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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 499—ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to elections.  
(BDR 24-998)

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

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 1.84, 4.6, 5, 8, 8.7, 9)  
(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; requiring, with certain exceptions, a registered voter show photo identification to vote in person; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, under certain circumstances, to issue identification cards at no charge; requiring the Secretary of State to issue digital identification cards; requiring a county clerk in certain counties to establish a certain number of locations for a voter to return his or her mail ballot to a mail ballot drop box during the period between the last day for early voting and the day before the date of the general election; authorizing a county clerk in certain counties to establish such locations; authorizing a person, under certain circumstances, to return a mail ballot to a mail ballot drop box established at such a location on behalf of a voter; requiring the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a voter services portal on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State; requiring the county clerk to include certain information relating to the voter services portal on any communication to a registered voter; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to submit electronically to the Secretary of State certain information relating to each person who has a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department; requiring the Secretary of State to include certain



information received from the Department in the centralized, top-down database that is established by the Secretary of State for purposes of creating the statewide voter registration list; requiring certain information to be included on the return envelope for a mail ballot; revising provisions relating to curing mail ballots; requiring mail ballot drop boxes to be monitored and secured; providing that certain information on the statewide voter registration list relating to a voter is confidential and not a public record; making various other changes relating to elections; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, a person to provide certain information to vote in person, which may include depending on the circumstances, the voter's signature, proof of residency and identify, answering questions covering the voter's personal data or providing additional personal data. (NRS 293.2725, 293.277, 293.285, 293.303, 293.3081, 293.3082, 293.3085, 293.3585, 293.541, 293C.270, 293C.275, 293C.292, 293C.3035, 293C.3585) **Section 1.4** of this bill requires that, in order to vote in person in any election, a registered voter verify his or her identity by presenting certain forms of photo identification. If a registered voter does not have a form of photo identification, **section 1.4** authorizes the registered voter to cast a provisional ballot. **Sections 5.28-5.32** of this bill require such a voter to provide photo identification not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day in order for such a provisional ballot to be counted.

**Sections 5.14-5.24 and 9.12-9.2** of this bill make conforming changes to the requirement that voters present photo identification to vote in person, including eliminating existing requirements for the signatures of voters to be verified for in person voting.

**Sections 5.26 and 9.22** of this bill apply the requirement for voters to show photo identification to voting at polling places established as vote centers.

**Sections 5.34, 5.36, 9.24 and 9.26** of this bill apply the requirement for voters to show photo identification to the period for early voting.

**Section 1.6** of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue an identification card at no charge to certain registered voters who are experiencing a financial hardship.

**Section 1.8** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to issue a digital identification card at no charge to a registered voter. **Section 9.5** provides that the Secretary of State is not required to issue such digital identification cards until January 1, 2028.

Existing law: (1) requires a general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year; and (2) provides that the period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a general election and extends through the Friday before election day. (NRS 293.12755, 293.3568) Existing law further requires each county clerk to establish: (1) a certain number of polling places where a person can vote during the period for early voting by personal appearance and on the day of the general election; and (2) a ballot drop box at every polling place in the county, including a polling place for early voting. (NRS 293.269921, 293.2731, 293.3564) **Section 1.84** of this bill: (1) requires each county clerk in certain counties to, for the period beginning on the day after the last day for early voting by personal appearance and



39 ending on the day before the day of the general election, establish a certain number  
40 of locations where a voter may return his or her mail ballot in a mail ballot drop  
41 box; and (2) requires such locations to be open for at least 7 hours each day, but not  
42 more than 12 hours each day, during that period. Specifically, in a county whose  
43 population is 700,000 or more (currently only Clark County), a county is required  
44 to establish 10 such locations, and in a county whose population is 100,000 or more  
45 but less than 700,000 (currently only Washoe County), a county clerk is required to  
46 establish 5 such locations. **Section 1.84** further authorizes a county clerk in a  
47 county whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than  
48 Clark and Washoe Counties) to establish any number of such locations and  
49 prescribe the hours for such locations to be open. Each location that is established  
50 by a county clerk pursuant to **section 1.84** must be at a polling place that is used for  
51 early voting by personal appearance or a polling place for voting in person on the  
52 day of the election.

53 **Section 4.6** of this bill provides that a mail ballot dropped in a mail ballot drop  
54 box pursuant to **section 1.84** counts as a vote in the general election. **Section 4.8** of  
55 this bill makes a conforming change to make certain provisions relating to mail  
56 ballots generally applicable to **section 1.84**.

57 Existing law requires a ballot drop box to meet certain requirements, including  
58 a requirement for the ballot drop box to be made available for use during the hours  
59 when the office of the county or city clerk or the polling place is open for business  
60 or voting, as applicable. (NRS 293.269921, 293C.26321) **Sections 4.6 and 8.7** of  
61 this bill require a ballot drop box to be: (1) monitored at all times during such a  
62 period; and (2) secured during any period of time in which the ballot drop box is  
63 not available for use. **Sections 4.6 and 8.7** additionally require the Secretary of  
64 State to adopt regulations to establish requirements for monitoring and securing  
65 ballot drop boxes.

66 Existing law authorizes, at the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been  
67 prepared by or on behalf of the voter, a person authorized by the voter to return the  
68 mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery to the county clerk,  
69 or any ballot drop box established in the county by the county clerk. (NRS  
70 293.269923) **Section 4.7** of this bill additionally authorizes a person, under such  
71 circumstances, to return a mail ballot on behalf of a voter by returning the mail  
72 ballot to a mail ballot drop box established pursuant to **section 1.84**.

73 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a  
74 voter services portal on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State,  
75 which must allow any registered voter in the State to: (1) review his or her voter  
76 registration information; (2) print any form necessary to update his or her voter  
77 registration information; (3) view his or her sample ballot; and (4) obtain the  
78 location of any polling place where the registered voter may vote or deliver a mail  
79 ballot to a ballot drop box. **Section 2** further requires the county clerk to include on  
80 any communication to a registered voter a two-dimensional barcode, commonly  
81 known as a QR code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the  
82 Internet address for the voter services portal created by the Secretary of State.

83 Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, the county or city clerk to send  
84 to each active registered voter certain information relating to voting by mail,  
85 including a mail ballot, a return envelope and instructions. (NRS 293.269913,  
86 293C.26312) **Sections 4 and 8** of this bill require the return envelope for a mail  
87 ballot to include: (1) a space for the voter to write certain identifying information;  
88 and (2) a QR code or other machine-readable code that directs a voter to the voter  
89 services portal on the Internet website of the Office of the Secretary of State.  
90 **Sections 4 and 8** also require the instructions include: (1) an explanation that the  
91 voter must write on the return envelope an identifying number; and (2) the QR code  
92 or other machine-readable code that directs a voter to the voter services portal.



Existing law requires the Secretary of State to prescribe the form of all envelopes in which mail ballots are sent to voters and return envelopes. (NRS 293.269913, 293C.26312) **Sections 4 and 8** require that the design of all envelopes used by the county or city clerk to send mail ballots to registered voters and return envelopes must be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State prior to use in any election.

Existing law requires: (1) the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores information relating to the preregistration of persons and the registration of electors from all the counties in this State; and (2) each county clerk to use the database to collect and maintain all records of preregistration and registration to vote. Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to: (1) use the voter registration information collected in the database to create the official statewide voter registration list, which serves as the single method for storing and managing the official list of registered voters in this State; and (2) enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles to match information in the database of the statewide voter registration list with information in the appropriate database of the Department to verify the accuracy of the information in an application to register to vote. (NRS 293.675)

**Section 3** of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, on a regular basis, to submit electronically to the Secretary of State certain information relating to each person who has a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department. **Section 3** further requires the Secretary of State to: (1) match such information to registered voters; (2) electronically enter into the centralized, top-down database such information for each registered voter as soon as practicable after matching the information to registered voters; (3) identify any person who is a registered voter and does not possess a driver's license or identification card; and (4) indicate in the database whether each registered voter possesses a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department. **Section 7** of this bill requires the information submitted to the Secretary of State by the Department to be included on the statewide voter registration list.

Existing law provides that certain information relating to a registered voter is confidential and not a public record. (NRS 293.558) **Section 6** of this bill provides that the information submitted to the Secretary of State by the Department pursuant to **section 3** is also confidential and not a public record.

Existing law requires a voter who votes by mail to affix his or her signature in the space provided on the return envelope of a mail ballot and the county clerk or city clerk to check the signature to verify the identity of the voter. (NRS 293.269917, 293.269927, 293C.26316, 293C.26327) **Sections 4.5 and 8.5** of this bill require that a voter who votes by mail ballot to also write on the return envelope: (1) the last four digits of his voter's driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; (2) if the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the voter's social security number; or (3) if the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the voter identification number of the voter.

Existing law provides that if the county clerk or city clerk determines when checking the signature used for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required by law or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk is required to contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election. (NRS 293.269927, 293C.26327) **Sections 5 and 9** of this bill make various changes to the curing process for mail ballots. First, **sections 5 and 9**



148 provide that the clerk is required to check the return envelope to determine whether  
149 the voter included on the return envelope his or her signature and the identifying  
150 number that is required pursuant to **section 4.5 or 8.5**, as applicable. If the return  
151 envelope does not include a signature and identifying number, the clerk is required  
152 to contact the voter. If the return envelope includes a signature and identifying  
153 number, the clerk is required to check the voter's signature. If the signature is  
154 verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the identifying number is  
155 not required to be verified. If the voter's signature cannot be verified, the clerk is  
156 required to check the identifying number included on the return envelope. If the  
157 clerk verifies the identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot. If  
158 the clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying number, the clerk  
159 is required to contact the voter. Further, **sections 5 and 9** require that: (1) with  
160 certain exception, the county clerk and city clerk ensure that employees are  
161 available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings and weekends during the  
162 curing period; and (2) any voicemail message or hold message used by the office of  
163 the clerk provides instructions on how a voter may provide a signature, an  
164 identifying number or a confirmation. Finally, **sections 5 and 9** authorize a voter to  
165 confirm his or her signature or identifying number on the return envelope by  
166 electronic mail or text message.

167 **Sections 5.38 and 9.28** of this bill revise the standards for counting votes in an  
168 election in which a mechanical voting system is used.

169 **Section 9.6** of this bill provides that the requirement that a registered voter  
170 verify his or her identity by presenting a form of photo identification to vote in  
171 person and the requirement that a registered voter include an identifying number on  
172 a mail ballot: (1) do not apply to any election held before the 2026 primary  
173 election; and (2) apply to the 2026 primary election and every election held  
174 thereafter.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 1.2 to 3, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 1.2.** *“Photo identification” means any of the forms of*  
5 *identification described in section 1.4 of this act.*

6 **Sec. 1.4.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in*  
7 *order to vote in person in any election, a registered voter must*  
8 *verify his or her identity by presenting one of the following forms*  
9 *of photo identification which is current or expired for less than 4*  
10 *years or, if the registered voter is 70 years of age or older, current*  
11 *or expired for any length of time:*

12 (a) *A driver's license or identification card issued by the*  
13 *Department of Motor Vehicles;*

14 (b) *An identification card issued by:*

15 (1) *This State or another state, the District of Columbia or*  
16 *any territory of the United States;*

17 (2) *The United States Government;*



1 (3) A college or university within the Nevada System of  
2 Higher Education;

3 (4) A public secondary school; or

4 (5) A public technical school in this State;

5 (c) An employee identification card issued by:

6 (1) The State of Nevada, including, without limitation, any  
7 office, department, division, board, commission or agency of the  
8 Executive Branch, Legislative Branch or Judicial Branch of State  
9 Government;

10 (2) Any local government, as defined in NRS 354.474; or

11 (3) The United States Government;

12 (d) A passport issued by the United States Government;

13 (e) A military identification card issued by any branch of the  
14 Armed Forces of the United States;

15 (f) An identification card issued by a federally recognized  
16 Indian tribe;

17 (g) A permit to carry a concealed firearm issued pursuant to  
18 the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive; or

19 (h) A digital identification card issued by the Secretary of State  
20 pursuant to section 1.8 of this act.

21 2. If a registered voter applies to vote in person and does not  
22 have a photo identification described in subsection 1, the  
23 registered voter may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to 293.3078  
24 to 293.3086, inclusive.

25 3. The provisions of this section apply to voting in person at  
26 any polling place during the period of early voting and on the day  
27 of any election.

28 **Sec. 1.6.** 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue  
29 an identification card at no charge to a person who:

30 (a) Is a registered voter of this State;

31 (b) Does not possess a form of photo identification described in  
32 section 1.4 of this act;

33 (c) Attests that he or she is experiencing a financial hardship;  
34 and

35 (d) Submits an application to the Department pursuant to  
36 NRS 483.850.

37 2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not require a  
38 person to submit proof of financial hardship.

39 **Sec. 1.8.** 1. The Secretary of State shall issue at no charge  
40 a digital identification card to a registered voter upon request.

41 2. The Secretary of State shall establish by regulation the  
42 requirements for a registered voter to apply for and receive a  
43 digital identification card.

44 3. For purposes of issuing a digital identification card, the  
45 Secretary of State may request the Department of Motor Vehicles



1 *to provide any information relating to a registered voter who has a*  
2 *driver's license or identification card issued by the Department.*  
3 *Upon receiving any such request, the Department shall provide*  
4 *such information to the Secretary of State. The Department shall*  
5 *not submit any information to the Secretary of State relating to*  
6 *any person who has a driver authorization card issued by the*  
7 *Department pursuant to NRS 483.291.*

8 **Sec. 1.84.** 1. *For the period beginning on the day after the*  
9 *last day for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the*  
10 *day before the day of the general election, each county clerk:*

11 (a) *In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, shall*  
12 *establish at least 10 locations where a voter may return his or her*  
13 *mail ballot in a mail ballot drop box and which must remain open*  
14 *to the public for at least 7 hours each day but not more than 12*  
15 *hours each day;*

16 (b) *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less*  
17 *than 700,000, shall establish at least five locations where a voter*  
18 *may return his or her mail ballot in a mail ballot drop box and*  
19 *which must remain open to the public for at least 7 hours each day*  
20 *but not more than 12 hours each day; and*

21 (c) *In a county whose population is less than 100,000, may*  
22 *provide any number of locations where a voter may return his or*  
23 *her mail ballot in a mail ballot drop box and prescribe the hours*  
24 *that the location is open for voting pursuant to this section.*

25 2. *Each location that is established by a county clerk*  
26 *pursuant to subsection 1 must be at a polling place that is used for*  
27 *early voting by personal appearance or a polling place for voting*  
28 *in person on the day of the election.*

29 **Sec. 2.** 1. *The Secretary of State shall establish and*  
30 *maintain a voter services portal on the Internet website of the*  
31 *Office of the Secretary of State.*

32 2. *The voter services portal must, without limitation, allow*  
33 *any registered voter in the State to:*

34 (a) *Review his or her voter registration information, including,*  
35 *without limitation, his or her voter identification number;*

36 (b) *Print any form necessary to update his or her voter*  
37 *registration information;*

38 (c) *View his or her sample ballot; and*

39 (d) *Obtain the location of any polling place where the*  
40 *registered voter may vote or deliver a mail ballot into a ballot drop*  
41 *box.*

42 3. *The county clerk shall include on any communication to a*  
43 *registered voter a two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a*  
44 *QR code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the*



1 *Internet address for the voter services portal created by the*  
2 *Secretary of State pursuant to this section.*

3 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*  
4 *Department of Motor Vehicles shall, on a regular basis, submit*  
5 *electronically to the Secretary of State the following information*  
6 *relating to each person who has a driver's license or identification*  
7 *card issued by the Department:*

8 (a) *Name;*

9 (b) *Date of birth;*

10 (c) *Last four digits of the person's social security number;*

11 (d) *Driver's license number or identification card number, as*  
12 *applicable;*

13 (e) *Sex;*

14 (f) *Physical address;*

15 (g) *Mailing address;*

16 (h) *Citizenship status;*

17 (i) *Telephone number;*

18 (j) *Electronic mail address; and*

19 (k) *Veteran status.*

20 2. *The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not submit any*  
21 *information to the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1*  
22 *relating to any person who has a driver authorization card issued*  
23 *by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.291.*

24 3. *The Secretary of State shall:*

25 (a) *Match the information received from the Department of*  
26 *Motor Vehicles pursuant to subsection 1 to registered voters in the*  
27 *centralized, top-down database established pursuant to*  
28 *NRS 293.675;*

29 (b) *Electronically enter the information received from the*  
30 *Department pursuant to subsection 1 into the centralized, top-*  
31 *down database established pursuant to NRS 293.675 for each*  
32 *registered voter as soon as practicable after matching the*  
33 *information to registered voters;*

34 (c) *Identify, based on the information received pursuant to*  
35 *subsection 1, any person who:*

36 (1) *Is a registered voter; and*

37 (2) *Does not possess a driver's license or identification card*  
38 *issued by the Department; and*

39 (d) *Indicate in the centralized, top-down database established*  
40 *pursuant to NRS 293.675 whether the registered voter has a*  
41 *driver's license or identification card issued by the Department.*

42 **Sec. 3.5.** *NRS 293.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

43 293.010 *As used in this title, unless the context otherwise*  
44 *requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 293.016 to 293.121,*



1 inclusive, *and section 1.2 of this act*, have the meanings ascribed to  
2 them in those sections.

3 **Sec. 4.** NRS 293.269913 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 293.269913 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
6 NRS 293.269911 and chapter 293D of NRS, the county clerk shall  
7 send to each active registered voter by first-class mail, or by any  
8 class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo  
9 or mark created by the United States Postal Service is properly  
10 placed:

11 (a) A mail ballot;

12 (b) A return envelope  , *which must include, without*  
13 *limitation:*

14 (I) *A space for the voter to write:*

15 (I) *The last four digits of the voter's driver's license*  
16 *issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;*

17 (II) *If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued*  
18 *by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the*  
19 *voter's social security number; or*

20 (III) *If the voter does not possess a driver's license*  
21 *issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security*  
22 *number, the voter identification number of the voter; and*

23 (2) *A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR*  
24 *code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the*  
25 *Internet address for the voter services portal created by the*  
26 *Secretary of State pursuant to section 2 of this act;*

27 (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted  
28 to ensure its secrecy; and

29 (d) Instructions  *that include, without limitation:*

30 (1) *An explanation that the voter must write on the return*  
31 *envelope the identifying number required pursuant to NRS*  
32 *293.269917; and*

33 (2) *A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR*  
34 *code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the*  
35 *Internet address for the voter services portal on the Internet*  
36 *website of the Secretary of State.*

37 2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the  
38 county clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an  
39 address of the voter that is different from the address to which the  
40 mail ballot is mailed.

41 3. The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-  
42 class mail if the active registered voter is within the boundaries of  
43 the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military base.

44 4. Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the  
45 county clerk shall record:



- 1 (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;  
2 (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his  
3 or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,  
4 unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;  
5 (c) The number of the mail ballot; and  
6 (d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

7 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

8 (a) The form of all envelopes in which mail ballots are sent to  
9 voters and return envelopes, which must, except as otherwise  
10 provided in paragraph (b), be uniform throughout the State; and

11 (b) A method for distinguishing the return envelopes of each  
12 county which must be prominently displayed on the outside of the  
13 return envelope.

14 ***6. The design of all envelopes used by the county clerk to***  
15 ***send mail ballots to registered voters and return envelopes must be***  
16 ***submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State prior to use in***  
17 ***any election.***

18 **Sec. 4.5.** NRS 293.269917 is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 293.269917 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
21 293.269919 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot,  
22 the voter must, in accordance with the instructions:

- 23 (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;  
24 (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
25 return envelope;

26 (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space  
27 provided for the signature; ~~and~~

28 (d) ***Write in the space provided on the return envelope:***

29 ***(1) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license issued***  
30 ***by the Department of Motor Vehicles;***

31 ***(2) If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by***  
32 ***the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the***  
33 ***voter's social security number; or***

34 ***(3) If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by***  
35 ***the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the***  
36 ***voter identification number of the voter; and***

37 (e) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized  
38 by law.

39 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS,  
40 voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon the  
41 mail ballot as prepared pursuant to NRS 293.269911, and no person  
42 may write in the name of an additional candidate for any office.

43 3. If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote  
44 in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling  
45 place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to complying with



1 all other requirements for voting in person that are set forth in this  
2 chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or sign an affirmation under  
3 penalty of perjury that the voter has not voted during the election. A  
4 person who receives a surrendered mail ballot shall mark it  
5 "Cancelled."

6 **Sec. 4.6.** NRS 293.269921 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 293.269921 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2  
9 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted  
10 for any election, the mail ballot must be:

11 (a) Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by hand  
12 to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the county  
13 pursuant to this section ~~§~~ *or section 1.84 of this act*; or

14 (b) Mailed to the county clerk, and:

15 (1) Postmarked on or before the day of the election; and

16 (2) Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth  
17 day following the election.

18 2. If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on  
19 the third day following the election and the date of the postmark  
20 cannot be determined, the mail ballot shall be deemed to have been  
21 postmarked on or before the day of the election.

22 3. Each county clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every  
23 polling place in the county, including, without limitation, a polling  
24 place for early voting. A county clerk may establish a ballot drop  
25 box at any other location in the county where mail ballots can be  
26 delivered by hand and collected during the period for early voting  
27 and on election day. No person other than a clerk may establish a  
28 drop box for mail ballots.

29 4. A ballot drop box must be:

30 (a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of sufficient  
31 strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail ballots; and

32 (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots  
33 and being locked.

34 5. A ballot drop box must be:

35 (a) Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the office  
36 of the county clerk or a polling place in the county; ~~and~~

37 (b) Made available for use *and monitored at all times* during the  
38 hours when the office of the county clerk, or the polling place, is  
39 open for business or voting, as applicable ~~§~~; *and*

40 (c) *Secured during any period of time in which the ballot drop*  
41 *box is not made available for use pursuant to paragraph (b).*

42 6. *The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to establish*  
43 *requirements for monitoring and securing ballot drop boxes*  
44 *pursuant to this section.*



1     **Sec. 4.7.** NRS 293.269923 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     293.269923 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
4 at the request of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or  
5 on behalf of the voter, a person authorized by the voter may return  
6 the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail or personal delivery to  
7 the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the county,  
8 pursuant to NRS 293.269921 ~~§~~ *or section 1.84 of this act.*

9     2. Except for an election board officer in the course of the  
10 election board officer's official duties, a person shall not willfully:

11     (a) Impede, obstruct, prevent or interfere with the return of a  
12 voter's mail ballot;

13     (b) Deny a voter the right to return the voter's mail ballot; or

14     (c) If the person receives the voter's mail ballot and  
15 authorization to return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by mail  
16 or personal delivery, fail to return the mail ballot, unless otherwise  
17 authorized by the voter, by mail or personal delivery:

18         (1) Before the end of the third day after the day of receipt, if  
19 the person receives the mail ballot from the voter four or more days  
20 before the day of the election; or

21         (2) Before the deadline established by the United States  
22 Postal Service for the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of the  
23 election or before the polls close on the day of the election, as  
24 applicable to the type of delivery, if the person receives the mail  
25 ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the  
26 election.

27     3. A person who violates any provision of subsection 2 is  
28 guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in  
29 NRS 193.130.

30     **Sec. 4.8.** NRS 293.269925 is hereby amended to read as  
31 follows:

32     293.269925 1. The county clerk shall establish procedures  
33 for the processing and counting of mail ballots.

34     2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

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

37     (b) Must not conflict with the provisions of NRS 293.269911 to  
38 293.269937, inclusive ~~§~~, *and section 1.84 of this act.*

39     **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.269927 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows:

41     293.269927 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
42 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter  
43 to the county clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail  
44 ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office  
45 of the clerk shall check the *return envelope to determine whether*



1 *the voter included on the return envelope his or her signature and*  
2 *the identifying number required pursuant to NRS 293.269917.*  
3 *If the return envelope does not include a signature and identifying*  
4 *number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.*  
5 *If the return envelope includes a signature and identifying*  
6 *number, the clerk shall check the voter's signature [~~signature used~~*  
7 *for the mail ballot] by electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or*  
8 *manually pursuant to subsection 3. If the voter's signature is*  
9 *verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the*  
10 *identifying number is not required to be verified. If the voter's*  
11 *signature cannot be verified, the clerk shall check the identifying*  
12 *number included on the return envelope. If the clerk verifies the*  
13 *identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot. If*  
14 *the clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying*  
15 *number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.*

16 2. To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic  
17 means:

18 (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the  
19 signature used for the mail ballot and compare the digital image  
20 with the signatures of the voter from his or her application to  
21 register to vote or application to preregister to vote available in the  
22 records of the county clerk.

23 (b) If the electronic device does not match the signature of the  
24 voter, the signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the  
25 provisions of subsection 3.

26 3. To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the  
27 county clerk shall use the following procedure:

28 (a) The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the  
29 mail ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the records  
30 of the clerk.

31 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe  
32 there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature  
33 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk  
34 shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether the  
35 signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.

36 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

37 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
38 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter  
39 if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple,  
40 significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter  
41 available in the records of the clerk.

42 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
43 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter  
44 if:



1 (1) The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of the  
2 signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for the  
3 first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of  
4 punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common  
5 nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two last  
6 names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and  
7 obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the  
8 records of the clerk; or

9 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature  
10 used for the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter available in  
11 the records of the clerk.

12 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk  
13 determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk  
14 shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place the  
15 mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or  
16 under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall deliver the  
17 mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed  
18 and prepared for counting.

19 6. If the clerk determines when checking the ~~signature used~~  
20 *return envelope* for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his  
21 or her signature ~~or~~ *and identifying number*, failed to affix ~~it~~ *the*  
22 *signature and identifying number* in the manner required by law  
23 for the mail ballot, or ~~that there is a reasonable question of fact as~~  
24 ~~to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the~~  
25 ~~signature of the voter.]~~ *the clerk is not able to verify the signature*  
26 *or identifying number* but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the  
27 mail ballot, the clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of  
28 the procedures to provide a signature *or an identifying number*, or a  
29 confirmation that the signature *or identifying number* used for the  
30 mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to  
31 be counted, the voter must provide a signature, *an identifying*  
32 *number* or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the  
33 sixth day following the election. *Except as otherwise provided in*  
34 *this subsection, during the period in which mail ballots may be*  
35 *cured, the clerk shall ensure that employees in the office of the*  
36 *clerk are available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings*  
37 *and weekends. If no mail ballot needs to be cured, the clerk is not*  
38 *required to have any employee available by telephone after 5 p.m.*  
39 *Any voicemail message or hold message used by the office of the*  
40 *clerk must provide instructions on how a voter may provide a*  
41 *signature, an identifying number or a confirmation, as applicable.*

42 7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to  
43 affix his or her signature *and identifying number* or failed to affix  
44 ~~it~~ *the signature and identifying number* in the manner required by  
45 law for the mail ballot, or for whom ~~there is a reasonable question~~



1 ~~of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches~~  
2 ~~the signature of the voter.]~~ *the signature or identifying number*  
3 *cannot be verified,* in order to:

4 (a) Contact the voter;

5 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature , *an identifying*  
6 *number* or a confirmation ~~[that the signature used for the mail ballot~~  
7 ~~belongs to the voter,]~~ , as applicable; and

8 (c) After a signature , *an identifying number* or a confirmation  
9 is provided, as applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the  
10 mail ballot central counting board.

11 8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
12 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter,  
13 the voter must be identified by:

14 (a) Answering questions from the county clerk covering the  
15 personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

16 (b) Providing the county clerk, orally or in writing, *including,*  
17 *without limitation, in writing by electronic mail or text message,*  
18 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

19 (c) Providing the county clerk with ~~[proof of identification as~~  
20 ~~described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card~~  
21 ~~issued to the voter.]~~ *photo identification.*

22 9. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 7 for  
23 contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as  
24 soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:

25 (a) Mail;

26 (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in  
27 the records of the clerk; and

28 (c) Electronic means, which ~~[may]~~ *must* include, without  
29 limitation ~~[-,electronic] :~~

30 (1) *Electronic* mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with  
31 ~~[sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.]~~ *an*  
32 *electronic mail address; or*

33 (2) *Text message, if the voter has provided the clerk with a*  
34 *cellular telephone number.*

35 *10. A county clerk in a county whose population is less than*  
36 *100,000 may enter into an agreement with the Secretary of State*  
37 *for the Secretary of State to, on behalf of the clerk, contact and*  
38 *receive information from voters by text message, as required*  
39 *pursuant to this section.*

40 **Sec. 5.12.** NRS 293.2725 is hereby amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in  
43 NRS 293.3081, 293.3083 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and  
44 in federal law, *in addition to any other requirement to vote,* a  
45 person who registers to vote by mail or computer or is registered to



1 vote by an automatic voter registration agency, or a person who  
2 preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed  
3 to be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an  
4 election for federal office in this State:

5 (a) May vote at a polling place only if the person presents to the  
6 election board officer at the polling place:

7 (1) A current and valid photo identification of the person,  
8 which shows his or her physical address; or

9 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,  
10 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check  
11 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not  
12 including a voter registration card; and

13 (b) May vote by mail only if the person provides to the county  
14 or city clerk:

15 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification of the  
16 person, which shows his or her physical address; or

17 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,  
18 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check  
19 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not  
20 including a voter registration card.

21 ➤ If there is a question as to the physical address of the person, the  
22 election board officer or clerk may request additional information.

23 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who:

24 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote  
25 by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to  
26 vote, and submits with an application to preregister or register to  
27 vote:

28 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or

29 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck,  
30 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check  
31 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not  
32 including a voter registration card;

33 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, registers to  
34 vote by mail or computer and submits with an application to register  
35 to vote a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of his  
36 or her social security number, if a state or local election official has  
37 matched that information with an existing identification record  
38 bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the  
39 person in the application;

40 (c) Registers to vote pursuant to NRS 293.5768 to 293.57699,  
41 inclusive, and at that time presents to the automatic voter  
42 registration agency:

43 (1) A copy of a current and valid photo identification;

44 (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck  
45 or document issued by a governmental entity, including a check



1 which indicates the name and address of the person, but not  
2 including a voter registration card; or

3 (3) A driver's license number or at least the last four digits of  
4 his or her social security number, if a state or local election official  
5 has matched that information with an existing identification record  
6 bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided by the  
7 person in the application;

8 (d) Is entitled to vote an absent ballot pursuant to the Uniformed  
9 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et  
10 seq.;

11 (e) Is provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under  
12 the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 52  
13 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.; or

14 (f) Is entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other  
15 federal law.

16 3. The provisions of subsection 1 apply to a person described  
17 in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 if the voter registration card issued  
18 to the person is mailed by the county clerk to the person and  
19 returned to the county clerk by the United States Postal Service.

20 **Sec. 5.14.** NRS 293.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283,  
22 293.541, 293.57691 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, if a  
23 person's name appears in the roster or if the person provides an  
24 affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person is entitled to vote  
25 and must **[sign]** :

26 (a) **Present photo identification; and**

27 (b) **Sign** his or her name in the roster or on a signature card  
28 when he or she applies to vote. ~~[The signature must be compared by~~  
29 ~~an election board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on~~  
30 ~~the person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of~~  
31 ~~identification listed in subsection 2.]~~

32 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.2725, the forms~~  
33 ~~of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter~~  
34 ~~at the polling place are:~~

35 ~~—(a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;~~

36 ~~—(b) A driver's license;~~

37 ~~—(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor~~  
38 ~~Vehicles;~~

39 ~~—(d) A military identification card; or~~

40 ~~—(e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental~~  
41 ~~agency which contains the voter's signature and physical description~~  
42 ~~or picture.~~

43 ~~—3.]~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
44 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
45 in that county in the current election.



1       **Sec. 5.16.** NRS 293.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       293.283 ~~[(1)]~~ If, because of physical limitations, a registered  
3 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature  
4 card as required by NRS 293.277, ~~[the voter must be identified by:~~

5 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
6 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
7 ~~register to vote;~~

8 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
9 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

10 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
11 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
12 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

13 ~~—2. [(1)]~~ after the identity of the voter is verified ~~[(1)]~~ *by the voter's*  
14 *photo identification*, the election board officer shall indicate in the  
15 roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

16       **Sec. 5.18.** NRS 293.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17       293.285 ~~[(1)]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283  
18 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive:

19       ~~[(a)]~~ 1. A registered voter applying to vote shall state his or  
20 her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

21       ~~[(b)]~~ 2. The election board officer shall:

22       ~~[(1)]~~ (a) Announce the name of the registered voter;

23       ~~[(2)]~~ (b) *Require the registered voter to present photo*  
24 *identification;*

25       (c) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature  
26 card;

27       ~~[(3)]~~ ~~Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner~~  
28 ~~set forth in NRS 293.277;~~ and

29       ~~[(4)]~~ (d) Verify that the registered voter has not already  
30 voted in that county in the current election.

31       ~~[(2)]~~ Except as otherwise provided in ~~NRS 293.57691~~, if the  
32 signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:

33 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
34 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
35 ~~register to vote;~~

36 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
37 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

38 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
39 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
40 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

41 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
42 ~~the signature on the application to preregister or register to vote, the~~  
43 ~~voter must update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the~~  
44 ~~Secretary of State.~~



1 ~~—4.— For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter~~  
2 ~~may include his or her date of birth.]~~

3 **Sec. 5.2.** NRS 293.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 293.287 1. A registered voter applying to vote at any primary  
5 election or presidential preference primary election shall give his or  
6 her name and political affiliation, if any, to the election board officer  
7 in charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce  
8 the name and political affiliation ~~[.]~~ *and require that the registered*  
9 *voter present photo identification.*

10 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by any  
11 registered voter upon:

12 (a) Any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS 293.303;

13 (b) The ground that the person applying does not belong to the  
14 political party designated upon the roster; or

15 (c) The ground that the roster does not show that the person  
16 designated the political party to which he or she claims to belong.

17 3. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner  
18 provided by NRS 293.303.

19 4. A registered voter who has designated on his or her  
20 application to register to vote an affiliation with a minor political  
21 party may vote a nonpartisan ballot at the primary election.

22 **Sec. 5.22.** NRS 293.3025 is hereby amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk  
25 shall ensure that a copy of each of the following is posted in a  
26 conspicuous place at each polling place on election day:

27 1. A sample ballot;

28 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of  
29 the polling place;

30 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a  
31 provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive,  
32 or a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,  
33 inclusive;

34 4. *Instructions concerning the photo identification required*  
35 *to vote at the polling place;*

36 5. Instructions concerning the identification required for  
37 persons who registered by mail or computer and are first-time voters  
38 for federal office in this State;

39 ~~[5.]~~ 6. Information concerning the accessibility of polling  
40 places to persons with disabilities;

41 ~~[6.]~~ 7. General information concerning federal and state laws  
42 which prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

43 ~~[7.]~~ 8. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a  
44 ballot question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result  
45 of a judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.



1       **Sec. 5.24.** NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

3       (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct upon the  
4 ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed or  
5 has voted before at the same election. A registered voter who  
6 initiates a challenge pursuant to this paragraph must submit an  
7 affirmation that is signed under penalty of perjury and in the form  
8 prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the challenge is  
9 based on the personal knowledge of the registered voter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 ~~—(2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury~~  
29 ~~that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.] *furnishes*~~  
30 *photo identification.*

31 9. The election board officers shall:

32 (a) Record on the challenge list:

33 (1) The name of the challenged person;

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

36 (3) The result of the challenge; and

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

39 **Sec. 5.26.** NRS 293.3075 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows:

41 293.3075 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283  
42 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a  
43 person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS  
44 293.3072, the election board officer shall:



1 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ *whether* the person is a registered voter in  
2 the county and has not already voted in that county in the current  
3 election;

4 (b) *Require the registered voter to present photo identification;*  
5 *and*

6 (c) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card . ~~;~~  
7 ~~and]~~

8 ~~[(c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
9 ~~NRS 293.277.]~~

10 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the~~  
11 ~~signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified~~  
12 ~~by:~~

13 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
14 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
15 ~~register to vote;~~

16 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
17 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

18 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
19 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
20 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

21 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
22 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
23 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
24 ~~State.~~

25 ~~—4.]~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
26 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
27 in that county in the current election.

28 ~~[5.]~~ 3. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has  
29 ~~[identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of]~~ *presented photo*  
30 *identification to* the election board officer, the voter is entitled to  
31 receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own  
32 use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.

33 ~~[6.]~~ 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
34 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
35 officer shall:

36 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

37 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the  
38 form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county  
39 clerk uses voting receipts; and

40 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

41 ~~[7.]~~ 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established  
42 pursuant to NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to  
43 NRS 293.303.



1     **Sec. 5.28.** NRS 293.3081 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     293.3081 A person at a polling place may cast a provisional  
4 ballot in an election pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086,  
5 inclusive, if the person complies with the applicable provisions of  
6 NRS 293.3082 and:

7     1. Declares that he or she has registered to vote and is eligible  
8 to vote at that election in that jurisdiction, but ~~[his or her]~~ :

9     (a) *The name of the person* does not appear on a voter  
10 registration list as a voter eligible to vote in that election in that  
11 jurisdiction ~~[or an]~~ ;

12     (b) *An election official asserts that the person is not eligible to*  
13 *vote in that election in that jurisdiction; or*

14     (c) *The person fails to present photo identification;*

15     2. Applies by mail or computer, on or after January 1, 2003, to  
16 register to vote and has not previously voted in an election for  
17 federal office in this State and fails to provide the identification  
18 required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 293.2725  
19 to the election board officer at the polling place; or

20     3. Declares that he or she is entitled to vote after the polling  
21 place would normally close as a result of a court order or other order  
22 extending the time established for the closing of polls pursuant to a  
23 law of this State in effect 10 days before the date of the election.

24     **Sec. 5.3.** NRS 293.3082 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25     293.3082 1. Before a person may cast a provisional ballot  
26 pursuant to NRS 293.3081, the person must complete a written  
27 affirmation on a form provided by an election board officer, as  
28 prescribed by the Secretary of State, at the polling place which  
29 includes:

30     (a) The name of the person casting the provisional ballot;

31     (b) The reason for casting the provisional ballot;

32     (c) A statement in which the person casting the provisional  
33 ballot affirms under penalty of perjury that he or she is a registered  
34 voter in the jurisdiction and is eligible to vote in the election;

35     (d) The date and type of election;

36     (e) The signature of the person casting the provisional ballot;

37     (f) The signature of the election board officer;

38     (g) A unique affirmation identification number assigned to the  
39 person casting the provisional ballot;

40     (h) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to  
41 subsection 1 of NRS 293.3081:

42     (1) An indication by the person as to whether or not he or she  
43 provided the required identification at the time the person applied to  
44 register to vote;



1 (2) The address of the person as listed on the application to  
2 register to vote;

3 (3) Information concerning the place, manner and  
4 approximate date on which the person applied to register to vote;

5 (4) Any other information that the person believes may be  
6 useful in verifying that the person has registered to vote; and

7 (5) A statement informing the voter that if the voter does not  
8 provide *photo* identification at the time the voter casts the  
9 provisional ballot, the required *photo* identification must be  
10 provided to the county or city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the  
11 Friday following election day and that failure to do so will result in  
12 the provisional ballot not being counted;

13 (i) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to  
14 subsection 2 of NRS 293.3081:

15 (1) The address of the person as listed on the application to  
16 register to vote;

17 (2) The voter registration number, if any, issued to the  
18 person; and

19 (3) A statement informing the voter that the required  
20 identification must be provided to the county or city clerk not later  
21 than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day and that failure to  
22 do so will result in the provisional ballot not being counted; and

23 (j) If the person is casting the provisional ballot pursuant to  
24 subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081, the voter registration number, if any,  
25 issued to the person.

26 2. After a person completes a written affirmation pursuant to  
27 subsection 1:

28 (a) The election board officer shall provide the person with a  
29 receipt that includes the unique affirmation identification number  
30 described in subsection 1 and that explains how the person may use  
31 the free access system established pursuant to NRS 293.3086 to  
32 ascertain whether the person's vote was counted, and, if the vote  
33 was not counted, the reason why the vote was not counted;

34 (b) The voter's name and applicable information must be  
35 entered into the roster in a manner which indicates that the voter  
36 cast a provisional ballot; and

37 (c) The election board officer shall issue a provisional ballot to  
38 the person to vote.

39 **Sec. 5.32.** NRS 293.3085 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows:

41 293.3085 1. Following each election, a canvass of the  
42 provisional ballots cast in the election must be conducted pursuant  
43 to NRS 293.387 and, if appropriate, pursuant to NRS 293C.387.

44 2. The county and city clerk shall not:



1 (a) Include any provisional ballot in the unofficial results  
2 reported on election night; or

3 (b) Open any envelope containing a provisional ballot before 8  
4 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.

5 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a provisional  
6 ballot must be counted if:

7 (a) The county or city clerk determines that the person who cast  
8 the provisional ballot was registered to vote in the election, eligible  
9 to vote in the election and issued the appropriate ballot for the  
10 address at which the person resides;

11 (b) A voter who failed to provide required *photo* identification  
12 at the polling place or with his or her mailed ballot provides the  
13 required *photo* identification to the county or city clerk not later  
14 than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day; or

15 (c) A court order has not been issued by 5 p.m. on the Friday  
16 following election day directing that provisional ballots cast  
17 pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 293.3081 not be counted, and the  
18 provisional ballot was cast pursuant to subsection 3 of  
19 NRS 293.3081.

20 4. A provisional ballot must not be counted if the county or  
21 city clerk determines that the person who cast the provisional ballot  
22 cast the wrong ballot for the address at which the person resides.

23 **Sec. 5.34.** NRS 293.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 293.356 If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter  
25 in person, the election board shall , *except as otherwise provided in*  
26 *NRS 293.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a  
27 ballot must be voted on the premises of a polling place for early  
28 voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564, 293.3572, 293.3575  
29 or 298.690.

30 **Sec. 5.36.** NRS 293.3585 is hereby amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 293.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283  
33 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a  
34 person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer  
35 shall:

36 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ *whether* the person is a registered voter in  
37 the county.

38 (b) *Require the registered voter to present photo identification.*

39 (c) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a  
40 signature card.

41 ~~[(e) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
42 ~~NRS 293.277.]~~

43 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in  
44 the current election.



1 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the~~  
2 ~~signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified~~  
3 ~~by:~~

4 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
5 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
6 ~~register to vote;~~

7 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
8 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

9 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
10 ~~identification as described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter~~  
11 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

12 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
13 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
14 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
15 ~~State.~~

16 ~~—4.]~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
17 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
18 in that county in the current election.

19 ~~[5.]~~ 3. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as  
20 applicable, must contain:

21 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered  
22 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the  
23 voter's signature;

24 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that  
25 information is available; and

26 (c) The date of voting early in person.

27 ~~[6.]~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot , ~~[and has~~  
28 ~~identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board~~  
29 ~~officer,]~~ the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or  
30 ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early  
31 voting.

32 ~~[7.]~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
33 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
34 officer shall:

35 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

36 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that  
37 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the  
38 voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; and

39 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

40 ~~[8.]~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance  
41 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

42 ~~[9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a~~  
43 ~~voter may include his or her date of birth.]~~



1     **Sec. 5.38.** NRS 293.3677 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     293.3677 1. When counting a vote in an election, if more  
4 choices than permitted by the instructions for a ballot are marked for  
5 any office or question, the vote for that office or question may not  
6 be counted.

7     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, in an election  
8 in which a mechanical voting system is used whereby a vote is cast  
9 by darkening a designated space on the ballot:

10     (a) A vote must be counted if :

11         (1) *A portion of the designated space [is] has been*  
12 ~~*for there is a writing in the designated space, including, without*~~  
13 ~~*limitation, a cross or check;*~~ *by the voter;* and

14         (2) *The portion of the designated space that has been*  
15 ~~*darkened:*~~

16             (I) *Provides some indication of the intent of the voter;*  
17 ~~*and*~~

18             (II) *Cannot be conclusively determined to have been*  
19 ~~*made by the voter in error; and*~~

20     (b) ~~*Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), a*~~ A writing  
21 or other mark on the ballot, including, without limitation, a cross,  
22 check, tear or scratch may not be counted as a vote.

23     3. The Secretary of State:

24     (a) May adopt regulations establishing additional uniform,  
25 statewide standards, not inconsistent with this section, for counting  
26 a vote cast by a method of voting described in subsection 2; and

27     (b) Shall adopt regulations establishing uniform, statewide  
28 standards for counting a vote cast by each method of voting used in  
29 this State that is not described in subsection 2, including, without  
30 limitation, a vote cast on a mechanical recording device which  
31 directly records the votes electronically.

32     **Sec. 5.4.** NRS 293.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33     293.541 1. The county clerk shall cancel the preregistration  
34 of a person or the registration of a voter if:

35     (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district  
36 attorney determines that there is probable cause to believe that  
37 information in the application to preregister or register to vote  
38 concerning the identity or residence of the person or voter is  
39 fraudulent;

40     (b) The county clerk provides a notice as required pursuant to  
41 subsection 2 or executes an affidavit of cancellation pursuant to  
42 subsection 3; and

43     (c) The person or voter fails to present satisfactory proof of  
44 identity and residence pursuant to subsection 2, 4 or 5.



1 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the county  
2 clerk shall notify the person or voter by registered or certified mail,  
3 return receipt requested, of a determination made pursuant to  
4 subsection 1. The notice must set forth the grounds for cancellation.  
5 Unless the person or voter, within 15 days after the return receipt  
6 has been filed in the office of the county clerk, presents satisfactory  
7 proof of identity and residence to the county clerk, the county clerk  
8 shall cancel the person's preregistration or the voter's registration,  
9 as applicable.

10 3. If insufficient time exists before a pending election to  
11 provide the notice required by subsection 2 to a registered voter, the  
12 county clerk shall execute an affidavit of cancellation and attach a  
13 copy of the affidavit of cancellation in the roster.

14 4. If a voter appears to vote at the election next following the  
15 date that an affidavit of cancellation was executed for the voter  
16 pursuant to this section, the voter must be allowed to vote only if the  
17 voter furnishes:

18 (a) ~~[Official identification which contains a photograph of the~~  
19 ~~voter, including, without limitation, a driver's license or other~~  
20 ~~official document.]~~ *Photo identification;* and

21 (b) Satisfactory ~~[identification that contains]~~ proof of the  
22 address at which the voter actually resides and that address is  
23 consistent with the address listed on the roster.

24 5. If a determination is made pursuant to subsection 1  
25 concerning information in the registration to vote of a voter and a  
26 mail ballot is received from the voter, the mail ballot must be kept  
27 separate from other ballots and must not be counted unless the voter  
28 presents satisfactory proof to the county clerk of identity and  
29 residence before such ballots are counted on election day.

30 6. For the purposes of this section, a voter registration card  
31 does not provide proof of the:

32 (a) Address at which a person actually resides; or

33 (b) Residence or identity of a person.

34 **Sec. 6.** NRS 293.558 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.558 1. The county or city clerk shall disclose the  
36 identification number of a registered voter to the public, including,  
37 without limitation:

38 (a) In response to an inquiry received by the county or city  
39 clerk; or

40 (b) By inclusion of the identification number of the registered  
41 voter on any list of registered voters made available for public  
42 inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557, 293C.290  
43 or 293C.542.

44 2. The *Secretary of State or a* county or city clerk shall not  
45 disclose:



1 (a) The social security number or the driver's license or  
2 identification card number of a registered voter, and such a number  
3 is confidential and is not a public book or record within the meaning  
4 of NRS 239.010.

5 (b) An electronic mail address provided by a registered voter to  
6 carry out any state or federal law relating to the voting process, and  
7 such an electronic mail address is confidential and is not a public  
8 book or record within the meaning of NRS 239.010. The county or  
9 city clerk may not release a registered voter's electronic mail  
10 address to a third party and may use such an electronic mail address  
11 only to:

12 (1) Communicate with the registered voter about the voting  
13 process, including, without limitation, as necessary to carry out the  
14 provisions of chapter 293D of NRS; and

15 (2) Distribute a sample ballot to the registered voter by  
16 electronic means if the county or city clerk has established a system  
17 for distributing sample ballots by electronic means pursuant to NRS  
18 293.565 or 293C.530 and the registered voter elects to receive a  
19 sample ballot by electronic means.

20 *(c) The information of a registered voter that is received from*  
21 *the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 1.8 or 3 of*  
22 *this act. Such information is confidential and is not a public book*  
23 *or record.*

24 3. A registered voter may submit a written request to the  
25 county or city clerk to have his or her address and telephone number  
26 withheld from the public. Upon receipt of such a request, the county  
27 or city clerk shall not disclose the address or telephone number of  
28 the registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:

29 (a) In response to an inquiry received by the county or city  
30 clerk; or

31 (b) By inclusion on any list of registered voters made available  
32 for public inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557,  
33 293C.290 or 293C.542.

34 4. No information relating to a registered voter may be  
35 withheld from the public other than:

36 (a) The address and telephone number of the registered voter if  
37 requested by the registered voter pursuant to this section;

38 (b) An electronic mail address provided by the registered voter  
39 to carry out any state or federal law relating to the voting process;

40 (c) The social security number and driver's license or  
41 identification card number of the registered voter; ~~and~~

42 (d) *The sex, citizenship status and veteran status of the*  
43 *registered voter; and*



1 (e) Any other information relating to the registered voter that  
2 any state or federal law declares to be confidential or otherwise  
3 requires to be withheld from the public.

4 **Sec. 6.5.** NRS 293.57691 is hereby amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 293.57691 1. A county clerk shall not reject as an application  
7 to register to vote the information received from an automatic voter  
8 registration agency solely on the basis that the information does not  
9 contain an electronic facsimile of the signature of the person who is  
10 applying to vote or update his or her voter registration information  
11 on the statewide voter registration list.

12 2. If the county clerk does not receive an electronic facsimile  
13 of the signature of the person from the automatic voter registration  
14 agency, the county clerk must obtain the person's signature or an  
15 electronic facsimile of the person's signature through one of the  
16 following methods:

17 (a) Through the notice provided by the county clerk to the  
18 person pursuant to NRS 293.57693, if the notice is returned to  
19 the county clerk by the person and the returned notice includes the  
20 person's signature;

21 (b) Requesting an electronic facsimile of the person's signature  
22 from the Department of Motor Vehicles or another state agency;

23 (c) Requesting the person to submit an electronic facsimile of  
24 the person's signature through a method approved by the Secretary  
25 of State; or

26 (d) Requesting the person to sign a paper or electronic form the  
27 first time the person applies to vote in person at a polling place,  
28 including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting by  
29 personal appearance. ~~[A signature provided by a person pursuant to  
30 this paragraph must be compared to one of the forms of  
31 identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at  
32 the polling place set forth in NRS 293.277 before the person is  
33 allowed to vote in person.]~~

34 3. In addition to the requirements of this section and NRS  
35 293.2725, a person who is registered to vote pursuant to NRS  
36 293.5768 to 293.57699, inclusive, must provide an affirmation  
37 signed under penalty of perjury that the person is eligible to vote the  
38 first time a person votes in person or by mail ballot if the person has  
39 not already provided such an affirmation to the county clerk.

40 **Sec. 7.** NRS 293.675 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and  
42 maintain a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores  
43 information related to the preregistration of persons and the  
44 registration of electors from all the counties in this State. The  
45 Secretary of State shall ensure that the database is capable of storing



1 preregistration information separately until a person is qualified to  
2 register to vote. Each county clerk shall use the database created by  
3 the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection to collect and  
4 maintain all records of preregistration and registration to vote.

5 2. The Secretary of State shall use the voter registration  
6 information collected in the database created pursuant to subsection  
7 1 to create the official statewide voter registration list, which may be  
8 maintained on the Internet, in consultation with each county and city  
9 clerk.

10 3. The statewide voter registration list must:

11 (a) Be a uniform, centralized and interactive computerized list;

12 (b) Serve as the single method for storing and managing the  
13 official list of registered voters in this State;

14 (c) Serve as the official list of registered voters for the conduct  
15 of all elections in this State;

16 (d) Contain the name ~~[and]~~, *voter* registration information *and,*  
17 *if applicable, the information described in section 3 of this act* of  
18 every legally registered voter in this State;

19 (e) Include a unique identifier assigned by the Secretary of State  
20 to each legally registered voter in this State;

21 (f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, be coordinated  
22 with the appropriate databases of other agencies in this State;

23 (g) Be electronically accessible to each state and local election  
24 official in this State at all times;

25 (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, allow for  
26 data to be shared with other states under certain circumstances; and

27 (i) Be regularly maintained to ensure the integrity of the  
28 registration process and the election process.

29 4. Each county and city clerk shall:

30 (a) Electronically enter into the database created pursuant to  
31 subsection 1 all information related to voter preregistration and  
32 registration obtained by the county or city clerk at the time the  
33 information is provided to the county or city clerk; and

34 (b) Provide the Secretary of State with information concerning  
35 the voter registration of the county or city and other reasonable  
36 information requested by the Secretary of State in the form required  
37 by the Secretary of State to establish or maintain the statewide voter  
38 registration list.

39 5. In establishing and maintaining the statewide voter  
40 registration list, the Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative  
41 agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles to match  
42 information in the database of the statewide voter registration list  
43 with information in the appropriate database of the Department of  
44 Motor Vehicles to verify the accuracy of the information in an  
45 application to register to vote.



1 6. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall enter into an  
2 agreement with the Social Security Administration pursuant to 52  
3 U.S.C. § 21083, to verify the accuracy of information in an  
4 application to register to vote.

5 7. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that its  
6 database:

7 (a) Is capable of processing any information related to an  
8 application to register to vote, an application to update voter  
9 registration information or a request to verify the accuracy of voter  
10 registration information as quickly as is feasible; and

11 (b) Does not limit the number of applications to register to vote,  
12 applications to update voter registration information or requests to  
13 verify the accuracy of voter registration information that may be  
14 processed by the database in any given day.

15 8. The Secretary of State shall enter into a cooperative  
16 agreement with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to match  
17 information in the database of the statewide voter registration list  
18 with information in the records of the State Registrar of Vital  
19 Statistics concerning the death of a resident of this State to maintain  
20 the statewide voter registration list. The Secretary of State must  
21 compare the records of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to those  
22 in the statewide voter registration list at least once per month.

23 9. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 481.063 or any  
24 provision of law providing for the confidentiality of information, the  
25 Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with an agency of  
26 this State pursuant to which the agency provides to the Secretary of  
27 State any information in the possession of the agency that the  
28 Secretary of State deems necessary to maintain the statewide voter  
29 registration list.

30 10. The Secretary of State may:

31 (a) Request from the chief officer of elections of another state  
32 any information which the Secretary of State deems necessary to  
33 maintain the statewide voter registration list; and

34 (b) Provide to the chief officer of elections of another state any  
35 information which is requested and which the Secretary of State  
36 deems necessary for the chief officer of elections of that state to  
37 maintain a voter registration list, if the Secretary of State is satisfied  
38 that the information provided pursuant to this paragraph will be used  
39 only for the maintenance of that voter registration list.

40 **Sec. 8.** NRS 293C.26312 is hereby amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 293C.26312 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
43 NRS 293C.263 and chapter 293D of NRS, the city clerk shall send  
44 to each active registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of



1 mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark  
2 created by the United States Postal Service is properly placed:

3 (a) A mail ballot;

4 (b) A return envelope  , *which must include, without*  
5 *limitation:*

6 (1) *A space for the voter to write:*

7 (I) *The last four digits of the voter's driver's license*  
8 *issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;*

9 (II) *If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued*  
10 *by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the*  
11 *voter's social security number; or*

12 (III) *If the voter does not possess a driver's license*  
13 *issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security*  
14 *number, the voter identification number of the voter; and*

15 (2) *A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR*  
16 *code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the*  
17 *Internet address for the voter services portal created by the*  
18 *Secretary of State pursuant to section 2 of this act;*

19 (c) An envelope or sleeve into which the mail ballot is inserted  
20 to ensure its secrecy; and

21 (d) Instructions  *that include, without limitation:*

22 (1) *An explanation that the voter must write on the return*  
23 *envelope the identifying number required pursuant to NRS*  
24 *293C.26316; and*

25 (2) *A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR*  
26 *code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the*  
27 *Internet address for the voter services portal on the Internet*  
28 *website of the Secretary of State.*

29 2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the city  
30 clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an address  
31 of the voter that is different from the address to which the mail  
32 ballot is mailed.

33 3. The return envelope must include postage prepaid by first-  
34 class mail if the active registered voter is within the boundaries of  
35 the United States, its territories or possessions or on a military base.

36 4. Before sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the  
37 city clerk shall record:

38 (a) The date the mail ballot is issued;

39 (b) The name of the voter to whom the mail ballot is issued, his  
40 or her precinct or district and his or her political affiliation, if any,  
41 unless all the offices on the mail ballot are nonpartisan offices;

42 (c) The number of the mail ballot; and

43 (d) Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.

44 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:



1 (a) The form of all envelopes in which mail ballots are sent to  
2 voters and return envelopes, which must, except as otherwise  
3 provided in paragraph (b), be uniform throughout the State; and

4 (b) A method for distinguishing the return envelopes of each  
5 city which must be prominently displayed on the outside of the  
6 return envelope.

7 ***6. The design of all envelopes used by the city clerk to send***  
8 ***mail ballots to registered voters and return envelopes must be***  
9 ***submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State prior to use in***  
10 ***any election.***

11 **Sec. 8.5.** NRS 293C.26316 is hereby amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 293C.26316 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
14 293C.26318 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail  
15 ballot, the voter must, in accordance with the instructions:

16 (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

17 (b) Deposit the mail ballot in the return envelope and seal the  
18 return envelope;

19 (c) Affix his or her signature on the return envelope in the space  
20 provided for the signature; ~~and~~

21 (d) ***Write in the space provided on the return envelope:***

22 ***(1) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license issued***  
23 ***by the Department of Motor Vehicles;***

24 ***(2) If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by***  
25 ***the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the***  
26 ***voter's social security number; or***

27 ***(3) If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by***  
28 ***the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the***  
29 ***voter identification number of the voter; and***

30 (e) Mail or deliver the return envelope in a manner authorized  
31 by law.

32 2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS,  
33 voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon the  
34 mail ballot as prepared pursuant to NRS 293C.263, and no person  
35 may write in the name of an additional candidate for any office.

36 3. If a mail ballot has been sent to a voter who applies to vote  
37 in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling  
38 place for early voting, the voter must, in addition to complying with  
39 all other requirements for voting in person that are set forth in this  
40 chapter, surrender his or her mail ballot or sign an affirmation under  
41 penalty of perjury that the voter has not voted during the election. A  
42 person who receives a surrendered mail ballot shall mark it  
43 "Cancelled."



1     **Sec. 8.7.** NRS 293C.26321 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     293C.26321 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2  
4 and chapter 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted  
5 for any election, the mail ballot must be:

6     (a) Before the time set for closing of the polls, delivered by hand  
7 to the city clerk, or any ballot drop box established in the city,  
8 pursuant to this section; or

9     (b) Mailed to the city clerk, and:

10       (1) Postmarked on or before the day of the election; and

11       (2) Received by the clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the fourth  
12 day following the election.

13     2. If a mail ballot is received by mail not later than 5 p.m. on  
14 the third day following the election and the date of the postmark  
15 cannot be determined, the mail ballot shall be deemed to have been  
16 postmarked on or before the day of the election.

17     3. Each city clerk must establish a ballot drop box at every  
18 polling place in the city, including, without limitation, a polling  
19 place for early voting. A city clerk may establish a drop box at any  
20 other location in the city where mail ballots can be delivered by  
21 hand and collected during the period for early voting and on election  
22 day. No person other than a clerk may establish a drop box for mail  
23 ballots.

24     4. A ballot drop box must be:

25     (a) Constructed of metal or any other rigid material of sufficient  
26 strength and resistance to protect the security of the mail ballots; and

27     (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots  
28 and being locked.

29     5. A ballot drop box must be:

30     (a) Placed in an accessible and convenient location at the office  
31 of the city clerk, or a polling place in the city; ~~and~~

32     (b) Made available for use *and monitored at all times* during the  
33 hours when the office of the city clerk, or the polling place, is open  
34 for business or voting, as applicable ~~and~~; *and*

35     (c) *Secured during any period of time in which the ballot drop*  
36 *box is not made available for use pursuant to paragraph (b).*

37     6. *The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations to establish*  
38 *requirements for monitoring and securing ballot drop boxes*  
39 *pursuant to this section.*

40     **Sec. 9.** NRS 293C.26327 is hereby amended to read as  
41 follows:

42     293C.26327 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
43 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter  
44 to the city clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot  
45 record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of the



1 clerk shall check the *return envelope to determine whether the*  
2 *voter included on the return envelope his or her signature and the*  
3 *identifying number required pursuant to NRS 293C.26316. If the*  
4 *return envelope does not include a signature and identifying*  
5 *number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.*  
6 *If the return envelope includes ~~signature used for the mail ballot~~*  
7 *by a signature and the identifying number, the clerk shall check*  
8 *the voter's signature by* electronic means pursuant to subsection 2  
9 or manually pursuant to subsection 3. *If the voter's signature is*  
10 *verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the*  
11 *identifying number is not required to be verified. If the voter's*  
12 *signature cannot be verified, the clerk shall check the identifying*  
13 *number included on the return envelope. If the clerk verifies the*  
14 *identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot. If*  
15 *the clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying*  
16 *number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.*

17 2. To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic  
18 means:

19 (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the  
20 signature used for the mail ballot and electronically compare the  
21 digital image with the signatures of the voter from his or her  
22 application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote  
23 available in the records of the city clerk.

24 (b) If the electronic device does not match the signature of the  
25 voter, the signature shall be reviewed manually pursuant to the  
26 provisions of subsection 3.

27 3. To check the signature used for a mail ballot manually, the  
28 city clerk shall use the following procedure:

29 (a) The clerk or employee shall check the signature used for the  
30 mail ballot against all signatures of the voter available in the records  
31 of the clerk.

32 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe  
33 there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature  
34 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk  
35 shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether the  
36 signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.

37 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

38 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
39 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter  
40 if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple,  
41 significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter  
42 available in the records of the clerk.

43 (b) There is not a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
44 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter  
45 if:



1 (1) The signature used for the mail ballot is a variation of the  
2 signature of the voter caused by the substitution of initials for the  
3 first or middle name, the substitution of a different type of  
4 punctuation in the first, middle or last name, the use of a common  
5 nickname or the use of one last name for a person who has two last  
6 names and it does not otherwise differ in multiple, significant and  
7 obvious respects from the signatures of the voter available in the  
8 records of the clerk; or

9 (2) There are only slight dissimilarities between the signature  
10 used for the mail ballot and the signatures of the voter available in  
11 the records of the clerk.

12 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk  
13 determines that the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk  
14 shall deposit the mail ballot in the proper ballot box or place the  
15 mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be securely locked or  
16 under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall deliver the  
17 mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed  
18 and prepared for counting.

19 6. If the clerk determines when checking the ~~signature used~~  
20 *return envelope* for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his  
21 or her signature ~~or~~ *and identifying number*, failed to affix ~~it~~ *the*  
22 *signature and identifying number* in the manner required by law  
23 for the mail ballot, or ~~that there is a reasonable question of fact as~~  
24 ~~to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the~~  
25 ~~signature of the voter.]~~ *the clerk is not able to verify the signature*  
26 *or identifying number* but the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the  
27 mail ballot, the clerk shall contact the voter and advise the voter of  
28 the procedures to provide a signature *or an identifying number*, or a  
29 confirmation that the signature *or identifying number* used for the  
30 mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to  
31 be counted, the voter must provide a signature, *an identifying*  
32 *number* or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the  
33 sixth day following the election. *Except as otherwise provided in*  
34 *this subsection, during the period in which mail ballots may be*  
35 *cured, the clerk shall ensure that employees in the office of the*  
36 *clerk are available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings*  
37 *and weekends. If no mail ballot needs to be cured, the clerk is not*  
38 *required to have any employee available by telephone after 5 p.m.*  
39 *Any voicemail message or hold message used by the office of the*  
40 *clerk must provide instructions on how a voter may provide a*  
41 *signature, an identifying number or a confirmation, as applicable.*

42 7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to  
43 affix his or her signature *and identifying number* or failed to affix  
44 ~~it~~ *the signature and identifying number* in the manner required by  
45 law for the mail ballot, or for whom ~~there is a reasonable question~~



1 ~~of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches~~  
2 ~~the signature of the voter.}]~~ *the signature or identifying number*  
3 *cannot be verified,* in order to:

4 (a) Contact the voter;

5 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature , *an identifying*  
6 *number* or a confirmation ~~[that the signature used for the mail ballot~~  
7 ~~belongs to the voter,}]~~ , as applicable; and

8 (c) After a signature , *an identifying number* or a confirmation  
9 is provided, as applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the  
10 mail ballot central counting board.

11 8. If there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the  
12 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter,  
13 the voter must be identified by:

14 (a) Answering questions from the city clerk covering the  
15 personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

16 (b) Providing the city clerk, orally or in writing, *including,*  
17 *without limitation, in writing by electronic mail or text message,*  
18 with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or

19 (c) Providing the city clerk with ~~[proof of identification as~~  
20 ~~described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card~~  
21 ~~issued to the voter.}]~~ *photo identification.*

22 9. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 7 for  
23 contacting a voter must require the clerk to contact the voter, as  
24 soon as possible after receipt of the mail ballot, by:

25 (a) Mail;

26 (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in  
27 the records of the clerk; and

28 (c) Electronic means, which ~~[may]~~ *must* include, without  
29 limitation ~~[-,electronic] :~~

30 (1) *Electronic* mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with  
31 ~~[sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.]~~ *an*  
32 *electronic mail address; and*

33 (2) *Text message, if the voter has provided the clerk with a*  
34 *cellular telephone number.*

35 *10. A city clerk in a county whose population is less than*  
36 *100,000 may enter into an agreement with the Secretary of State*  
37 *for the Secretary of State to, on behalf of the clerk, contact and*  
38 *receive information from voters by text message, as required*  
39 *pursuant to this section.*

40 **Sec. 9.12.** NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772  
43 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, if a person's name appears in  
44 the roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS  
45 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote and must ~~[sign] :~~



1 (a) *Present photo identification; and*

2 (b) *Sign* his or her name in the roster or on a signature card  
3 when he or she applies to vote. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in~~  
4 ~~NRS 293.57691, the signature must be compared by an election~~  
5 ~~board officer with the signature or a facsimile thereof on the~~  
6 ~~person's application to register to vote or one of the forms of~~  
7 ~~identification listed in subsection 2.~~

8 ~~— 2. The forms of identification that may be used to identify a~~  
9 ~~voter at the polling place are:~~

10 ~~— (a) The voter registration card issued to the voter;~~

11 ~~— (b) A driver's license;~~

12 ~~— (c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor~~  
13 ~~Vehicles;~~

14 ~~— (d) A military identification card; or~~

15 ~~— (e) Any other form of identification issued by a governmental~~  
16 ~~agency that contains the voter's signature and physical description~~  
17 ~~or picture.~~

18 ~~— 3.]~~ 2. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
19 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
20 in that city in the current election.

21 **Sec. 9.14.** NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 293C.272 ~~[1.]~~ If, because of physical limitations, a registered  
24 voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature  
25 card as required by NRS 293C.270, ~~[the voter must be identified by:~~

26 ~~— (a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
27 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
28 ~~register to vote;~~

29 ~~— (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
30 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

31 ~~— (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
32 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
33 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

34 ~~— 2. If] after~~ the identity of the voter is verified ~~[,]~~ *by the voter's*  
35 *photo identification*, the election board officer shall indicate in the  
36 roster "Identified" by the voter's name.

37 **Sec. 9.16.** NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as  
38 follows:

39 293C.275 ~~[1.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS  
40 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272:

41 ~~[(a)]~~ 1. A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or  
42 her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

43 ~~[(b)]~~ 2. The election board officer shall:

44 ~~[(1)]~~ (a) Announce the name of the registered voter;



1 ~~[(2)]~~ *(b) Require the registered voter to present photo*  
2 *identification;*

3 (c) Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature  
4 card;

5 ~~[(3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner~~  
6 ~~set forth in NRS 293C.270;]~~ and

7 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) Verify that the registered voter has not already  
8 voted in that city in the current election.

9 ~~[2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the~~  
10 ~~signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:~~

11 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
12 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
13 ~~register to vote;~~

14 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
15 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

16 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
17 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
18 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

19 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
20 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
21 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
22 ~~State.~~

23 ~~—4. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter~~  
24 ~~may include his or her date of birth.]~~

25 **Sec. 9.18.** NRS 293C.277 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 293C.277 1. A registered voter who applies to vote at an  
28 election must give his or her name to the election board officer in  
29 charge of the roster, and the officer shall immediately announce the  
30 name of the voter ~~[ ]~~ *and require that the registered voter present*  
31 *photo identification.*

32 2. Any person's right to vote may be challenged by a registered  
33 voter upon any of the grounds allowed for a challenge in NRS  
34 293C.292. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner  
35 provided in NRS 293C.292.

36 **Sec. 9.2.** NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
37 293C.292 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

38 (a) Orally by any registered voter of the precinct or district upon  
39 the ground that he or she is not the person entitled to vote as claimed  
40 or has voted before at the same election; or

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

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



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

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

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

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

15 3. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or  
16 affirmation so tendered, the person must not be issued a ballot, and  
17 the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Challenged"  
18 by the person's name.

19 4. If the challenged person refuses to execute the oath or  
20 affirmation set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the election  
21 board officers shall inform the person that he or she is entitled to  
22 vote only in the manner prescribed in NRS 293C.295.

23 5. If the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation and  
24 the challenge is not based on the ground set forth in paragraph (c) of  
25 subsection 2, the election board officers shall issue him or her a  
26 ballot.

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

34 7. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph  
35 (c) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or  
36 affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot  
37 unless the person ~~f~~:

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

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

43 ~~—(1) Furnishes official identification which contains a~~  
44 ~~photograph of the person, such as a driver's license or other official~~  
45 ~~document; and~~



~~1 — (2) Executes an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury~~  
~~2 ~~that the challenged person is who he or she swears to be.]~~ *furnishes*~~  
~~3 *photo identification.*~~

4 8. The election board officers shall:

5 (a) Record on the challenge list:

6 (1) The name of the challenged person;

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

9 (3) The result of the challenge; and

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

12 **Sec. 9.22.** NRS 293C.3035 is hereby amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 293C.3035 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772  
15 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a  
16 person to cast a ballot at a polling place established pursuant to NRS  
17 293C.3032, if any, the election board officer shall:

18 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ *whether* the person is a registered voter in  
19 the city and has not already voted in that city in the current election;

20 (b) *Require the registered voter to present photo identification;*  
21 *and*

22 (c) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card . ~~[-and~~

23 ~~—(c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
24 ~~NRS 293C.270.~~

25 ~~—2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the~~  
26 ~~signature of the voter does not match, the voter must be identified~~  
27 ~~by:~~

28 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
29 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
30 ~~register to vote;~~

31 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
32 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

33 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
34 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
35 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

36 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
37 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
38 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
39 ~~State.~~

40 ~~—4.]~~ 2. The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by  
41 the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted  
42 in that city in the current election.

43 ~~[5.]~~ 3. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has  
44 ~~[identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of]~~ *presented photo*  
45 *identification to* the election board officer, the voter is entitled to



1 receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own  
2 use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.

3 ~~[6.]~~ 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
4 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
5 officer shall:

6 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;

7 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the  
8 form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk  
9 uses voting receipts; and

10 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

11 ~~[7.]~~ 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established  
12 pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, may be challenged pursuant to  
13 NRS 293C.292.

14 **Sec. 9.24.** NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 293C.356 1. If a request is made to vote early by a registered  
17 voter in person, the city clerk shall, *except as otherwise provided in*  
18 *NRS 293C.3585*, issue a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a  
19 ballot must be voted on the premises of the clerk's office and  
20 returned to the clerk.

21 2. On the dates for early voting prescribed in NRS 293C.3568,  
22 each city clerk shall provide a voting booth, with suitable equipment  
23 for voting, on the premises of the city clerk's office for use by  
24 registered voters who are issued ballots for early voting in  
25 accordance with this section.

26 **Sec. 9.26.** NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772  
29 to 293.5887, inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a  
30 person to cast a ballot for early voting, an election board officer  
31 shall:

32 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ *whether* the person is a registered voter in  
33 the county.

34 (b) *Require the registered voter to present photo identification.*

35 (c) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a  
36 signature card.

37 ~~[(e) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in~~  
38 ~~NRS 293C.270.]~~

39 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the  
40 current election.

41 2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the~~  
42 ~~signature does not match, the voter must be identified by:~~

43 ~~—(a) Answering questions from the election board officer~~  
44 ~~covering the personal data which is reported on the application to~~  
45 ~~register to vote;~~



1 ~~—(b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing,~~  
2 ~~with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or~~

3 ~~—(c) Providing the election board officer with proof of~~  
4 ~~identification as described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter~~  
5 ~~registration card issued to the voter.~~

6 ~~—3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to~~  
7 ~~the signature on the application to register to vote, the voter must~~  
8 ~~update his or her signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of~~  
9 ~~State.~~

10 ~~—4.]~~ The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the  
11 Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in  
12 that city in the current election.

13 ~~[5.]~~ 3. The roster for early voting or signature card, as  
14 applicable, must contain:

15 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered  
16 to vote, his or her voter identification number and a place for the  
17 voter's signature;

18 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that  
19 information is available; and

20 (c) The date of voting early in person.

21 ~~[6.]~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot , ~~[and has~~  
22 ~~identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of the election board~~  
23 ~~officer,]~~ the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or  
24 ballots, but only for his or her own use at the polling place for early  
25 voting.

26 ~~[7.]~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device  
27 which directly records the votes electronically, the election board  
28 officer shall:

29 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;

30 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district, if that  
31 information is available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the  
32 voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and

33 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

34 ~~[8.]~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance  
35 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

36 ~~[9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a~~  
37 ~~voter may include his or her date of birth.]~~

38 **Sec. 9.28.** NRS 293C.369 is hereby amended to read as  
39 follows:

40 293C.369 1. When counting a vote in an election, if more  
41 choices than permitted by the instructions for a ballot are marked for  
42 any office or question, the vote for that office or question may not  
43 be counted.



2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, in an election in which a mechanical voting system is used whereby a vote is cast by darkening a designated space on the ballot:

(a) A vote must be counted if :

(1) A portion of the designated space ~~[is] has been~~ darkened ~~[or there is a writing in the designated space, including, without limitation, a cross or check;] by the voter;~~ and

(2) The portion of the designated space that has been darkened:

(I) Provides some indication of the intent of the voter; and

(II) Cannot be conclusively determined to have been made by the voter in error; and

(b) ~~[Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), a]~~ A writing or other mark on the ballot, including, without limitation, a cross, check, tear or scratch may not be counted as a vote.

3. The Secretary of State:

(a) May adopt regulations establishing additional uniform, statewide standards, not inconsistent with this section, for counting a vote cast by a method of voting described in subsection 2; and

(b) Shall adopt regulations establishing uniform, statewide standards for counting a vote cast by each method of voting used in this State that is not described in subsection 2, including, without limitation, a vote cast on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically.

**Sec. 9.3.** NRS 483.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:

483.820 1. A person who applies for an identification card in accordance with the provisions of NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, and who is not ineligible to receive an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.861, is entitled to receive an identification card if the person is:

(a) A resident of this State and is 10 years of age or older and does not hold a valid driver's license or identification card from any state or jurisdiction; or

(b) A seasonal resident who does not hold a valid Nevada driver's license.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825 ~~[,]~~ and section 1.6 of this act, the Department shall charge and collect the following fees for the issuance of an original, duplicate or changed identification card:

An original or duplicate identification card issued to a person 65 years of age or older which expires on or before the fourth anniversary of the person's birthday..... \$4



1 An original or duplicate identification card issued to  
2 a person 65 years of age or older which expires  
3 on or before the eighth anniversary of the  
4 person's birthday..... \$8  
5 An original or duplicate identification card issued to  
6 a person under 18 years of age which expires on  
7 the eighth anniversary of the person's birthday ..... 6  
8 A renewal of an identification card for a person  
9 under 18 years of age which expires on the  
10 eighth anniversary of the person's birthday ..... 6  
11 An original or duplicate identification card issued to  
12 a person under 18 years of age which expires on  
13 or before the fourth anniversary of the person's  
14 birthday ..... 3  
15 A renewal of an identification card for a person  
16 under 18 years of age which expires on or before  
17 the fourth anniversary of the person's birthday..... 3  
18 An original or duplicate identification card issued to  
19 any person at least 18 years of age, but less than  
20 65 years of age, which expires on the eighth  
21 anniversary of the person's birthday ..... 18  
22 A renewal of an identification card for any person at  
23 least 18 years of age, but less than 65 years of  
24 age, which expires on the eighth anniversary of  
25 the person's birthday ..... 18  
26 An original or duplicate identification card issued to  
27 any person at least 18 years of age, but less than  
28 65 years of age, which expires on or before the  
29 fourth anniversary of the person's birthday ..... 9  
30 A renewal of an identification card for any person at  
31 least 18 years of age, but less than 65 years of  
32 age, which expires on or before the fourth  
33 anniversary of the person's birthday ..... 9  
34 A new photograph or change of name, or both ..... 4  
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3. The Department shall not charge a fee for:

37 (a) An identification card issued to a person who has voluntarily  
38 surrendered his or her driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.420; or

39 (b) A renewal of an identification card for a person 65 years of  
40 age or older.

41 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825  and  
42 *section 1.6 of this act*, the increase in fees authorized in NRS  
43 483.347 must be paid in addition to the fees charged pursuant to this  
44 section.



1 5. As used in this section, "photograph" has the meaning  
2 ascribed to it in NRS 483.125.

3 **Sec. 9.4.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General  
4 Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles the sum of \$548,528 for  
5 the costs associated with issuing identification cards at no charge  
6 pursuant to the provisions of section 1.6 of this act.

7 **Sec. 9.45.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
8 General Fund to the Office of the Secretary of State the sum of  
9 \$3,200,000 for the costs of voter education and outreach relating to  
10 the provisions of this act, including, without limitation:

11 (a) The provisions that require a registered voter to verify his or  
12 her identity by presenting a form of photo identification in order to  
13 vote in person;

14 (b) The provisions that require a registered voter to write on the  
15 return envelope for a mail ballot:

16 (1) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license issued  
17 by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

18 (2) If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by  
19 the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the voter's  
20 social security number; or

21 (3) If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by  
22 the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the  
23 voter identification number of the voter; and

24 (c) The provisions that authorize certain registered voters who  
25 are experiencing a financial hardship to obtain an identification card  
26 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles no charge.

27 2. For the purposes described in subsection 1, the Secretary of  
28 State may use any remaining money that was previously  
29 appropriated from the State General Fund to pay for the costs of the  
30 statewide top-down voter registration database and election  
31 management system.

32 3. As used in this section, "photo identification" has the  
33 meaning ascribed to it in section 1.2 of this act.

34 **Sec. 9.5.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the  
35 Secretary of State is not required to issue a digital identification card  
36 pursuant to section 1.8 of this act until January 1, 2028.

37 **Sec. 9.6.** The provisions of this act that require a registered  
38 voter to verify his or her identify by presenting a form of photo  
39 identification to vote in person and the provisions of this act that  
40 require a registered voter to include an identifying number on a mail  
41 ballot:

42 1. Do not apply to any election held before the 2026 primary  
43 election held pursuant to NRS 293.175; and

44 2. Apply to the 2026 primary election held pursuant to NRS  
45 293.175 and every election held in this State thereafter.



1     **Sec. 10.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
2 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
3 provisions of this act.

4     **Sec. 11.** 1. This section and sections 9.5, 9.6 and 10 of this  
5 act become effective upon passage and approval.

6     2. Sections 9.4 and 9.45 of this act become effective on July 1,  
7 2025.

8     3. Sections 1 to 9.3, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

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

