

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 (§§ 2-5, 8, 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 each county clerk to establish and maintain a voter services portal on the Internet website of the office of the county clerk; 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 each county clerk certain information relating to each person who has a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department; requiring the county clerk 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 signature curing for mail ballots; providing that certain information on the statewide voter registration list relating to a voter is confidential and not a public record; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 2** of this bill requires each county clerk to establish and maintain a
- 2 voter services portal on the Internet website of the office of the county clerk, which
- 3 must allow any registered voter in the county to: (1) review his or her voter



4 registration information; (2) print any form necessary to update his or her voter
5 registration information; (3) view his or her sample ballot; and (4) obtain the
6 location of any polling place where the registered voter may vote or deliver a mail
7 ballot to a ballot drop box. **Section 2** further: (1) authorizes a county clerk to
8 request the assistance of the Secretary of State to establish and maintain the voter
9 services portal; and (2) requires the county clerk to include on any communication
10 to a registered voter a two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR code,
11 or another machine-readable code used for storing the Internet address for the voter
12 services portal created by the county clerk pursuant to **section 2**.

13 Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, the county or city clerk to send
14 to each active registered voter certain information relating to voting by mail,
15 including a mail ballot and a return envelope. (NRS 293.269913, 293C.26312)
16 **Sections 4 and 8** of this bill require the return envelope for a mail ballot to include:
17 (1) a space for the voter to voluntarily write certain identifying information; and (2)
18 a QR code or other machine-readable code that directs a voter to the voter services
19 portal on the Internet website of the office of the county clerk.

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

32 **Section 3** of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, on a regular
33 basis, to submit electronically to each county clerk certain information relating to
34 each person who has a driver's license or identification card issued by the
35 Department. **Section 3** further requires the county clerk to: (1) match such
36 information to registered voters in the county; (2) electronically enter into the
37 centralized, top-down database such information for each registered voter in the
38 county as soon as practicable after matching the information to registered voters in
39 the county; (3) identify any person who is a registered voter in the county and does
40 not have a driver's license or identification card; and (4) indicate in the database
41 whether each registered voter in the county has a driver's license or identification
42 card issued by the Department. **Section 7** of this bill requires the information
43 submitted to the county clerk by the Department to be included on the statewide
44 voter registration list.

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

49 Existing law requires a voter who votes by mail to affix his or her signature in
50 the space provided on the return envelope of a mail ballot and the county clerk or
51 city clerk to check the signature to verify the identity of the voter. (NRS
52 293.269917, 293.269927, 293C.26316, 293C.26327) Existing law provides that if
53 the county clerk or city clerk determines when checking the signature used for the
54 mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the
55 manner required by law or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether
56 the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk is
57 required to contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a
58 signature or a confirmation, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the



59 voter must provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m.
60 on the sixth day following the election. (NRS 293.269927, 293C.26327) **Sections 5**
61 **and 9** of this bill make various changes to the signature curing process. First,
62 **sections 5 and 9** provide that if the voter included on the return envelope the last
63 four digits of the voter's driver's license, the last four digits of the voter's social
64 security number or the voter's voter identification number and such information is
65 confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is entitled to cast the ballot and the
66 signature is not required to be verified. If the voter did not include such information
67 on the return envelope or the information provided on the return envelope is not
68 accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk is required to check the
69 signature. Second, **sections 5 and 9** require that: (1) the county clerk and city clerk
70 ensure that employees are available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings
71 and weekends during the signature curing period; and (2) any voicemail message or
72 hold message used by the office of the clerk provides instructions on how a voter
73 may provide a signature or a signature confirmation. Finally, **sections 5 and 9**
74 authorize a voter to confirm his or her signature on the return envelope by
75 electronic mail or text message.

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 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *Each county clerk shall establish and maintain a*
4 *voter services portal on the Internet website of the office of the*
5 *county clerk.*

6 **2.** *The voter services portal must, without limitation, allow*
7 *any registered voter in the county to:*

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

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

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

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

16 **3.** *A county clerk may request the assistance of the Secretary*
17 *of State to establish and maintain the voter services portal*
18 *required pursuant to this section.*

19 **4.** *The county clerk shall include on any communication to a*
20 *registered voter a two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a*
21 *QR code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the*
22 *Internet address for the voter services portal created by the county*
23 *clerk pursuant to this section.*

24 **Sec. 3. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the*
25 *Department of Motor Vehicles shall, on a regular basis, submit*
26 *electronically to each county clerk the following information*



1 *relating to each person who has a driver's license or identification*
2 *card issued by the Department:*

- 3 (a) *Name;*
- 4 (b) *Date of birth;*
- 5 (c) *Last four digits of the person's social security number;*
- 6 (d) *Driver's license number or identification card number, as*
7 *applicable;*
- 8 (e) *Sex;*
- 9 (f) *Physical address;*
- 10 (g) *Mailing address;*
- 11 (h) *Citizenship status;*
- 12 (i) *Telephone number;*
- 13 (j) *Electronic mail address; and*
- 14 (k) *Veteran status.*

15 2. *The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not submit any*
16 *information to a county clerk pursuant to subsection 1 relating to*
17 *any person who has a driver authorization card issued by the*
18 *Department pursuant to NRS 483.291.*

19 3. *The county clerk shall:*

20 (a) *Match the information received from the Department of*
21 *Motor Vehicles pursuant to subsection 1 to registered voters in the*
22 *county in the centralized, top-down database established pursuant*
23 *to NRS 293.675;*

24 (b) *Electronically enter the information received from the*
25 *Department pursuant to subsection 1 into the centralized, top-*
26 *down database established pursuant to NRS 293.675 for each*
27 *registered voter in the county as soon as practicable after*
28 *matching the information to registered voters in the county;*

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

31 (1) *Is a registered voter in the county; and*

32 (2) *Does not have a driver's license or identification card*
33 *issued by the Department; and*

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

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

39 293.269913 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
40 NRS 293.269911 and chapter 293D of NRS, the county clerk shall
41 send to each active registered voter by first-class mail, or by any
42 class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo
43 or mark created by the United States Postal Service is properly
44 placed:

- 45 (a) A mail ballot;



1 (b) A return envelope  , which must include, without
2 limitation:

3 (1) A space for the voter to voluntarily write:

4 (I) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license;

5 (II) The last four digits of the voter's social security
6 number; or

7 (III) The voter identification number of the voter; and

8 (2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR
9 code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the
10 Internet address for the voter services portal created by the county
11 clerk pursuant to section 2 of this act;

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

14 (d) Instructions  that include, without limitation:

15 (1) An explanation that the voter may voluntarily write on
16 the return envelope the information described in paragraph (b);
17 and

18 (2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR
19 code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the
20 Internet address for the voter services portal on the Internet
21 website of the county clerk.

22 2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, the
23 county clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an
24 address of the voter that is different from the address to which the
25 mail ballot is mailed.

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

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

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

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

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

36 (d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

37 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

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

41 (b) A method for distinguishing the return envelopes of each
42 county which must be prominently displayed on the outside of the
43 return envelope.



1 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.269927 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 293.269927 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
4 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter
5 to the county clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail
6 ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office
7 of the clerk shall check the *return envelope to determine whether*
8 *the voter included on the return envelope the last four digits of the*
9 *voter's driver's license, the last four digits of the voter's social*
10 *security number or the voter's voter identification number. If the*
11 *return envelope includes any such information and such*
12 *information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is*
13 *entitled to cast the mail ballot and the signature is not required to*
14 *be checked. If the voter did not include such information on the*
15 *return envelope or the information provided on the return*
16 *envelope is not accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of*
17 *the clerk must check the* signature used for the mail ballot by
18 electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to
19 subsection 3.

20 2. To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic
21 means:

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

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

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

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

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

40 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

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



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

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

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

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

22 6. If the clerk determines when checking the signature used for
23 the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or
24 failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail ballot or
25 that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature
26 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, but the
27 voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall
28 contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a
29 signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot
30 belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted,
31 the voter must provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable,
32 not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election. *During*
33 *the period in which signatures may be cured, the clerk shall*
34 *ensure that employees in the office of the clerk are available by*
35 *telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings and weekends. Any*
36 *voicemail message or hold message used by the office of the clerk*
37 *must provide instructions on how a voter may provide a signature*
38 *or a confirmation.*

39 7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to
40 affix his or her signature or failed to affix it in the manner required
41 by law for the mail ballot, or for whom there is a reasonable
42 question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot
43 matches the signature of the voter, in order to:

44 (a) Contact the voter;



1 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that
2 the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as
3 applicable; and

4 (c) After a signature or a confirmation is provided, as applicable,
5 ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting
6 board.

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

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

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

15 (c) Providing the county clerk with proof of identification as
16 described in NRS 293.277 other than the voter registration card
17 issued to the voter.

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

21 (a) Mail;

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

24 (c) Electronic means, which ~~may~~ *must* include, without
25 limitation ~~electronic~~ :

26 (1) *Electronic* mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with
27 ~~sufficient information to contact the voter by such means.~~ *an*
28 *electronic mail address; or*

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

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

32 293.558 1. The county or city clerk shall disclose the
33 identification number of a registered voter to the public, including,
34 without limitation:

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

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

41 2. The county or city clerk shall not disclose:

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



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

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

11 (2) Distribute a sample ballot to the registered voter by
12 electronic means if the county or city clerk has established a system
13 for distributing sample ballots by electronic means pursuant to NRS
14 293.565 or 293C.530 and the registered voter elects to receive a
15 sample ballot by electronic means.

16 (c) *The information of a registered voter that is received from*
17 *the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 3 of this act*
18 *is confidential and is not a public book or record.*

19 3. A registered voter may submit a written request to the
20 county or city clerk to have his or her address and telephone number
21 withheld from the public. Upon receipt of such a request, the county
22 or city clerk shall not disclose the address or telephone number of
23 the registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:

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

26 (b) By inclusion on any list of registered voters made available
27 for public inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301, 293.440, 293.557,
28 293C.290 or 293C.542.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

43 293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and
44 maintain a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores
45 information related to the preregistration of persons and the



1 registration of electors from all the counties in this State. The
2 Secretary of State shall ensure that the database is capable of storing
3 preregistration information separately until a person is qualified to
4 register to vote. Each county clerk shall use the database created by
5 the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection to collect and
6 maintain all records of preregistration and registration to vote.

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

12 3. The statewide voter registration list must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 4. Each county and city clerk shall:

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

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

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



1 Motor Vehicles to verify the accuracy of the information in an
2 application to register to vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 10. The Secretary of State may:

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

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

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

44 293C.26312 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,
45 NRS 293C.263 and chapter 293D of NRS, the city clerk shall send



1 to each active registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of
2 mail if the Official Election Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark
3 created by the United States Postal Service is properly placed:

4 (a) A mail ballot;

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

7 (1) A space for the voter to voluntarily write:

8 (I) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license;

9 (II) The last four digits of the voter's social security
10 number; or

11 (III) The voter identification number of the voter; and

12 (2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR
13 code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the
14 Internet address for the voter services portal created by the county
15 clerk pursuant to section 2 of this act;

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

18 (d) Instructions  that include, without limitation:

19 (1) An explanation that the voter may voluntarily write on
20 the return envelope the information described in paragraph (b);
21 and

22 (2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR
23 code, or another machine-readable code used for storing the
24 Internet address for the voter services portal on the Internet
25 website of the county clerk.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

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



1 (b) A method for distinguishing the return envelopes of each
2 city which must be prominently displayed on the outside of the
3 return envelope.

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

6 293C.26327 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
7 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter
8 to the city clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot
9 record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of the
10 clerk shall check the *return envelope to determine whether the*
11 *voter included on the return envelope the last four digits of*
12 *the voter's driver's license, the last four digits of the voter's social*
13 *security number or the voter's voter identification number. If the*
14 *return envelope includes any such information and such*
15 *information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is*
16 *entitled to cast the mail ballot and the signature is not required to*
17 *be checked. If the voter did not include such information on the*
18 *return envelope or the information provided on the return*
19 *envelope is not accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of*
20 *the clerk must check the* signature used for the mail ballot by
21 electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to
22 subsection 3.

23 2. To check the signature used for a mail ballot by electronic
24 means:

25 (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the
26 signature used for the mail ballot and electronically compare the
27 digital image with the signatures of the voter from his or her
28 application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote
29 available in the records of the city clerk.

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

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

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

38 (b) If at least two employees in the office of the clerk believe
39 there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature
40 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk
41 shall contact the voter and ask the voter to confirm whether the
42 signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter.

43 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

44 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the
45 signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter



1 if the signature used for the mail ballot differs in multiple,
2 significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the voter
3 available in the records of the clerk.

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

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

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

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

25 6. If the clerk determines when checking the signature used for
26 the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or
27 failed to affix it in the manner required by law for the mail ballot or
28 that there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature
29 used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, but the
30 voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall
31 contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a
32 signature or a confirmation that the signature used for the mail ballot
33 belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted,
34 the voter must provide a signature or a confirmation, as applicable,
35 not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election. *During*
36 *the period in which signatures may be cured, the clerk shall*
37 *ensure that employees in the office of the clerk are available by*
38 *telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings and weekends. Any*
39 *voicemail message or hold message used by the office of the clerk*
40 *must provide instructions on how a voter may provide a signature*
41 *or a confirmation.*

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



1 question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot
2 matches the signature of the voter, in order to:

3 (a) Contact the voter;

4 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature or a confirmation that
5 the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter, as
6 applicable; and

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

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

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

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

18 (c) Providing the city clerk with proof of identification as
19 described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card
20 issued to the voter.

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

24 (a) Mail;

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

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

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

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

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

37 **Sec. 11.** 1. This section and section 10 of this act become
38 effective upon passage and approval.

39 2. Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

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



