# SENATE BILL NO. 203–SENATORS SPEARMAN, FORD, WOODHOUSE, PARKS AND DENIS

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-573)

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

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

AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing county and city clerks to prepare rosters for early voting in an electronic format; requiring the Secretary of State to create and maintain certain application software for use on mobile devices; providing for voter preregistration by certain persons who are 17 years of age; authorizing the preparation and use of electronic rosters and election board registers; authorizing election officials to establish systems for registered voters to elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means; allowing registered voters who participate in such systems to elect to have their electronic mail addresses withheld from the public; making various other changes relating to elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires a county and city clerk to: (1) establish polling places for early voting where any person entitled to vote early by personal appearance in the county or city may do so for early voting; and (2) prepare a roster for early voting for each such polling place. (NRS 293.3561, 293C.3561) **Sections 5 and 52** of this bill authorize the county and city clerk to prepare a roster for early voting in an electronic format.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to maintain a website on the Internet for public information maintained, collected or compiled by the Secretary of State that relates to elections. (NRS 293.4687) **Section 7** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to create and maintain application software that is designed for use on a mobile device and which must include all information on the Internet website of the Secretary of State and allow a person to submit any information or





form related to elections that may be submitted electronically to the Secretary of State.

**Section 14** of this bill authorizes certain persons who are 17 years of age to preregister to vote in this State. **Sections 20 and 47** of this bill make conforming changes.

Existing law defines the terms "election board register," "roster" and "sample ballot" for the purposes of elections. (NRS 293.053, 293.095, 293.097) Sections 16, 16.5 and 17 of this bill clarify that such items may be electronic. Sections 25 and 58 make conforming changes.

Existing law requires: (1) The preparation of an election board register for each precinct or district that contains certain information from applications to register to vote; and (2) a voter to sign an election board register when he or she applies to vote at a polling place. (NRS 293.053, 293.275, 293.277, 293.285, 293.287, 293.510) Sections 16, 27, 34, 35, 43, 60 and 65 of this bill make various changes to provide that an election board register may be prepared in an electronic format and a person who applies to vote in person may sign the register electronically.

Existing law requires each county and city clerk to mail a sample ballot to each registered voter in the applicable county or city. (NRS 293.565, 293C.530) **Sections 44 and 64** of this bill authorize each county and city clerk to establish a system to distribute a sample ballot by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive sample ballots in that manner. Such a system must be approved by the Secretary of State and may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website.

Existing law provides that a registered voter may submit a written request to the county clerk to have his or her address and telephone number withheld from the public. (NRS 293.558) **Section 41.5** of this bill allows a registered voter who participates in a system to distribute sample ballots by electronic means to elect to have his or her electronic mail address withheld from the public.

### 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 to 15, inclusive, of this act.
  - Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)
    - Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)
- 6 Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)
  7 Sec. 5. For each polling place
  - Sec. 5. For each polling place for early voting by personal appearance selected pursuant to NRS 293.3561, the county clerk shall prepare a roster for early voting. The county clerk may prepare the rosters for early voting in an electronic format.
    - **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 7. 1. The Secretary of State shall create and maintain application software that is designed for use on a mobile device, including, without limitation, a smartphone or tablet computer. The application software must:
- 16 (a) Include, without limitation, all information that is available 17 on the Internet website of the Secretary of State.





- (b) Allow a person to submit any information or form related to elections that a person may otherwise submit electronically to the Secretary of State, including, without limitation, an application to register to vote, a request for an absent ballot and a request for a military-overseas ballot.
- 2. As used in this section, "military-overseas ballot" has the 6 7 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.050.
  - **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

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- **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 14. 1. Every citizen of the United States who is 17 years of age and has continuously resided in this State for 30 days or longer may preregister to vote by any of the means available for a person who is entitled to vote at an election pursuant to NRS 293.485 to register to vote pursuant to this chapter. A person eligible to preregister to vote pursuant to this section is deemed to be preregistered to vote upon the submission of a completed application to preregister.
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be registered to vote on his or her 18th birthday and the county clerk shall issue to the person a voter registration card as described in subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 as soon as practicable after his or her 18th birthday.
- The preregistration to vote of a person may be cancelled by 29 any of the means and for any of the reasons for cancelling a 30 registration pursuant to this chapter.
  - The preregistration information of a person may be updated by any of the means for updating the registration information of a person pursuant to this chapter.
- The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations providing 34 35 for preregistration to vote pursuant to this section. The regulations: 36
  - (a) Must include, without limitation, provisions to ensure that any person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section is issued a voter registration card; and
  - (b) Must not require a county clerk to provide to a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to this section sample ballots or any other voter information provided to registered voters unless the person will be eligible to vote at the election for which the sample ballots or other information is provided.
    - **Sec. 15.** (Deleted by amendment.)





**Sec. 16.** NRS 293.053 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.053 "Election board register" means the record of registered voters *in printed or electronic form that is* provided to election boards.

**Sec. 16.5.** NRS 293.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.095 "Roster" means the **form** record in printed or electronic form furnished to election board officers to bel which contains a list of eligible voters that is used for obtaining the signature of each person applying for a ballot.

**Sec. 17.** NRS 293.097 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 293.097 *I.* "Sample ballot" means a document distributed by a county or city clerk upon which is **[printed]** included a list of the offices, candidates and ballot questions that will appear on a ballot.
- 2. The term includes, without limitation, any such document which is [printed by] prepared on a computer [.] and distributed by mail or electronic means pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530.

**Sec. 18.** (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 19. (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 20.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as follows:

293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS 293.3081 and 293.3083 and in federal law, a person who registers to vote by mail or computer [to vote in this State] or a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to section 14 of this act and is subsequently deemed registered, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal office in this State:

- (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the election board officer at the polling place:
- (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517; and
- (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county or city clerk:
- (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the person, which shows his or her physical address; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517.
- → If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the election board officer or clerk may request additional information.
  - 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:





- (a) Registers to vote by mail *or computer, or preregisters to vote pursuant to section 14 of this act by mail or computer,* and submits with an application to register to vote:
  - (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check which indicates the name and address of the person, but not including a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his or her social security number, if a state or local election official has matched that information with an existing identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the person in the application;
- (c) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et sea.:
- 19 (d) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or
  - (e) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other federal law.
  - 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued to the person pursuant to subsection 6 of NRS 293.517 is mailed by the county clerk to the person and returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.
    - Sec. 21. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 22. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 23. (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 24.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 25.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.283 Any registered voter who is unable to sign his or her name must be identified by answering questions covering the personal data which is reported on the original application to register to vote. The officer in charge of the roster shall [stamp, write or print] indicate "Identified as" next to [the left of] the voter's name.
    - **Sec. 26.** (Deleted by amendment.)
    - **Sec. 26.5.** NRS 293.301 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.301 1. The county clerk of each county shall require an election board officer to post an alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each precinct in a public area of each polling place in the county. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5002 and





293.558, the alphabetical listing must include the name, address and political affiliation of each voter [-] and the electronic mail address of the voter if provided by the voter pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530. Not less than four times during the hours in which the polling place is open, an election board officer shall identify the name of each voter that voted since the last identification.

2. Each page of the alphabetical listing must contain a notice which reads substantially as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to remove, tear, mark or otherwise deface this alphabetical listing of registered voters except an election board officer acting pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 293.301.

3. Any person who removes, tears, marks or otherwise defaces an alphabetical listing posted pursuant to this section with the intent to falsify or prevent others from readily ascertaining the name, address, *electronic mail address* or political affiliation of any voter, or the fact that a voter has or has not voted, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Sec. 27.** 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 register, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I belong to the political party designated upon the register";
- (b) If the challenge is on the ground that the register 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 election board register, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury





that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the election board register";

- (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 election board register."
- → 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, he or she must not be issued a ballot, and the officer in charge of the election board register shall [write] insert the words "Challenged ......" opposite his or her name in the election board register.
- 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 issued pursuant to NRS 293.517 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.
  - Sec. 28. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 29. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 29.5.** NRS 293.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.440 1. Any person who desires a copy of any list of the persons who are registered to vote in any precinct, district or county may obtain a copy by applying at the office of the county clerk and paying therefor a sum of money equal to 1 cent per name on the list, except that one copy of each original and supplemental list for each precinct, district or county must be provided both to the state central committee of any major political party and to the county central committee of any major political party, and to the executive committee of any minor political party upon request, without charge.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5002 and 293.558, the copy of the list provided pursuant to this section must indicate the address, date of birth, telephone number and the serial number on each application to register to vote [...] and the electronic mail address of the voter if provided by the voter pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530. If the county maintains this information in a computer database, the date of the most recent addition or revision to an entry, if made on or after July 1, 1989, must be included in the database and on any resulting list of the information. The date must be expressed numerically in the order of month, day and year.
- 3. A county may not pay more than 10 cents per folio or more than \$6 per thousand copies for printed lists for a precinct or district.
- 4. A county which has a system of computers capable of recording information on magnetic tape or diskette shall, upon request of the state central committee or county central committee of any major political party or the executive committee of any minor political party which has filed a certificate of existence with the





Secretary of State, record for both the state central committee and the county central committee of the major political party, if requested, and for the executive committee of the minor political party, if requested, on magnetic tape or diskette supplied by it:

(a) The list of persons who are registered to vote and the

information required in subsection 2; and

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(b) Not more than four times per year, as requested by the state or county central committee or the executive committee:

- (1) A complete list of the persons who are registered to vote with a notation for the most recent entry of the date on which the entry or the latest change in the information was made; or
- (2) A list that includes additions and revisions made to the list of persons who are registered to vote after a date specified by the state or county central committee or the executive committee.
- 5. If a political party does not provide its own magnetic tape or diskette, or if a political party requests the list in any other form that does not require printing, the county clerk may charge a fee to cover the actual cost of providing the tape, diskette or list.
- Any state or county central committee of a major political party, any executive committee of a minor political party or any member or representative of such a central committee or executive committee who receives without charge a list of the persons who are registered to vote in any precinct, district or county pursuant to this section shall not:
- 25 (a) Use the list for any purpose that is not related to an election; 26 or
- 27 (b) Sell the list for other valuable compensation or consideration. 28 29
  - **Sec. 30.** (Deleted by amendment.)
    - Sec. 31. (Deleted by amendment.)
    - Sec. 32. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 33.** (Deleted by amendment.)
    - **Sec. 34.** NRS 293.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.510 1. In counties where computers are not used to register voters, the county clerk shall:
  - (a) Segregate *the* original applications to register to vote according to the precinct in which the registered voters reside and arrange the applications in each precinct or district in alphabetical order. The applications for each precinct or district must be kept fin a separate binder which is marked with the number of the separately for each precinct or district. [This binder constitutes] These applications must be used to prepare the election board register.





- (b) Arrange the duplicate applications of registration in alphabetical order for the entire county and keep them in binders or a suitable file which constitutes the registrar of voters' register.
- 2. In any county where a computer is used to register voters, the county clerk shall:
- (a) Arrange the original applications to register to vote for the entire county in a manner in which an original application may be quickly located. These original applications constitute the registrar of voters' register.
- (b) Segregate the applications to register to vote in a computer file according to the precinct or district in which the registered voters reside, and for each precinct or district have printed a computer listing which contains the applications to register to vote in alphabetical order. These listings of applications to register to vote must be [placed in separate binders which are marked with] the number of the precinct or district. These binders constitute] used to prepare the election board registers.
  - Sec. 35. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 36. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 37. (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 38. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 39. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 40. (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 41. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 41.5. NRS 293.558 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.558 1. The county clerk shall disclose the identification number of a registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:
  - (a) In response to an inquiry received by the county clerk; or
- 30 (b) By inclusion of the identification number of the registered 31 voter on any list of registered voters made available for public 32 inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557, 293C.290 33 or 293C.542.
  - 2. The county clerk shall not disclose the social security number or the driver's license or identification card number of a registered voter.
  - 3. A registered voter may submit a written request to the county clerk to have [his or her address and] withheld from the public the registered voter's address, telephone number [withheld from the public.] or electronic mail address if provided by the registered voter pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530. Upon receipt of such a request, the county clerk shall not disclose the address, [or] telephone number or electronic mail address of the registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:
    - (a) In response to an inquiry received by the county clerk; or





- (b) By inclusion on any list of registered voters made available for public inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557, 293C.290 or 293C.542.
- 4. No information other than the address, telephone number, *electronic mail address*, social security number and driver's license or identification card number of a registered voter may be withheld from the public.
  - Sec. 42. (Deleted by amendment.)

- Sec. 43. NRS 293.563 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 10 293.563 1. During the interval between the closing of 11 registration and the election, the county clerk shall <del>[:</del>
  - (a) In counties where records of registration are not kept by computer,] prepare for each precinct or district [a binder] an election board register containing [in alphabetical order the original applications to register to vote of the electors] the names of the registered voters in the precinct or district. [The binder constitutes the election board register.
  - (b) In counties where records of registration are kept by computer, have printed and placed in a binder for each precinct or district a computer listing in alphabetical order of the applications to register to vote of the electors in the precinct or district. The binder constitutes the election board register.
  - 2. Each election board register must be delivered or caused to be delivered by the county or city clerk to an election officer of the proper precinct or district before the opening of the polls.
    - Sec. 44. NRS 293.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.565 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, sample ballots must include:
    - (a) If applicable, the statement required by NRS 293.267;
  - (b) The fiscal note or description of anticipated financial effect, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.015, 295.095 or 295.230 for each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;
  - (c) An explanation, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.481, 295.121 or 295.230, of each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question;
  - (d) Arguments for and against each proposed constitutional amendment, statewide measure, measure to be voted upon only by a special district or political subdivision and advisory question, and rebuttals to each argument, as provided pursuant to NRS 218D.810, 293.250, 293.252 or 295.121; and
    - (e) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.





- 2. If, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.2565, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, the word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent.
- 3. Sample ballots that are mailed to registered voters may be printed without the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment if:
- (a) The cost of printing the sample ballots would be significantly reduced if the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment were not included;
- (b) The county clerk ensures that a sample ballot that includes the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment is provided at no charge to each registered voter who requests such a sample ballot; and
- (c) The sample ballots provided to each polling place include the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment.
- 4. A county clerk may establish a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system must be approved by the Secretary of State and may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website. If a county clerk establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the county clerk shall:
- (a) Distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State; and
- (b) If the system requires the registered voter to provide an electronic mail address to the county clerk, inform the registered voter that his or her electronic mail address will be available to the public unless the registered voter submits a written request to have his or her electronic mail address withheld from the public pursuant to NRS 293.558.
- 5. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means pursuant to subsection 4, the county clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.
- 6. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the county clerk shall **[eause to be mailed]** distribute to each registered voter in the county **[a]** by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:





- (a) The county clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the county not sooner than 10 days before mailing! distributing the sample ballots; or
- (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

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### NOTICE: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION

- [5.] 7. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [6,] 8, a sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to this section must:
  - (a) Be [printed] prepared in at least 12-point type; and
- (b) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice **[printed]** prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

## NOTICE: TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT IN LARGE TYPE, CALL (Insert appropriate telephone number)

- [6.] 8. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- [7.] 9. The sample ballot [mailed] distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be [printed] prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.
- [8.] 10. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the county clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots [mailed] distributed to that person from the county are in large type.
- [9.] 11. The county clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the county clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the county clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293.2955 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the county clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:
  - (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;





- (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and
- (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at his or her regularly designated polling place.
- [10.] 12. The cost of [mailing] distributing sample ballots for any election other than a primary or general election must be borne by the political subdivision holding the election.
  - Sec. 45. NRS 293.780 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293.780 1. A person who is entitled to vote shall not vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election. Any person who votes or attempts to vote twice at the same election is guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 2. Notice of the provisions of subsection 1 must be given by the county or city clerk as follows:
- (a) [Printed] Stated on all sample ballots [mailed;] distributed by mail or electronic means;
  - (b) Posted in boldface type at each polling place; and
- 20 (c) Posted in boldface type at the office of the county or city
  - **Sec. 46.** NRS 293.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.790 If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to vote at the same election, at any polling place other than **[the]** one in which the person is **[registered]** authorized to vote, such person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
    - **Sec. 47.** NRS 293.800 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293.800 1. A person who, for himself, herself or another person, willfully gives a false answer or answers to questions propounded to the person by the registrar or field registrar of voters relating to the information called for by the application to register to vote, or who willfully falsifies the application in any particular, or who violates any of the provisions of the election laws of this State or knowingly encourages another person to violate those laws is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - 2. A public officer or other person, upon whom any duty is imposed by this title, who willfully neglects his or her duty or willfully performs it in such a way as to hinder the objects and purposes of the election laws of this State, except where another penalty is provided, is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - 3. If the person is a public officer, his or her office is forfeited upon conviction of any offense provided for in subsection 2.





- 4. A person who causes or endeavors to cause his or her name to be registered, knowing that he or she is not an elector or will not be an elector on or before the day of the next ensuing election in the precinct or district in which he or she causes or endeavors to cause the registration to be made, and any other person who induces, aids or abets the person in the commission of either of the acts is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a person who preregisters to vote pursuant to section 14 of this act.
- 5. A field registrar or other person who provides to an elector an application to register to vote and who:
  - (a) Knowingly falsifies the application or knowingly causes an application to be falsified;
- 14 (b) Knowingly provides money or other compensation to 15 another for a falsified application; or
- 16 (c) Intentionally fails to submit to the county clerk a completed application,
  - is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
  - **Sec. 48.** Chapter 293C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 49 to 54, inclusive, of this act.
    - **Sec. 49.** (Deleted by amendment.)
    - Sec. 50. (Deleted by amendment.)
    - Sec. 51. (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 52. For each polling place for early voting by personal appearance selected pursuant to NRS 293C.3561, the city clerk shall prepare a roster for early voting. The city clerk may prepare the roster for early voting in an electronic format.
- **Sec. 53.** (Deleted by amendment.)
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- **Sec. 56.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 57.** (Deleted by amendment.) **Sec. 58.** NRS 293C 272 is hereby
  - Sec. 58. NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293C.272 Any registered voter who is unable to sign his or her name must be identified by answering questions covering the personal data that is reported on the original application to register to vote. The officer in charge of the roster shall [stamp, write or print] indicate "Identified as" next to [the left of] the voter's name.
    - Sec. 59. (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 59.5. NRS 293C.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 293C.290 1. The city clerk shall require an election board officer to post an alphabetical listing of all registered voters for each





precinct in a public area of each polling place in the city. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5002 and 293.558, the alphabetical listing must include the name and address of each voter [-] and the electronic mail address of the voter if provided by the voter pursuant to NRS 293C.530. Not less than four times during the hours in which the polling place is open, an election board officer shall identify the name of each voter who voted since the last identification

2. Each page of the alphabetical listing must contain a notice which reads substantially as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to remove, tear, mark or otherwise deface this alphabetical listing of registered voters except an election board officer acting pursuant to NRS 293C.290.

- 3. Any person who removes, tears, marks or otherwise defaces an alphabetical listing posted pursuant to this section with the intent to falsify or prevent others from readily ascertaining the name, for address or electronic mail address of any voter, or the fact that a voter has or has not voted, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
  - **Sec. 60.** NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows: 293C.292

    1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:
- (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct or district upon the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or has voted before at the same election; or
- (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 reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the election board register, "I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I reside at the residence for which the address is listed in the election board register";
- (b) 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
- (c) 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 election board register."





- 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. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation so tendered, he or she must not be issued a ballot, and the officer in charge of the election board register shall **writel** insert the words "Challenged ....." opposite his or her name in the election board register.
- 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) 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 293C.295.
- 5. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue him or her a ballot.
- 6. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (a) 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 that contains proof of the address at which the person actually resides. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration card issued pursuant to NRS 293.517 does not provide proof of the address at which a person resides.
- 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 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 the 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.
  - 8. 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.
  - **Sec. 61.** (Deleted by amendment.)

- Sec. 62. (Deleted by amendment.)
- Sec. 63. (Deleted by amendment.)
- **Sec. 64.** NRS 293C.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.530 1. A city clerk may establish a system for distributing sample ballots by electronic means to each registered voter who elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means. Such a system must be approved by the Secretary of State and may include, without limitation, electronic mail or electronic access through an Internet website. If a city clerk establishes such a system and a registered voter elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall:
- (a) Distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth by regulations adopted by the Secretary of State; and
- (b) If the system requires the registered voter to provide an electronic mail address to the city clerk, inform the registered voter that his or her electronic mail address will be available to the public unless the registered voter submits a written request to have his or her electronic mail address withheld from the public pursuant to NRS 293.558.
- 2. If a registered voter does not elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic means, the city clerk shall distribute the sample ballot to the registered voter by mail.
- 3. Before the period for early voting for any election begins, the city clerk shall **[cause to be mailed]** distribute to each registered voter in the city **[a]** by mail or electronic means, as applicable, the sample ballot for his or her precinct, with a notice informing the voter of the location of his or her polling place. If the location of the polling place has changed since the last election:
- (a) The city clerk shall mail a notice of the change to each registered voter in the city not sooner than 10 days before [mailing] distributing the sample ballots; or
- (b) The sample ballot must also include a notice in bold type immediately above the location which states:

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- [2.] 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [4,] 6, a sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to this section must:
  - (a) Be [printed] prepared in at least 12-point type;





- (b) Include the description of the anticipated financial effect and explanation of each citywide measure and advisory question, including arguments for and against the measure or question, as required pursuant to NRS 295.205 or 295.217; and
- (c) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice **[printed]** prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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- [3.] 5. The word "Incumbent" must appear on the sample ballot next to the name of the candidate who is the incumbent, if required pursuant to NRS 293.2565.
- [4.] 6. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- [5.] 7. The sample ballot [mailed] distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be [printed] prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.
- [6.] 8. If a person requests a sample ballot in large type, the city clerk shall ensure that all future sample ballots [mailed] distributed to that person from the city are in large type.
- [7-] 9. The city clerk shall include in each sample ballot a statement indicating that the city clerk will, upon request of a voter who is elderly or disabled, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at his or her polling place and provide reasonable assistance to the voter in casting his or her vote, including, without limitation, providing appropriate materials to assist the voter. In addition, if the city clerk has provided pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 293C.281 for the placement at centralized voting locations of specially equipped voting devices for use by voters who are elderly or disabled, the city clerk shall include in the sample ballot a statement indicating:
  - (a) The addresses of such centralized voting locations;
- (b) The types of specially equipped voting devices available at such centralized voting locations; and
- (c) That a voter who is elderly or disabled may cast his or her ballot at such a centralized voting location rather than at the voter's regularly designated polling place.
- [8.] 10. The cost of [mailing] distributing sample ballots for a city election must be borne by the city holding the election.





- Sec. 65. NRS 293C.535 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 293C.535 1. Except as otherwise provided by special charter, registration of electors in incorporated cities must be accomplished in the manner provided in this chapter.
- 2. The county clerk shall use the statewide voter registration list to prepare for the city clerk of each incorporated city within the county the election board register of all electors eligible to vote at a regular or special city election. The entries in the election board register must be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.
- 3. The official register must be prepared, [in suitable books,] one for each ward or other voting district within each incorporated city. [The entries in the election board register must be arranged alphabetically with the surnames first.]
- 4. The county clerk shall keep duplicate originals, [or] copies or electronic files of the applications to register to vote contained in the official register in the county clerk's office.
  - **Sec. 66.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - Sec. 67. (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 68.** (Deleted by amendment.)
  - **Sec. 69.** NRS 244A.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 244A.785 1. The board of county commissioners of a county whose population is 700,000 or more may, by ordinance, create one or more districts within the unincorporated area of the county for the support of public parks. Such a district may include territory within the boundary of an incorporated city if so provided by interlocal agreement between the county and the city.
- 2. The ordinance creating a district must specify its boundaries. The area included within the district may be contiguous or noncontiguous. The boundaries set by the ordinance are not affected by later annexations to or incorporation of a city.
- 3. The alteration of the boundaries of such a district may be initiated by:
- (a) A petition proposed unanimously by the owners of the property which is located in the proposed area which was not previously included in the district; or
- (b) A resolution adopted by the board of county commissioners on its own motion.
- → If the board of county commissioners proposes on its own motion to alter the boundaries of a district for the support of public parks, it shall, at the next primary or general election, submit to the registered voters who reside in the proposed area which was not previously included in the district, the question of whether the boundaries of the district shall be altered. If a majority of the voters approve the question, the board shall, by ordinance, alter the boundaries of the district as approved by the voters.





4. The sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 must include for the question described in subsection 3, a disclosure of any future increase or decrease in costs which may be reasonably anticipated in relation to the purposes of the district for the support of public parks and its probable effect on the district's tax rate.

**Sec. 70.** NRS 266.0325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

2. The sample ballot must:

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

(b) Include the information required by NRS 266.032.

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

- (d) Describe the area proposed to be incorporated by assessor's parcel maps, existing boundaries of subdivision or parcel maps, identifying visible ground features, extensions of the visible ground features, or by any boundary that coincides with the official boundary of the State, a county, a city, a township, a section or any combination thereof.
- (e) Contain a copy of the map or plat that was submitted with the petition pursuant to NRS 266.019 and depicts the existing dedicated streets, sewer interceptors and outfalls and their proposed extensions.
- (f) Include on the front page, in a separate box created by bold lines, a notice **[printed]** prepared in at least 20-point bold type that states:

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- 3. A portion of a sample ballot that contains a facsimile of the display area of a voting device may include material in less than 12-point type to the extent necessary to make the facsimile fit on the pages of the sample ballot.
- 4. The sample ballot [mailed] distributed to a person who requests a sample ballot in large type by exercising the option





provided pursuant to NRS 293.508, or in any other manner, must be **[printed]** prepared in at least 14-point type, or larger when practicable.

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

Sec. 71. NRS 266.034 is hereby amended to read as follows:

266.034 1. The costs incurred by the board of county commissioners in carrying out the provisions relating to the incorporation, including the costs incurred in certifying the petition, publishing the notices, requesting the report pursuant to NRS 266.0261, conducting the public hearing and election, including the cost of [mailing] distributing the sample ballots, and any appeal pursuant to NRS 266.0265 are a charge against the county if the proposed incorporation is not submitted to the voters or the incorporation is disapproved by the voters, and a charge against the incorporated city if the incorporation is approved by the voters.

2. The costs incurred by the incorporators in carrying out the provisions relating to the incorporation, including the costs incurred in preparation of the petition for incorporation, preparation of the descriptions and map of the area proposed to be incorporated and circulation of the petition are chargeable to the incorporated city if the incorporation is approved by the voters.

Sec. 72. NRS 349.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 349.015 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the sample ballot required to be **[mailed]** *distributed* pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530, and the notice of election must contain:
  - (a) The time and places of holding the election.
- (b) The hours during the day in which the polls will be open, which must be the same as provided for general elections.
  - (c) The purposes for which the bonds are to be issued.
  - (d) A disclosure of any:
- (1) Future increase or decrease in costs which can reasonably be anticipated in relation to the purposes for which the obligations are to be issued and its probable effect on the tax rate; and
- (2) Requirement relating to the bond question which is imposed pursuant to a court order or state or federal statute and the probable consequences which will result if the bond question is not approved by the voters.
- (e) An estimate of the annual cost to operate, maintain and repair any buildings, structures or other facilities or improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds.
  - (f) The maximum amount of the bonds.
  - (g) The maximum rate of interest.
  - (h) The maximum number of years which the bonds are to run.





- 2. Any election called pursuant to NRS 349.010 to 349.070, inclusive, may be consolidated with a primary or general election.
- 3. If the election is consolidated with a general election, the notice of election need not set forth the places of holding the election, but may instead state that the places of holding the election will be the same as those provided for the general election.

**Sec. 73.** NRS 350.024 is hereby amended to read as follows:

350.024 1. The ballot question for a proposal submitted to the electors of a municipality pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 350.020 must contain the principal amount of the general obligations to be issued or incurred, the purpose of the issuance or incurrence of the general obligations and an estimate established by the governing body of:

(a) The duration of the levy of property tax that will be used to

pay the general obligations; and

- (b) The average annual increase, if any, in the amount of property taxes that an owner of a new home with a fair market value of \$100,000 will pay for debt service on the general obligations to be issued or incurred.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the sample ballot required to be [mailed] distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and the notice of election must contain:
  - (a) The time and places of holding the election.
- (b) The hours during the day in which the polls will be open, which must be the same as provided for general elections.
  - (c) The ballot question.
- (d) The maximum amount of the obligations, including the anticipated interest, separately stating the total principal, the total anticipated interest and the anticipated interest rate.
- (e) An estimate of the range of property tax rates stated in dollars and cents per \$100 of assessed value necessary to provide for debt service upon the obligations for the dates when they are to be redeemed. The municipality shall, for each such date, furnish an estimate of the assessed value of the property against which the obligations are to be issued or incurred, and the governing body shall estimate the tax rate based upon the assessed value of the property as given in the assessor's estimates.
- 3. If an operating or maintenance rate is proposed in conjunction with the question to issue obligations, the questions may be combined, but the sample ballot and notice of election must each state the tax rate required for the obligations separately from the rate proposed for operation and maintenance.
- 4. Any election called pursuant to NRS 350.020 to 350.070, inclusive, may be consolidated with a primary or general municipal election or a primary or general state election. The notice of election





need not set forth the places of holding the election, but may instead state that the places of holding the election will be the same as those provided for the election with which it is consolidated.

5. If the election is a special election, the clerk shall cause notice of the close of registration to be published in a newspaper printed in and having a general circulation in the municipality once in each calendar week for 2 successive calendar weeks next preceding the close of registration for the election.

Sec. 74. NRS 350.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:

350.027 In addition to any requirements imposed pursuant to NRS 350.024, any sample ballot required to be mailed distributed pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and any notice of election, for an election that includes a proposal for the issuance by any municipality of any bonds or other securities, including an election that is not called pursuant to NRS 350.020 to 350.070, inclusive, must contain an estimate of the annual cost to operate, maintain and repair any buildings, structures or other facilities or improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds or other securities.

2. For the purposes of this section, "municipality" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 350.538.

Sec. 75. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 76. (Deleted by amendment.)

23 Sec. 77. 24 (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 78. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 79. (Deleted by amendment.)

26 27 Sec. 80. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 81. 28 (Deleted by amendment.)

29 Sec. 82. (Deleted by amendment.)

30 Sec. 83. (Deleted by amendment.)

31 Sec. 84. This act becomes effective:

32 Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting 33 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and 34

On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.





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