to vote. The court must include the finding in a court order and, not later than 30 days after issuing the order, provide a certified copy of the order to the county clerk of the county in which the person is a resident and to the Office of the Secretary of State.

2. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, the elector may reregister upon release from prison.

3. If the registration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540, after the close of registration for a primary election, the elector may not reregister until after the primary election.

4. ***If the registration or preregistration of an elector is cancelled pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.540 or subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 293.540 and the county clerk later determines that the registration or preregistration should not have been cancelled, the county clerk shall reregister or repreregister the elector, as applicable.***

5. A county clerk shall not require an elector to present evidence, including, without limitation, a court order or any other

document, to prove that the elector satisfies the requirements of subsection 2.

Sec. 36. NRS 293.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.560 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269951, 293.502, 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

(a) For a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, or a recall or special election that is held on the same day as a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, the last day to register to vote:

(1) By mail is the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary election, presidential preference primary election 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 ~~[fourth Tuesday preceding]~~ ***day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance for*** the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.

(3) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the day of the primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election.

(b) If a recall or special election is not held on the same day as a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general election, the last day to register to vote for the recall or special election ~~[by any method of registration]~~ ***:***

(1) By mail is the second Tuesday preceding the recall or special 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 ***:***

(I) If there is a period for early voting for the recall or special election, the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance for the recall or special election; or

(II) If there is not a period for early voting for the recall or special election, the third Saturday preceding the ***recall or special election.***

(3) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 is the day of the recall or special election.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, after the deadlines for the close of registration for a primary election, presidential preference primary election or general

election set forth in subsection 1, no person may register to vote for the election.

3. Except for a recall or 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 each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, 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 day that the last method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed.

4. 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.

5. 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. 37. NRS 293.5727 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5727 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide an application to preregister or register to vote to each person who applies for the issuance or renewal of any type of driver's license or identification card issued by the Department.

2. The county clerk shall use the applications to preregister or register to vote which are signed and completed pursuant to subsection 1 to preregister or register an applicant to vote or to correct the preregistration or registration of the applicant, as applicable. An application that is not signed must not be used to preregister or register or correct the preregistration or registration of the applicant.

3. For the purposes of this section, each employee specifically authorized to do so by the Director of the Department may oversee the completion of an application. The authorized employee shall check the application for completeness and verify the information required by the application. Each application must include a duplicate copy or receipt to be retained by the applicant upon

completion of the form. The Department shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, forward each application on a weekly basis to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the applicant resides. The applications must be forwarded daily during the 2 weeks immediately preceding the last ~~[day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable.]~~ ***date that the county clerk is required to accept such an application pursuant to subsection 5.***

4. The Department is not required to provide an application to register to vote pursuant to subsection 1 to a person who declines to apply to register to vote pursuant to this section and submits to the Department a written form that meets the requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 20506(a)(6). Information related to the declination to apply to register to vote must not be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

5. The county clerk shall accept any application to:

(a) Preregister to vote at any time.

(b) Register to vote which is obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this section and completed by ***:***

(1) If there is a period for early voting, the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance; or

(2) If there is not a period for early voting, the last day to register to vote by mail pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, as applicable,

➥ if the county clerk receives the application not later than 5 days after that date.

6. Upon receipt of an application, the county clerk or field registrar of voters shall determine whether the application is complete. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the application is complete, he or she shall notify the applicant and the applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered as of the date of the submission of the application. If the county clerk or field registrar of voters determines that the application is not complete, he or she shall notify the applicant of the additional information required. The applicant shall be deemed to be preregistered or registered as of the date of the initial submission of the application if the additional information is provided within 15 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed. If the applicant has not provided the additional information within 15 days after the notice for the additional information is mailed, the incomplete application is void. Any notification required by this subsection must be given by mail at the mailing address on the application not more than 7 working days after the determination is made concerning whether the application is complete.

7. The county clerk shall use any form submitted to the Department to correct information on a driver's license or identification card to correct information on a previous application to preregister or register unless the person indicates on the form that the correction is not to be used for the purposes of preregistration or voter registration. The Department shall forward each such form to the county clerk or, if applicable, to the registrar of voters of the county in which the person resides in the same manner provided by subsection 3 for applications to preregister or register to vote.

8. Upon receipt of a form to correct information, the county clerk shall compare the information to that contained in the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.675. The county clerk shall correct the information to reflect any changes indicated on the form. After making any changes, the county clerk shall notify the person by mail that the records have been corrected.

9. The Secretary of State shall, with the approval of the Director, adopt regulations to:

(a) Establish any procedure necessary to provide a person who applies to preregister to vote or an elector who applies to register to vote pursuant to this section the opportunity to do so;

(b) Prescribe the contents of any forms or applications which the Department is required to distribute pursuant to this section; and

(c) Provide for the transfer of the completed applications of preregistration or registration from the Department to the appropriate county clerk.

Sec. 38. NRS 293.5782 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5782 "Final verification" means the procedures established pursuant to NRS 293.5872 to verify and determine whether a person who cast a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot was qualified to register to vote and to cast the ballot in the election.

Sec. 39. NRS 293.5792 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5792 1. ~~["Provisional]~~ ***"Conditional*** ballot" means a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot cast by a person pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

2. The term does not include a provisional ballot cast by a person pursuant to:

(a) NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive; or

(b) Section 302 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 52 U.S.C. § 21082, as amended.

Sec. 40. NRS 293.5832 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5832 1. After the close of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, a registered voter may update his or her voter registration information, including, without limitation, his or her name, address and party affiliation.

2. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a registered voter to update his or her voter registration information pursuant to this section:

(a) A paper application; or

(b) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

➥ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

3. If a registered voter updates his or her voter registration information pursuant to this section and applies to vote in the election, the county or city clerk may require the voter to cast a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot in the election if any circumstances exist that give the county or city clerk reasonable cause to believe that the use of a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot is necessary to provide sufficient time to verify and determine whether the voter is eligible to cast the ballot in the election based on his or her updated voter registration information.

4. If a registered voter casts a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot in the election pursuant to this section, the ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot is subject to final verification in accordance with the procedures that apply to other ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballots cast in the election pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive.

Sec. 41. NRS 293.5837 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5837 1. An elector may register to vote in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote by submitting an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 before the elector appears at a polling place described in subsection 2 to vote in person.

2. If an elector submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this section less than ~~[14]~~ ***18*** days before the election, the elector may vote only in person:

(a) During the period for early voting, at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote; or

(b) On the day of the election, at:

(1) A polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 or 293C.3032 in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote; or

(2) The polling place for his or her election precinct.

3. To vote in person, an elector who submits an application to register to vote pursuant to this section must:

(a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place described in subsection 2;

(b) Inform an election board officer that, before appearing at the polling place, the elector submitted an application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

4. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the 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) A military identification card;

(b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;

(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.

5. Subject to final verification, if an elector submits an application to register to vote and appears at a polling place to vote in person pursuant to this section:

(a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:

(1) The determination that the elector submitted the application to register to vote by computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 and that the application to register to vote is complete; and

(2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.

(b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:

(1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;

(2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and

(3) Must vote by casting a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to

register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.

Sec. 42. NRS 293.5842 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5842 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person at any polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

2. To register to vote in person during the period for early voting, an elector must:

(a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place for early voting by personal appearance in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

(b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:

(1) A paper application; or

(2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

➥ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the 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) A military identification card;

(b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;

(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.

4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:

(a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:

(1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and

(2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.

(b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:

(1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;

(2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and

(3) Must vote by casting a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot, unless it is verified, at that time, that the elector is qualified to register to vote and to cast a regular ballot in the election at that polling place.

Sec. 43. NRS 293.5847 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5847 1. Notwithstanding the close of any method of registration for an election pursuant to NRS 293.560 or 293C.527, an elector may register to vote in person on the day of the election at any polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

2. To register to vote on the day of the election, an elector must:

(a) Appear before the close of polls at a polling place in the county or city, as applicable, in which the elector is eligible to vote.

(b) Complete the application to register to vote by a method authorized by the county or city clerk pursuant to this paragraph. The county or city clerk shall authorize at least one of the following methods for a person to register to vote pursuant to this paragraph:

(1) A paper application; or

(2) The system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671.

➥ If the county or city clerk authorizes the use of both methods, the county or city clerk may limit the use of one method to circumstances when the other method is not reasonably available.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, provide his or her current and valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles which shows his or her physical address as proof of the elector's identity and residency.

3. If the driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to the elector does not have the elector's current residential address, the following documents may be used to establish the residency of the 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) A military identification card;

(b) A utility bill, including, without limitation, a bill for electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone or cable television service;

(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.

4. Subject to final verification, if an elector registers to vote in person at a polling place pursuant to this section:

(a) The elector shall be deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place upon:

(1) The determination that the application to register to vote is complete; and

(2) The verification of the elector's identity and residency pursuant to this section.

(b) After the elector is deemed to be conditionally registered to vote at the polling place pursuant to paragraph (a), the elector:

(1) May vote in the election only at that polling place;

(2) Must vote as soon as practicable and before leaving that polling place; and

(3) Must vote by casting a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot.

Sec. 44. NRS 293.5852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5852 If a person casts a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, the ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the person would have been entitled to vote if the person had cast a regular ballot.

Sec. 45. NRS 293.5872 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5872 1. Each county and city clerk shall establish procedures, approved by the Secretary of State, for:

(a) Carrying out final verification to verify and determine whether a person who cast a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot was qualified to register to vote and to cast the ballot in the election; and

(b) Keeping each ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot separate from other ballots until such final verification.

2. For the purposes of final verification:

(a) The Secretary of State shall verify that an elector has voted in the election in only one county or city, as applicable, and provide each county and city clerk with a copy of the verification report; and

(b) Each county and city clerk shall verify that an elector has voted in the election at only one polling place in the county or city, as applicable.

Sec. 46. NRS 293.5877 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5877 1. Following each election, a canvass of the ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballots cast in the election must be conducted pursuant to NRS 293.387 and 293C.387.

2. The county or city clerk shall not include any ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot in the unofficial results reported on election night.

3. Beginning on the day following the election, the county or city clerk shall regularly report the results of the counting of the ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballots until such counting is completed.

Sec. 47. NRS 293.5882 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.5882 1. The Secretary of State shall establish a free access system, such as a toll-free telephone number or an Internet website, to inform a person who cast a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot whether the person's ballot was counted and, if the ballot was not counted, the reason why the ballot was not counted.

2. The free access system must ensure secrecy of the ballot while protecting the confidentiality and integrity of personal information contained therein.

3. Access to information concerning a ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot must be restricted to the person who cast the ~~[provisional]~~ ***conditional*** ballot.

Sec. 48. NRS 293.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.730 1. Except for an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties, a person shall not:

(a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of the election. ***The provisions of this paragraph do not prohibit a person from conducting an exit poll in or outside of the polling place.***

(b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter, other than a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

(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 one at which the person is entitled to vote.

(e) Show his or her ballot to another person, after voting, so as to reveal any of his or her votes on the ballot, other than on his or

her mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

(f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for his or her name, address or political affiliation or for whom he or she intends to vote.

(g) Send, transmit, distribute or deliver a ballot to a voter, other than a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot when permitted pursuant to this title.

(h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface, damage or destroy a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

2. A voter shall not:

(a) Accept a ballot from another person, other than an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties or a person who sends, transmits, distributes or delivers a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot to the voter when permitted pursuant to this title.

(b) Deliver to an election board officer in the course of the election board officer's official duties 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 that he or she voted, other than any such mark that is permitted to be placed on a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization pursuant to this title.

3. A person other than a county or city clerk shall not set up a ballot drop box that purports to be an official ballot drop box for mail ballots.

4. 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. 49. NRS 293.740 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.740 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, it is unlawful inside a polling place, within 100 feet from the entrance to the building or other structure in which a polling place is located, inside the area of a county or city jail where a person detained in the jail may vote or within 100 feet from the entrance of the area in a jail where a person detained in the jail may vote:

(a) For any person to solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot ~~[.]~~ ***unless the person is conducting an exit poll.***

(b) For any person, including an election board officer, to do any electioneering on election day.

➥ The county clerk or registrar of voters shall ensure that, at the outer limits of the area within which electioneering is prohibited,

notices are continuously posted on which are printed in large letters "Distance Marker: No electioneering between this point and the entrance to the polling place."

2. The county clerk shall ensure that any notice posted pursuant to subsection 1 is:

(a) At least 17 inches by 11 inches in size;

(b) Placed on a window or door of the polling place or a freestanding sign; and

(c) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electioneering is prohibited pursuant to subsection 1.

3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to the conduct of a person in a private residence or on commercial or residential property that is within 100 feet from the entrance to a building or other structure in which a polling place is located. The provisions of subsection 1 are not intended to prohibit a person from voting solely because he or she is wearing a prohibited political insigne and is reasonably unable to remove the insigne or cover it. In such a case, the election board officer shall take such action as is necessary to allow the voter to vote as expediently as possible and then assist the voter in exiting the polling place as soon as is possible.

4. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

5. As used in this section, "electioneering" means campaigning for or against a candidate, ballot question or political party by:

(a) Posting signs relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political party;

(b) Distributing literature relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political party;

(c) Using loudspeakers to broadcast information relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political party;

(d) Buying, selling, wearing or displaying any badge, button or other insigne which expressly refers to any political party or a candidate or ballot question to be voted upon at that election; or

(e) Soliciting signatures to any kind of petition.

Sec. 50. Chapter 293B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

If the board of county commissioners of any county or the city council or other governing body of any city terminates a contract for the lease or use of a mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device which is currently used in any election, that termination is provisional and does not become final unless the board of county commissioners, city council or other governing body:

1. Submits to the Secretary of State a plan to transition to a new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device, as applicable, which is approved by the Secretary of State; and

2. Submits to the Secretary of State proof of a signed contract for purchase, lease or use of the new mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device, as applicable.

Sec. 51. NRS 293B.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.050 At all statewide, county, city and district elections of any kind held in this State, ballots or votes ~~[may]~~ ***:***

1. May be cast, registered ~~[,]~~ ***and*** recorded ~~[and counted]~~ by means of a mechanical voting system.

2. Must be counted by means of a mechanical voting system.

Sec. 52. NRS 293B.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.105 The board of county commissioners of any county or the city council or other governing body of any city ~~[may]~~ ***:***

1. May purchase and adopt for use at elections any mechanical voting system and mechanical recording device ~~[. The system or device may be used at any or all elections held in the county or city,]~~ for voting ~~[,]~~ ***and*** registering ~~[and counting]~~ votes cast.

2. Must purchase and adopt for use at elections a mechanical voting system for counting votes cast.

Sec. 53. NRS 293B.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.110 ~~[A]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293B.050, a*** mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device may be adopted ***and used*** for some of the precincts or districts in the same county or city, while the remainder of the precincts or districts in that county or city may be furnished with paper ballots or any other mechanical voting system or mechanical recording device.

Sec. 54. NRS 293B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.130 1. Before any election ***,*** ~~[where a mechanical voting system is to be used,]~~ the county clerk shall prepare or cause to be prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

(a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.

(b) All unlawful votes, including, without limitation, overvotes or, in a primary election or presidential preference primary election, votes cast for a candidate of a major political party other than the party, if any, of the registration of the voter must not be counted.

(c) If the election is:

(1) A primary election held in an even-numbered year;

(2) A presidential preference primary election; or

(3) A general election,

➥ the total votes, other than mail ballots, must be accumulated by precinct.

(d) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered which lacks a code identifying the precinct in which it was voted and, in a primary election or presidential preference primary election, identifying the major political party of the voter.

2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the accuracy certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293B.140.

3. The county clerk shall take such measures as he or she deems necessary to protect the program from being altered or damaged.

Sec. 55. NRS 293B.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.150 Not earlier than ~~[2]~~ ***6*** weeks before and not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the first day of early voting, the county or city clerk shall test:

1. The mechanical recording device which directly records votes electronically, if any; or

2. The automatic tabulating equipment and programs, if any,

➥ to ascertain that the device or equipment and programs will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Sec. 56. NRS 293B.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.170 ***1.*** After the completion of the last logic and accuracy test, the programs used, if any, and the logic and accuracy test ballots and the official ballots shall be sealed, retained and disposed of in the manner provided in NRS 293.391 or 293C.390 for other ballots.

2. All of the materials preserved pursuant to subsection 1 which are deposited with the county clerk are subject to inspection in an election accuracy audit that is conducted in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 293.394.

Sec. 57. NRS 293B.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293B.175 In those districts or precincts in which a mechanical voting system is used ~~[,]~~ ***for casting ballots,*** the list of offices and candidates and the statements of measures appropriate for use with ~~[that]~~ ***a mechanical voting*** system in combination with the device upon which a vote is registered is an official ballot.

Sec. 58. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 59. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 59.5. NRS 293C.263 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.263 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the city clerk shall prepare and distribute to each active registered voter in the city and each person who registers to vote or updates his or

her voter registration information not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The city clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly or disabled, including, without limitation, by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly or disabled.

2. The city clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to the city clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the city clerk which must be received by the city clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election.

3. The city clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:

(a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or

(b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.

4. The mail ballot must include all offices, candidates and measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote at the election.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must be distributed to:

(a) Each active registered voter who:

(1) Resides within the State, ***on or after the fifth Monday before the election but*** not later than ~~[20 days]~~ ***the fourth Monday*** before the election; and

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before the election.

(b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to paragraph (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before the election.

(c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.

6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days before the special election.

7. Any untimely legal action which would prevent the mail ballot from being distributed to any voter pursuant to this section is moot and of no effect.

Sec. 60. NRS 293C.26325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.26325 1. The ~~[city clerk]~~ ***Secretary of State*** shall establish procedures for ***minimum requirements for*** the processing and counting of mail ballots.

2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) May authorize mail ballots to be processed, verified and counted by computer or other electronic means; and

(b) Must not conflict with the provisions of NRS 293C.263 to 293C.26337, inclusive.

Sec. 61. NRS 293C.26331 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.26331 1. The mail ballot central counting board ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** begin counting the received mail ballots 15 days before the day of the election ~~[.]~~ ***and must process each mail ballot pursuant to NRS 293C.26333 within 24 hours after the receipt of the mail ballot unless the Secretary of State grants a waiver requested pursuant to subsection 2.*** The board must complete the count of all mail ballots on or before the seventh day following the election. The counting procedure must be public.

2. ***If a mail ballot central counting board is unable to process a mail ballot within 24 hours after the receipt of the mail ballot, the mail ballot central counting board may request a waiver from the Secretary of State to extend the time that the mail ballot central counting board has to process the mail ballot. A waiver granted pursuant to this subsection must not authorize the mail ballot central counting board to count the mail ballot after the deadline for the completion of the count of all mail ballots set forth in subsection 1.***

3. If two or more mail ballots are found folded together to present the appearance of a single ballot, the mail ballots must be rejected and placed in an envelope, upon which must be written the reason for their rejection. The envelope must be signed by an election board officer and placed in the container or ballot box after the count is completed.

Sec. 62. NRS 293C.527 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.527 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.502, 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 293D.230 and 293D.300:

(a) For a primary city election or general city election, or a recall or special city 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 ***:***

(I) If there is a period for early voting for the primary city election or general city election, the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance for the primary city election or general city election; or

(II) If there is not a period for early voting for the primary city election or general city election, the fourth Tuesday preceding the primary city election or general city election.

(3) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671, is the day of the primary city election or general city election.

(b) If a recall or special city 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 city election ~~[by any method of registration]~~ ***:***

(1) By mail is the second Tuesday preceding the recall or special 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 ***:***

(I) If there is a period for early voting for the recall or special city election, the day before the first day of the period for early voting by personal appearance for the recall or special city election; or

(II) If there is not a period for early voting for the recall or special city election, the third Saturday preceding the ***recall or special city election.***

(3) By computer using the system established by the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.671 is the day of the recall or special city election.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, 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. Except for a recall or special city 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 each method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, 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 day on which the last method of registration for the election, as set forth in subsection 1, will be closed.

4. 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. 63. NRS 293C.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293C.600 1. Before any election where a mechanical voting system will be used ~~[,]~~ ***for casting ballots,*** the city clerk shall prepare or cause to be prepared a computer program on cards, tape or other material suitable for use with the computer or counting device to be employed for counting the votes cast. The program must cause the computer or counting device to operate in the following manner:

(a) All lawful votes cast by each voter must be counted.

(b) All unlawful votes, including, but not limited to, overvotes must not be counted.

(c) The computer or counting device must halt or indicate by appropriate signal if a ballot is encountered that lacks a code identifying the precinct in which it was voted.

2. The program must be prepared under the supervision of the accuracy certification board appointed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293B.140.

3. The city clerk shall take such measures as he or she deems necessary to protect the program from being altered or damaged.

Sec. 64. NRS 295.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.045 1. A petition for referendum must be filed with the Secretary of State not less than 120 days before the date of the next succeeding general election.

2. The Secretary of State shall certify the questions to the county clerks.

3. The title of the statute or resolution must be set out on the ballot, and the question printed upon the ballot for the information of the voters must be as follows: "Shall the statute (setting out its title) be approved?"

4. Where a mechanical voting system is used ~~[,]~~ ***for casting ballots,*** the title of the statute must appear on the list of offices and candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on and may be condensed to no more than 25 words.

5. The votes cast upon the question must be counted and canvassed as the votes for state officers are counted and canvassed.

Sec. 65. NRS 295.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.056 1. Before a petition for initiative or referendum is filed with the Secretary of State, the petitioners must submit to each county clerk for verification pursuant to NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive, the document or documents which were circulated for signature within the clerk's county. The clerks shall give the person submitting a document or documents a receipt stating the number of documents and pages and the person's statement of the number of signatures contained therein.

2. If a petition for initiative proposes a statute or an amendment to a statute, the document or documents must be submitted not later than the 15th day following the general election.

3. If a petition for initiative proposes an amendment to the Constitution, the document or documents must be submitted not later than the 15th day following the primary election.

4. If the petition is for referendum, the document or documents must be submitted not later than the 15th day following the primary election.

5. All documents which are submitted to a county clerk for verification must be submitted at the same time. If documents concerning the same petition are submitted for verification to more than one county clerk, the documents must be submitted to each county clerk on the same day. At the time that the petition is submitted to a county clerk for verification, the petitioners may designate a contact person who is authorized by the petitioners to address questions or issues relating to the petition.

6. A county clerk may delay beginning verification pursuant NRS 293.1276 to 293.1279, inclusive:

(a) If the petition is a petition for referendum or is a petition for initiative that proposes an amendment to the Constitution, on or after the second Friday before the period for early voting for a primary election. If a county clerk delays verification pursuant to this paragraph, the county clerk must begin verification not later than the 15th day following the primary election.

(b) If the petition is a petition for initiative that proposes a statute or an amendment to a statute, on or after the second Friday before the period for early voting for a general election. If a county clerk delays verification pursuant to this paragraph, the county clerk must begin verification not later than the 15th day following the general election.

Sec. 66. NRS 295.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

295.170 1. The subject matter of such questions must be stated concisely on the ballot, and the question printed upon the

ballot for the information of the voter must be as follows: "Shall the act (setting out the title thereof) be approved?"

2. Where a mechanical voting system is used ~~[,]~~ ***for casting ballots,*** the title of the act must appear on the list of offices and candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on and may be condensed by the district attorney to 20 words.

3. The district attorney shall prepare an explanation of each such question, which must be placed on the ballot or the list of offices and candidates and the statements of measures to be voted on, or posted in the polling place.

4. The votes cast upon such question must be counted and canvassed as the votes for county officers are counted and canvassed.

Sec. 67. NRS 298.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

298.650 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsection 2,]~~ ***this section,*** a presidential preference primary election must be held for all major political parties on the first Tuesday in February of each presidential election year.

2. ***The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Legislative Commission, adjust the date of the presidential preference primary election set forth in subsection 1.***

3. A presidential preference primary election must not be held for a major political party if only one qualified candidate or no qualified candidate of the major political party files a declaration of candidacy pursuant to NRS 298.660. If only one qualified candidate of the major political party files a declaration of candidacy, the Secretary of State must certify the name of the qualified candidate to the state central committee and the national committee of the major political party.

Sec. 68. NRS 298.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

298.670 1. The Secretary of State shall forward to each county clerk the name, party affiliation and mailing address of each qualified candidate whose name must appear on the ballot for the presidential preference primary election.

2. Immediately upon receipt by the county clerk of the list of qualified candidates, the county clerk shall publish a notice of the presidential preference primary election ***once a week for 2 successive weeks*** in ***such manner as the county clerk deems proper which may include, without limitation, publication in*** a newspaper of general circulation in the county ~~[once a week for 2 successive weeks. If no such newspaper is published in the county, the publication may be made in a newspaper of general circulation published in]~~ ***or*** the nearest Nevada county ~~[.]~~ ***, on the Internet website of the county clerk or on the social media account of the county clerk.*** The notice must contain:

(a) The date of the presidential preference primary election;

(b) The major political parties that have qualified candidates who will be on the ballot at the presidential preference primary election;

(c) The location of the polling places in the county, including, without limitation, polling places for early voting by personal appearance; and

(d) The hours during which the polling places in the county will be open for voting during the period for early voting and the day of the presidential preference primary election.

Sec. 69. NRS 306.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

306.060 1. If the officer against whom the petition is filed furnishes no justification of the officer's course in office, none need appear on the ballot at the election upon the officer's recall.

2. Where a mechanical voting system is used ~~[,]~~ ***for casting ballots,*** the reason for demanding the recall of the officer and the officer's justification need not be printed on the ballot, but must be printed on sample ballots, which must be presented to registered voters upon their application to vote.

Sec. 69.2. Chapter 225 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 69.4 and 69.6 of this act.

Sec. 69.4. ***1. The Secretary of State shall establish and administer the Voter Access Grant Program to provide grants of money from the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program created by section 69.6 of this act to eligible entities to support the administration of elections and improve voter access.***

2. The Secretary of State shall notify all eligible entities about the Program and the requirements for eligible entities to apply for and receive grants from the Program.

3. The amount of any grant awarded by the Secretary of State to an eligible entity must be proportionate to the number of qualified electors who reside within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity unless the Secretary of State determines that awarding a disproportionate amount to an eligible entity is necessary to address a significant event that may affect voter participation in an election.

4. In carrying out the Program, the Secretary of State may award a grant to an eligible entity for:

(a) The purchase and maintenance of supplies or equipment for an election;

(b) The payment of election board officers and other employees who perform duties relating to elections;

(c) Programs for voter education and outreach; and

(d) Any other project, program or expense that the Secretary of State determines to be eligible for the Program.

5. The Secretary of State, or his or her designee, shall review each application submitted for a grant from the Program in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 8. When reviewing an application, the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, may request any additional information from an applicant to determine the eligibility of the applicant for a grant.

6. Any grant awarded to an eligible entity pursuant to the Program is in addition to and does not supplant or replace any money, support or services otherwise authorized or required by law to be provided to an eligible entity.

7. On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit a written report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature. The report must include, without limitation, for the immediately preceding biennium:

(a) The number of eligible entities that applied for a grant from the Program;

(b) The number of eligible entities that received a grant from the Program;

(c) The number of eligible entities that applied for but did not receive a grant from the Program;

(d) The amount and source of any donation, gift, grant, bequest or other source of money that the Secretary of State received for deposit in the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program created by section 69.6 of this act;

(e) The total amount of grants awarded from the Program; and

(f) A description of the projects, programs, supplies or equipment that were purchased or supported, in whole or in part, from the Program.

8. The Secretary of State shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including, without limitation, regulations that prescribe:

(a) The process for applying for a grant from the Program, including, without limitation, application requirements;

(b) Criteria for eligibility for a grant from the Program;

(c) The order of priority for reviewing applications and awarding grants from the Program; and

(d) Standards for determining whether to approve an application for a grant from the Program.

9. For the purposes of this section, "eligible entity" means a county, city or tribal government.

Sec. 69.6. *1. The Account for the Voter Access Grant Program is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Secretary of State shall administer the Account.*

2. The Secretary of State may apply for and accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest or other source of money for deposit in the Account.

3. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

4. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund and the balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 70. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Caliente, being chapter 31, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 67, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 71. Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Carlin, being chapter 344, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 616, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The Board of Council Members ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the Board of Council Members provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 72. Section 5.090 of the Charter of Carson City, being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 306, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The Board ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election***

laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the Board provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 73. Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Elko, being chapter 276, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as amended by chapter 51, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 464, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting votes ~~[that is not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ the ***election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 74. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Henderson, being chapter 266, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 417, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 75. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, at page 1416, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or for]~~ counting the votes ~~[, or both, which are not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with the ~~[law or the]~~ ***election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 76. Section 5.090 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. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 77. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Reno, being chapter 662, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 1979, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 78. Section 5.090 of the Charter of the City of Sparks, being chapter 470, Statutes of Nevada 1975, at page 737, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.090 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must

be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 79. Section 5.080 of the Charter of the City of Wells, being chapter 275, Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 470, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5.080 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The Board of Council Members ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the Board of Council Members provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 80. Section 5.080 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. 5.080 ~~[Voting machines.]~~ ***Mechanical voting systems.***

1. The City Council ~~[may]~~ ***shall*** provide for the use of mechanical or other devices for ~~[voting or]~~ counting the votes ~~[not inconsistent]~~ ***in accordance*** with ~~[law or]~~ ***the election laws of this State and any*** regulations of the Secretary of State.

2. If the City Council provides for the use of mechanical or other devices for voting, such provision must be in accordance with the election laws of this State and any regulations of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 81. 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. 82. 1. This section and section 81 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 80, inclusive, of this act become effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On July 1, 2025, for all other purposes.

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