

Amendment No. 1000

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 499 First Reprint (BDR 24-998)
Proposed by: Senator Cannizzaro
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will: (1) MAINTAIN the unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local government to A.B. 499 R1 (§§ 1.84, 4.6, 5, 8, 8.7, 9). (2) ADD an appropriation where one does not currently exist in A.B. 499 R1.
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 499—ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER

MARCH 24, 2025

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,~~ 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 ~~each county clerk,~~ the Secretary of State to establish and maintain a voter services portal on the Internet website of the ~~office of the county clerk;~~ 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 ~~each county clerk,~~ 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 ~~county clerk,~~ 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 ~~signature,~~ curing ~~for~~ 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:

1 Existing law requires, under certain circumstances, a person to provide certain
2 information to vote in person, which may include depending on the circumstances, the
3 voter's signature, proof of residency and identify, answering questions covering the
4 voter's personal data or providing additional personal data. (NRS 293.2725, 293.277,
5 293.285, 293.303, 293.3081, 293.3082, 293.3085, 293.3585, 293.541, 293C.270, 293C.275,
6 293C.292, 293C.3035, 293C.3585) Section 1.4 of this bill requires that, in order to vote in
7 person in any election, a registered voter verify his or her identity by presenting certain
8 forms of photo identification. If a registered voter does not have a form of photo
9 identification, section 1.4 authorizes the registered voter to cast a provisional ballot.
10 Sections 5.28-5.32 of this bill require such a voter to provide photo identification not
11 later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day in order for such a provisional
12 ballot to be counted.

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

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

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

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

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

27 Existing law: (1) requires a general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the
28 first Monday of November in each even-numbered year; and (2) provides that the period
29 for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a general
30 election and extends through the Friday before election day. (NRS 293.12755, 293.3568)

31 Existing law further requires each county clerk to establish: (1) a certain number of
32 polling places where a person can vote during the period for early voting by personal
33 appearance and on the day of the general election; and (2) a ballot drop box at every
34 polling place in the county, including a polling place for early voting. (NRS 293.269921,
35 293.2731, 293.3564) Section 1.84 of this bill: (1) requires each county clerk in certain
36 counties to, for the period beginning on the day after the last day for early voting by
37 personal appearance and ending on the day before the day of the general election,
38 establish a certain number of locations where a voter may return his or her mail ballot
39 in a mail ballot drop box; and (2) requires such locations to be open for at least 7 hours
40 each day, but not more than 12 hours each day, during that period. Specifically, in a
41 county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently only Clark County), a county is
42 required to establish 10 such locations, and in a county whose population is 100,000 or
43 more but less than 700,000 (currently only Washoe County), a county clerk is required
44 to establish 5 such locations. Section 1.84 further authorizes a county clerk in a county
45 whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than Clark and
46 Washoe Counties) to establish any number of such locations and prescribe the hours for
47 such locations to be open. Each location that is established by a county clerk pursuant to
48 section 1.84 must be at a polling place that is used for early voting by personal
49 appearance or a polling place for voting in person on the day of the election.

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

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

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

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

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

91 Existing law requires the Secretary of State to prescribe the form of all envelopes in
92 which mail ballots are sent to voters and return envelopes. (NRS 293.269913,
93 293C.26312) Sections 4 and 8 require that the design of all envelopes used by the county
94 or city clerk to send mail ballots to registered voters and return envelopes must be
95 submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State prior to use in any election.

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

107 Section 3 of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, on a regular basis, to
108 submit electronically to ~~each county clerk~~ the Secretary of State certain information
109 relating to each person who has a driver's license or identification card issued by the
110 Department. Section 3 further requires the ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State to: (1) match
111 such information to registered voters; ~~in the county;~~ (2) electronically enter into the
112 centralized, top-down database such information for each registered voter ~~in the county;~~ as

113 soon as practicable after matching the information to registered voters ; ~~in the county;~~ (3)
114 identify any person who is a registered voter ~~in the county~~ and does not ~~have~~ possess a
115 driver's license or identification card; and (4) indicate in the database whether each registered
116 voter ~~in the county has~~ possesses a driver's license or identification card issued by the
117 Department. **Section 7** of this bill requires the information submitted to the ~~county clerk~~
118 **Secretary of State** by the Department to be included on the statewide voter registration list.

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

123 Existing law requires a voter who votes by mail to affix his or her signature in the space
124 provided on the return envelope of a mail ballot and the county clerk or city clerk to check the
125 signature to verify the identity of the voter. (NRS 293.269917, 293.269927, 293C.26316,
126 293C.26327) **Sections 4.5 and 8.5 of this bill require that a voter who votes by mail ballot**
127 **to also write on the return envelope: (1) the last four digits of his voter's driver's license**
128 **issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; (2) if the voter does not possess a driver's**
129 **license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the voter's**
130 **social security number; or (3) if the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by the**
131 **Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the voter identification**
132 **number of the voter.**

133 Existing law provides that if the county clerk or city clerk determines when checking the
134 signature used for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature or failed to
135 affix it in the manner required by law or that there is a reasonable question of fact as to
136 whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter, the clerk is
137 required to contact the voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or a
138 confirmation, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the voter must provide a
139 signature or a confirmation, as applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the
140 election. (NRS 293.269927, 293C.26327) **Sections 5 and 9** of this bill make various changes
141 to the ~~signature~~ curing process ~~for mail ballots~~. First, **sections 5 and 9** provide that ~~if~~
142 ~~the voter included on the return envelope the last four digits of the voter's driver's license, the~~
143 ~~last four digits of the voter's social security number or the voter's voter identification number~~
144 ~~and such information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is entitled to cast the~~
145 ~~ballot and the signature is not required to be verified.~~ **the clerk is required to check the**
146 **return envelope to determine whether the voter included on the return envelope his or**
147 **her signature and the identifying number that is required pursuant to section 4.5 or 8.5,**
148 **as applicable.** If the ~~voter did~~ return envelope does not include ~~such information on the~~
149 ~~return envelope or the information provided on the return envelope is not accurate, the clerk or~~
150 ~~an employee in the office of the clerk is required to check the~~ a signature ~~for.~~ **Second,**
151 **and identifying number, the clerk is required to contact the voter. If the return envelope**
152 **includes a signature and identifying number, the clerk is required to check the voter's**
153 **signature. If the signature is verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the**
154 **identifying number is not required to be verified. If the voter's signature cannot be**
155 **verified, the clerk is required to check the identifying number included on the return**
156 **envelope. If the clerk verifies the identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail**
157 **ballot. If the clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying number, the**
158 **clerk is required to contact the voter. Further, sections 5 and 9** require that: (1) **with**
159 **certain exception,** the county clerk and city clerk ensure that employees are available by
160 telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings and weekends during the ~~signature~~ curing period;
161 and (2) any voicemail message or hold message used by the office of the clerk provides
162 instructions on how a voter may provide a signature , **an identifying number** or a ~~signature~~
163 confirmation. Finally, **sections 5 and 9** authorize a voter to confirm his or her signature **or**
164 **identifying number** on the return envelope by electronic mail or text message.

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

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

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 thereto the
2 provisions set forth as sections ~~(2 and)~~ 1.2 to 3 , inclusive, of this act.

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

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

10 (a) A driver’s license or identification card issued by the Department of
11 Motor Vehicles;

12 (b) An identification card issued by:

13 (1) This State or another state, the District of Columbia or any territory of
14 the United States;

15 (2) The United States Government;

16 (3) A college or university within the Nevada System of Higher
17 Education;

18 (4) A public secondary school; or

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

20 (c) An employee identification card issued by:

21 (1) The State of Nevada, including, without limitation, any office,
22 department, division, board, commission or agency of the Executive Branch,
23 Legislative Branch or Judicial Branch of State Government;

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

25 (3) The United States Government;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 3. For purposes of issuing a digital identification card, the Secretary of
6 State may request the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide any information
7 relating to a registered voter who has a driver's license or identification card
8 issued by the Department. Upon receiving any such request, the Department shall
9 provide such information to the Secretary of State. The Department shall not
10 submit any information to the Secretary of State relating to any person who has a
11 driver authorization card issued by the Department pursuant to NRS 483.291.

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

15 (a) In a county whose population is 700,000 or more, shall establish at least
16 10 locations where a voter may return his or her mail ballot in a mail ballot drop
17 box and which must remain open to the public for at least 7 hours each day but
18 not more than 12 hours each day;

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

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

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

30 ~~Sec. 2. 1. [Each county clerk] The Secretary of State shall establish and~~
31 ~~maintain a voter services portal on the Internet website of the [office of the~~
32 ~~county clerk.] Office of the Secretary of State.~~

33 ~~2. The voter services portal must, without limitation, allow any registered~~
34 ~~voter in the [county] State to:~~

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

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

39 ~~(c) View his or her sample ballot; and~~

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

42 ~~3. [A county clerk may request the assistance of the Secretary of State to~~
43 ~~establish and maintain the voter services portal required pursuant to this section.~~

44 ~~4. The county clerk shall include on any communication to a registered~~
45 ~~voter a two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR code, or another~~
46 ~~machine-readable code used for storing the Internet address for the voter services~~
47 ~~portal created by the [county clerk] Secretary of State pursuant to this section.~~

48 Sec. 3. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Department
49 of Motor Vehicles shall, on a regular basis, submit electronically to [each county
50 clerk] the Secretary of State the following information relating to each person
51 who has a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department:

52 (a) Name;

53 (b) Date of birth;

- 1 (c) Last four digits of the person's social security number;
 2 (d) Driver's license number or identification card number, as applicable;
 3 (e) Sex;
 4 (f) Physical address;
 5 (g) Mailing address;
 6 (h) Citizenship status;
 7 (i) Telephone number;
 8 (j) Electronic mail address; and
 9 (k) Veteran status.

10 2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not submit any information to ~~the~~
 11 ~~county clerk~~ the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1 relating to any
 12 person who has a driver authorization card issued by the Department pursuant to
 13 NRS 483.291.

14 3. The ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State shall:

15 (a) Match the information received from the Department of Motor Vehicles
 16 pursuant to subsection 1 to registered voters ~~in the county~~ in the centralized,
 17 top-down database established pursuant to NRS 293.675;

18 (b) Electronically enter the information received from the Department
 19 pursuant to subsection 1 into the centralized, top-down database established
 20 pursuant to NRS 293.675 for each registered voter ~~in the county~~ as soon as
 21 practicable after matching the information to registered voters ~~in the county~~;

22 (c) Identify, based on the information received pursuant to subsection 1, any
 23 person who:

24 (1) Is a registered voter ~~in the county~~; and

25 (2) Does not ~~have~~ possess a driver's license or identification card issued
 26 by the Department; and

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

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

31 293.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the words
 32 and terms defined in NRS 293.016 to 293.121, inclusive, and section 1.2 of this
 33 act, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

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

35 293.269913 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, NRS
 36 293.269911 and chapter 293D of NRS, the county clerk shall send to each active
 37 registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election
 38 Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service
 39 is properly placed:

40 (a) A mail ballot;

41 (b) A return envelope ~~is~~, which must include, without limitation:

42 (I) A space for the voter to ~~voluntarily~~ write:

43 (I) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license ~~is~~ issued by the
 44 Department of Motor Vehicles;

45 (II) ~~The~~ If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by the
 46 Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the voter's social security
 47 number; or

48 (III) ~~The~~ If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by
 49 the Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the voter
 50 identification number of the voter; and

51 (2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR code, or
 52 another machine-readable code used for storing the Internet address for the voter

1 *services portal created by the ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State pursuant to section*
 2 *2 of this act;*

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

5 (d) Instructions ~~that~~ *that include, without limitation:*

6 *(1) An explanation that the voter ~~may voluntarily~~ must write on the*
 7 *return envelope the ~~information described in paragraph (b)~~ identifying number*
 8 *required pursuant to NRS 293.269917; and*

9 *(2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR code, or*
 10 *another machine-readable code used for storing the Internet address for the voter*
 11 *services portal on the Internet website of the ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

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

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

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

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

36 293.269917 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.269919 and
 37 chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the voter must, in accordance
 38 with the instructions:

39 (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 293.269921 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter
13 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for any election, the mail
14 ballot must be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 4. A ballot drop box must be:

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

35 (b) Capable of securely receiving and holding the mail ballots and being
36 locked.

37 5. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

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

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

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

48 293.269923 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, at the request
49 of a voter whose mail ballot has been prepared by or on behalf of the voter, a
50 person authorized by the voter may return the mail ballot on behalf of the voter by
51 mail or personal delivery to the county clerk, or any ballot drop box established in
52 the county, pursuant to NRS 293.269921 ~~and~~ **or section 1.84 of this act.**

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

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

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

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

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

12 (2) Before the deadline established by the United States Postal Service for
13 the mail ballot to be postmarked on the day of the election or before the polls close
14 on the day of the election, as applicable to the type of delivery, if the person
15 receives the mail ballot from the voter three or fewer days before the day of the
16 election.

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

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

20 293.269925 1. The county clerk shall establish procedures for the
21 processing and counting of mail ballots.

22 2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

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

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

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

28 293.269927 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a
29 mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the county clerk, and a record of
30 its return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee
31 in the office of the clerk shall check the **return envelope to determine whether the**
32 **voter included on the return envelope** ~~[the last four digits of the voter's driver's~~
33 ~~license, the last four digits of the voter's social security number or the voter's~~
34 ~~voter identification number.] **his or her signature and the identifying number**~~
35 ~~required pursuant to NRS 293.269917. **If the return envelope does not include a**~~
36 ~~signature and identifying number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to~~
37 ~~subsection 6. **If the return envelope includes** [any such information and such~~
38 ~~information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is entitled to cast~~
39 ~~the mail ballot and] **a signature and identifying number, the clerk shall check the**~~
40 ~~voter's signature [is not required to be checked.] [If the voter did not include such~~
41 ~~information on the return envelope or the information provided on the return~~
42 ~~envelope is not accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk must~~
43 ~~check the signature used for the mail ballot] by electronic means pursuant to~~
44 ~~subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3. **If the voter's signature is**~~
45 ~~verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the identifying number is~~
46 ~~not required to be verified. **If the voter's signature cannot be verified, the clerk**~~
47 ~~shall check the identifying number included on the return envelope. **If the clerk**~~
48 ~~verifies the identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot. **If the**~~
49 ~~clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying number, the clerk~~
50 ~~shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.~~

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

52 (a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the signature used for the
53 mail ballot and compare the digital image with the signatures of the voter from his

1 or her application to register to vote or application to preregister to vote available in
2 the records of the county clerk.

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

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

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

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

13 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

14 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for
15 the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if the signature used for the mail
16 ballot differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the
17 voter available in the records of the clerk.

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

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

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

28 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk determines that
29 the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in
30 the proper ballot box or place the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be
31 securely locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall deliver
32 the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed and
33 prepared for counting.

34 6. If the clerk determines when checking the ~~[signature used]~~ return envelope
35 for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature ~~[or]~~ and
36 identifying number, failed to affix ~~[it]~~ the signature and identifying number in the
37 manner required by law for the mail ballot, or ~~[that there is a reasonable question~~
38 ~~of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of~~
39 ~~the voter,]~~ the clerk is not able to verify the signature or identifying number but
40 the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall contact the
41 voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or an identifying
42 number, or a confirmation that the signature or identifying number used for the
43 mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the
44 voter must provide a signature, an identifying number or a confirmation, as
45 applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election. ~~[During]~~
46 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, during the period in which
47 ~~[signatures]~~ mail ballots may be cured, the clerk shall ensure that employees in
48 the office of the clerk are available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings
49 and weekends. If no mail ballot needs to be cured, the clerk is not required to
50 have any employee available by telephone after 5 p.m. Any voicemail message or
51 hold message used by the office of the clerk must provide instructions on how a
52 voter may provide a signature, an identifying number or a confirmation ~~[it]~~, as
53 applicable.

1 7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to affix his or
2 her signature and identifying number or failed to affix ~~the signature and~~
3 identifying number in the manner required by law for the mail ballot, or for whom
4 ~~there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail~~
5 ~~ballot matches the signature of the voter,~~ the signature or identifying number
6 cannot be verified, in order to:

7 (a) Contact the voter;

8 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature , an identifying number or a
9 confirmation ~~that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter,~~, as
10 applicable; and

11 (c) After a signature , an identifying number or a confirmation is provided, as
12 applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting
13 board.

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

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

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

21 (c) Providing the county clerk with ~~proof of identification as described in NRS~~
22 ~~293.277 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter,~~ photo
23 identification.

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

27 (a) Mail;

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

30 (c) Electronic means, which ~~may~~ must include, without limitation ~~the~~
31 electronic;

32 (1) Electronic mail, if the voter has provided the clerk with ~~sufficient~~
33 ~~information to contact the voter by such means,~~ an electronic mail address; or

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

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

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

41 293.2725 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, in NRS
42 293.3081, 293.3083 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, and in federal law, in
43 addition to any other requirement to vote, a person who registers to vote by mail or
44 computer or is registered to vote by an automatic voter registration agency, or a
45 person who preregisters to vote by mail or computer and is subsequently deemed to
46 be registered to vote, and who has not previously voted in an election for federal
47 office in this State:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (a) Registers to vote by mail or computer, or preregisters to vote by mail or
14 computer and is subsequently deemed to be registered to vote, and submits with an
15 application to preregister or register to vote:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 293.277 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283, 293.541,
47 293.57691 and 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, if a person's name appears in the
48 roster or if the person provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293.525, the person
49 is entitled to vote and must ~~sign~~ **sign** :

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

51 **(b) Sign** his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she
52 applies to vote. ~~The signature must be compared by an election board officer with~~

1 the signature or a facsimile thereof on the person's application to register to vote or
2 one of the forms of identification listed in subsection 2.]

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

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

6 ~~(b) A driver's license;~~

7 ~~(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;~~

8 ~~(d) A military identification card; or~~

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

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

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

15 293.283 ~~1.]~~ If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable
16 to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by NRS
17 293.277, ~~the voter must be identified by:~~

18 ~~(a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal~~
19 ~~data which is reported on the application to register to vote;~~

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

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

24 **2. 1.]** after the identity of the voter is verified ~~1.]~~ **by the voter's photo**
25 **identification,** the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by
26 the voter's name.

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

28 293.285 ~~1.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to
29 293.5887, inclusive:

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

32 ~~(b) 2.~~ The election board officer shall:

33 ~~(1) (a)~~ Announce the name of the registered voter;

34 ~~(2) (b)~~ **Require the registered voter to present photo identification;**

35 ~~(c)~~ Instruct the registered voter to sign the roster or signature card;

36 ~~(3) Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in~~
37 ~~NRS 293.277;] and~~

38 ~~(4) (d)~~ Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that
39 county in the current election.

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

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

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

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

48 ~~3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on~~
49 ~~the application to preregister or register to vote, the voter must update his or her~~
50 ~~signature on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 3. Any such challenge must be disposed of in the manner provided by NRS
13 293.303.

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

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

18 293.3025 The Secretary of State and each county and city clerk shall ensure
19 that a copy of each of the following is posted in a conspicuous place at each polling
20 place on election day:

21 1. A sample ballot;

22 2. Information concerning the date and hours of operation of the polling
23 place;

24 3. Instructions for voting and casting a ballot, including a provisional ballot
25 pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, or a provisional ballot pursuant
26 to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive;

27 4. **Instructions concerning the photo identification required to vote at the**
28 **polling place;**

29 **5.** Instructions concerning the identification required for persons who
30 registered by mail or computer and are first-time voters for federal office in this
31 State;

32 ~~5.~~ **6.** Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to persons
33 with disabilities;

34 ~~6.~~ **7.** General information concerning federal and state laws which prohibit
35 acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

36 ~~7.~~ **8.** Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot question
37 or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a judicial determination or
38 by operation of law, if any.

39 **Sec. 5.24. NRS 293.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

40 293.303 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 9. The election board officers shall:

49 (a) Record on the challenge list:

50 (1) The name of the challenged person;

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

52 (3) The result of the challenge; and

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

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

4 293.3075 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 and 293.5772 to
5 293.5887, inclusive, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot at a polling
6 place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072, the election board officer shall:

7 (a) Determine ~~that~~ **whether** the person is a registered voter in the county and
8 has not already voted in that county in the current election;

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

10 **(c) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card . ~~and~~**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 ~~[5.]~~ **3.** When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot and has ~~identified himself or~~
27 ~~herself to the satisfaction of]~~ **presented photo identification to** the election board
28 officer, the voter is entitled to receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for
29 his or her own use at the polling place where he or she applies to vote.

30 ~~[6.]~~ **4.** If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly
31 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

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

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

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

36 ~~[7.]~~ **5.** A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to
37 NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

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

39 293.3081 A person at a polling place may cast a provisional ballot in an
40 election pursuant to NRS 293.3078 to 293.3086, inclusive, if the person complies
41 with the applicable provisions of NRS 293.3082 and:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 293.3082 1. Before a person may cast a provisional ballot pursuant to NRS
7 293.3081, the person must complete a written affirmation on a form provided by an
8 election board officer, as prescribed by the Secretary of State, at the polling place
9 which includes:

10 (a) The name of the person casting the provisional ballot;
11 (b) The reason for casting the provisional ballot;
12 (c) A statement in which the person casting the provisional ballot affirms under
13 penalty of perjury that he or she is a registered voter in the jurisdiction and is
14 eligible to vote in the election;

15 (d) The date and type of election;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 293.3085 1. Following each election, a canvass of the provisional ballots
3 cast in the election must be conducted pursuant to NRS 293.387 and, if appropriate,
4 pursuant to NRS 293C.387.

5 2. The county and city clerk shall not:

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

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

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

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

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

19 (c) A court order has not been issued by 5 p.m. on the Friday following
20 election day directing that provisional ballots cast pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS
21 293.3081 not be counted, and the provisional ballot was cast pursuant to subsection
22 3 of NRS 293.3081.

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

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

27 293.356 If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in person, the
28 election board shall , except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.3585, issue a ballot
29 for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of a
30 polling place for early voting established pursuant to NRS 293.3564, 293.3572,
31 293.3575 or 298.690.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 ~~3. If the signature of the voter has changed in comparison to the signature on
51 the application to register to vote, the voter must update his or her signature on a
52 form prescribed by the Secretary of State.~~

1 ~~4.~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of
2 State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current
3 election.

4 ~~5.~~ 3. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable, must
5 contain:

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

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

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

11 ~~6.~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot, ~~and has identified himself or~~
12 ~~herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer,~~ the voter is entitled to
13 receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the
14 polling place for early voting.

15 ~~7.~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly
16 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

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

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

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

22 ~~8.~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be
23 challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

24 ~~9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include~~
25 ~~his or her date of birth.~~

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

27 293.3677 1. When counting a vote in an election, if more choices than
28 permitted by the instructions for a ballot are marked for any office or question, the
29 vote for that office or question may not be counted.

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

33 (a) A vote must be counted if :

34 (I) A portion of the designated space ~~has~~ **has been** darkened ~~for there is a~~
35 writing in the designated space, including, without limitation, a cross or check; by
36 the voter; and

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

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

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

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

44 3. The Secretary of State:

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

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

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

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

3 (a) After consultation with the district attorney, the district attorney determines
4 that there is probable cause to believe that information in the application to
5 preregister or register to vote concerning the identity or residence of the person or
6 voter is fraudulent;

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

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

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

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

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

25 (a) ~~{Official identification which contains a photograph of the voter, including,~~
26 ~~without limitation, a driver's license or other official document;}~~ Photo
27 identification; and

28 (b) Satisfactory ~~{identification that contains}~~ proof of the address at which the
29 voter actually resides and that address is consistent with the address listed on the
30 roster.

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

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

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

39 (b) Residence or identity of a person.

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

41 293.558 1. The county or city clerk shall disclose the identification number
42 of a registered voter to the public, including, without limitation:

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

44 (b) By inclusion of the identification number of the registered voter on any list
45 of registered voters made available for public inspection pursuant to NRS 293.301,
46 293.440, 293.557, 293C.290 or 293C.542.

47 2. The Secretary of State or a county or city clerk shall not disclose:

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

51 (b) An electronic mail address provided by a registered voter to carry out any
52 state or federal law relating to the voting process, and such an electronic mail
53 address is confidential and is not a public book or record within the meaning of

1 NRS 239.010. The county or city clerk may not release a registered voter's
2 electronic mail address to a third party and may use such an electronic mail address
3 only to:

4 (1) Communicate with the registered voter about the voting process,
5 including, without limitation, as necessary to carry out the provisions of chapter
6 293D of NRS; and

7 (2) Distribute a sample ballot to the registered voter by electronic means if
8 the county or city clerk has established a system for distributing sample ballots by
9 electronic means pursuant to NRS 293.565 or 293C.530 and the registered voter
10 elects to receive a sample ballot by electronic means.

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

14 3. A registered voter may submit a written request to the county or city clerk
15 to have his or her address and telephone number withheld from the public. Upon
16 receipt of such a request, the county or city clerk shall not disclose the address or
17 telephone number of the registered voter to the public, including, without
18 limitation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 293.57691 1. A county clerk shall not reject as an application to register to
36 vote the information received from an automatic voter registration agency solely on
37 the basis that the information does not contain an electronic facsimile of the
38 signature of the person who is applying to vote or update his or her voter
39 registration information on the statewide voter registration list.

40 2. If the county clerk does not receive an electronic facsimile of the signature
41 of the person from the automatic voter registration agency, the county clerk must
42 obtain the person's signature or an electronic facsimile of the person's signature
43 through one of the following methods:

44 (a) Through the notice provided by the county clerk to the person pursuant to
45 NRS 293.57693, if the notice is returned to the county clerk by the person and the
46 returned notice includes the person's signature;

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

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

51 (d) Requesting the person to sign a paper or electronic form the first time the
52 person applies to vote in person at a polling place, including, without limitation, a
53 polling place for early voting by personal appearance. ~~A signature provided by a~~

~~person pursuant to this paragraph must be compared to one of the forms of identification which may be used individually to identify a voter at the polling place set forth in NRS 293.277 before the person is allowed to vote in person.~~

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

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

293.675 1. The Secretary of State shall establish and maintain a centralized, top-down database that collects and stores information related to the preregistration of persons and the registration of electors from all the counties in this State. The Secretary of State shall ensure that the database is capable of storing preregistration information separately until a person is qualified to register to vote. Each county clerk shall use the database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection to collect and maintain all records of preregistration and registration to vote.

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

3. The statewide voter registration list must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Each county and city clerk shall:

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

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

5. In establishing and maintaining the statewide voter registration list, the Secretary of State shall 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 of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 10. The Secretary of State may:

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

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

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

36 293C.26312 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, NRS
37 293C.263 and chapter 293D of NRS, the city clerk shall send to each active
38 registered voter by first-class mail, or by any class of mail if the Official Election
39 Mail logo or an equivalent logo or mark created by the United States Postal Service
40 is properly placed:

41 (a) A mail ballot;

42 (b) A return envelope ~~{}~~, *which must include, without limitation:*

43 *(I) A space for the voter to ~~voluntarily~~ write:*

44 *(I) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license ~~{}~~ issued by the*
45 *Department of Motor Vehicles;*

46 *(II) ~~The~~ If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued by the*
47 *Department of Motor Vehicles, the last four digits of the voter's social security*
48 *number; or*

49 *(III) ~~The~~ If the voter does not possess a driver's license issued b the*
50 *Department of Motor Vehicles or a social security number, the voter*
51 *identification number of the voter; and*

52 *(2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR code, or*
53 *another machine-readable code used for storing the Internet address for the voter*

1 *services portal created by the ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State pursuant to section*
 2 *2 of this act;*

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

5 (d) Instructions ~~that~~ *that include, without limitation:*

6 *(1) An explanation that the voter ~~may voluntarily~~ must write on the*
 7 *return envelope the ~~information described in paragraph (b)~~ identifying number*
 8 *required pursuant to NRS 293C.26316; and*

9 *(2) A two-dimensional barcode, commonly known as a QR code, or*
 10 *another machine-readable code used for storing the Internet address for the voter*
 11 *services portal on the Internet website of the ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

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

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

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

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

36 293C.26316 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.26318 and
 37 chapter 293D of NRS, in order to vote a mail ballot, the voter must, in accordance
 38 with the instructions:

39 (a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 293C.26321 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and chapter
13 293D of NRS, in order for a mail ballot to be counted for any election, the mail
14 ballot must be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 4. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

35 5. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

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

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

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

46 293C.26327 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a
47 mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the city clerk, and a record of its
48 return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee in
49 the office of the clerk shall check the return envelope to determine whether the
50 voter included on the return envelope ~~(the last four digits of the voter's driver's~~
51 ~~license, the last four digits of the voter's social security number or the voter's~~
52 ~~voter identification number.)~~ his or her signature and the identifying number
53 required pursuant to NRS 293C.26316. If the return envelope does not include a

1 signature and identifying number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to
2 subsection 6. If the return envelope includes ~~any such information and such~~
3 ~~information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is entitled to cast~~
4 ~~the mail ballot and the signature is not required to be checked. If the voter did not~~
5 ~~include such information on the return envelope or the information provided on~~
6 ~~the return envelope is not accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of the~~
7 ~~clerk must check the signature used for the mail ballot by} a signature and the~~
8 ~~identifying number, the clerk shall check the voter's signature by~~ electronic
9 means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3. If the voter's
10 signature is verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the identifying
11 number is not required to be verified. If the voter's signature cannot be verified,
12 the clerk shall check the identifying number included on the return envelope. If
13 the clerk verifies the identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail
14 ballot. If 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 means:

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

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

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

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

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

31 4. For purposes of subsection 3:

32 (a) There is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for
33 the mail ballot matches the signature of the voter if the signature used for the mail
34 ballot differs in multiple, significant and obvious respects from the signatures of the
35 voter available in the records of the clerk.

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

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

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

46 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, if the clerk determines that
47 the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall deposit the mail ballot in
48 the proper ballot box or place the mail ballot, unopened, in a container that must be
49 securely locked or under the control of the clerk at all times. The clerk shall deliver
50 the mail ballots to the mail ballot central counting board to be processed and
51 prepared for counting.

52 6. If the clerk determines when checking the ~~signature used~~ return envelope
53 for the mail ballot that the voter failed to affix his or her signature ~~for~~ and

1 identifying number, failed to affix ~~the signature and identifying number~~ in the
2 manner required by law for the mail ballot, or ~~that there is a reasonable question~~
3 ~~of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail ballot matches the signature of~~
4 ~~the voter,] the clerk is not able to verify the signature or identifying number~~ but
5 the voter is otherwise entitled to cast the mail ballot, the clerk shall contact the
6 voter and advise the voter of the procedures to provide a signature or an identifying
7 number, or a confirmation that the signature or identifying number used for the
8 mail ballot belongs to the voter, as applicable. For the mail ballot to be counted, the
9 voter must provide a signature , an identifying number or a confirmation, as
10 applicable, not later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day following the election. ~~During]~~
11 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, during the period in which
12 signatures] mail ballots may be cured, the clerk shall ensure that employees in
13 the office of the clerk are available by telephone until at least 7 p.m. on evenings
14 and weekends. If no mail ballot needs to be cured, the clerk is not required to
15 have any employee available by telephone after 5 p.m. Any voicemail message or
16 hold message used by the office of the clerk must provide instructions on how a
17 voter may provide a signature , an identifying number or a confirmation] , as
18 applicable.

19 7. The clerk shall prescribe procedures for a voter who failed to affix his or
20 her signature and identifying number or failed to affix ~~the signature and~~
21 identifying number in the manner required by law for the mail ballot, or for whom
22 ~~there is a reasonable question of fact as to whether the signature used for the mail~~
23 ~~ballot matches the signature of the voter,] the signature or identifying number~~
24 cannot be verified, in order to:

25 (a) Contact the voter;
26 (b) Allow the voter to provide a signature , an identifying number or a
27 confirmation ~~that the signature used for the mail ballot belongs to the voter,] ,~~ as
28 applicable; and

29 (c) After a signature , an identifying number or a confirmation is provided, as
30 applicable, ensure the mail ballot is delivered to the mail ballot central counting
31 board.

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

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

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

39 (c) Providing the city clerk with ~~proof of identification as described in NRS~~
40 ~~203C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the voter,] photo~~
41 identification.

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

45 (a) Mail;
46 (b) Telephone, if a telephone number for the voter is available in the records of
47 the clerk; and

48 (c) Electronic means, which ~~may] must~~ include, without limitation ~~[~~
49 electronic];

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

52 (2) Text message, if the voter has provided the clerk with a cellular
53 telephone number.

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

5 Sec. 9.12. NRS 293C.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 293C.270 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
 7 inclusive, and 293C.272, if a person's name appears in the roster or if the person
 8 provides an affirmation pursuant to NRS 293C.525, the person is entitled to vote
 9 and must ~~{sign}~~ :

10 (a) Present photo identification; and

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

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

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

19 ~~(b) A driver's license;~~

20 ~~(c) An identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;~~

21 ~~(d) A military identification card; or~~

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

24 ~~3. 2.~~ The city clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of
 25 State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current
 26 election.

27 Sec. 9.14. NRS 293C.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 293C.272 ~~{1.}~~ If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is
 29 unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by
 30 NRS 293C.270, ~~{the voter must be identified by:~~

31 ~~(a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal~~
 32 ~~data which is reported on the application to register to vote;~~

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

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

38 ~~2. {1}~~ after the identity of the voter is verified ~~{1}~~ by the voter's photo
 39 identification, the election board officer shall indicate in the roster "Identified" by
 40 the voter's name.

41 Sec. 9.16. NRS 293C.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 293C.275 ~~{1.}~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
 43 inclusive, and 293C.272:

44 ~~{(a)}~~ 1. A registered voter who applies to vote must state his or her name to
 45 the election board officer in charge of the roster; and

46 ~~{(b)}~~ 2. The election board officer shall:

47 ~~{(1)}~~ (a) Announce the name of the registered voter;

48 ~~{(2)}~~ (b) Require the registered voter to present photo identification;

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

50 ~~{(3)}~~ Verify the signature of the registered voter in the manner set forth in
 51 NRS 293C.270; and

52 ~~{(4)}~~ (d) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city
 53 in the current election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 293C.277 1. A registered voter who applies to vote at an election must give
17 his or her name to the election board officer in charge of the roster, and the officer
18 shall immediately announce the name of the voter ~~and~~ **and require that the**
19 **registered voter present photo identification.**

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

23 **Sec. 9.2. NRS 293C.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

24 293C.292 1. A person applying to vote may be challenged:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. The election board officers shall:

(a) Record on the challenge list:

(1) The name of the challenged person;

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

(3) The result of the challenge; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~[6.]~~ 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly
2 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

- 3 (a) Prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter;
4 (b) Ensure that the voter's precinct or voting district and the form of the ballot
5 are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk uses voting receipts; and
6 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

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

9 Sec. 9.24. NRS 293C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 293C.356 1. If a request is made to vote early by a registered voter in
11 person, the city clerk shall, except as otherwise provided in NRS 293C.3585, issue
12 a ballot for early voting to the voter. Such a ballot must be voted on the premises of
13 the clerk's office and returned to the clerk.

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

18 Sec. 9.26. NRS 293C.3585 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 293C.3585 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887,
20 inclusive, and 293C.272, upon the appearance of a person to cast a ballot for early
21 voting, an election board officer shall:

- 22 (a) Determine ~~[that]~~ whether the person is a registered voter in the county.
23 (b) Require the registered voter to present photo identification.
24 (c) Instruct the voter to sign the roster for early voting or a signature card.
25 ~~(e) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293C.270.]~~
26 (d) Verify that the voter has not already voted in that city in the current
27 election.

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

- 30 ~~— (a) Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal
31 data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
32 — (b) Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other
33 personal data which verifies the identity of the voter; or
34 — (c) Providing the election board officer with proof of identification as
35 described in NRS 293C.270 other than the voter registration card issued to the
36 voter.~~

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

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

43 ~~[5.]~~ 3. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable, must
44 contain:

- 45 (a) The voter's name, the address where he or she is registered to vote, his or
46 her voter identification number and a place for the voter's signature;
47 (b) The voter's precinct or voting district number, if that information is
48 available; and
49 (c) The date of voting early in person.

50 ~~[6.]~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot, ~~[and has identified himself or
51 herself to the satisfaction of the election board officer,]~~ the voter is entitled to
52 receive the appropriate ballot or ballots, but only for his or her own use at the
53 polling place for early voting.

1 ~~7.1~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly
2 records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

- 3 (a) Prepare the mechanical recording device for the voter;
- 4 (b) Ensure that the voter’s precinct or voting district, if that information is
5 available, and the form of ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the city clerk
6 uses voting receipts; and
- 7 (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

8 ~~8.1~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be
9 challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

10 ~~9. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include
11 his or her date of birth.~~

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

13 293C.369 1. When counting a vote in an election, if more choices than
14 permitted by the instructions for a ballot are marked for any office or question, the
15 vote for that office or question may not be counted.

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

19 (a) A vote must be counted if:

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

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

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

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

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

30 3. The Secretary of State:

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

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

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

39 483.820 1. A person who applies for an identification card in accordance
40 with the provisions of NRS 483.810 to 483.890, inclusive, and who is not ineligible
41 to receive an identification card pursuant to NRS 483.861, is entitled to receive an
42 identification card if the person is:

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

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

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

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50 An original or duplicate identification card issued to a person
51 65 years of age or older which expires on or before the
52 fourth anniversary of the person’s birthday \$4

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

- 32 (a) An identification card issued to a person who has voluntarily surrendered
- 33 his or her driver’s license pursuant to NRS 483.420; or
- 34 (b) A renewal of an identification card for a person 65 years of age or older.

35 4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 483.825 ~~+~~ and section 1.6 of this
 36 act, the increase in fees authorized in NRS 483.347 must be paid in addition to the
 37 fees charged pursuant to this section.

38 5. As used in this section, “photograph” has the meaning ascribed to it in
 39 NRS 483.125.

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

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

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

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

52 (1) The last four digits of the voter’s driver’s license issued by the
 53 Department of Motor Vehicles;

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

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

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

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

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

16 Sec. 9.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the Secretary
17 of State is not required to issue a digital identification card pursuant to section
18 1.8 of this act until January 1, 2028.

19 Sec. 9.6. The provisions of this act that require a registered voter to
20 verify his or her identify by presenting a form of photo identification to vote in
21 person and the provisions of this act that require a registered voter to include
22 an identifying number on a mail ballot:

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

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

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

29 Sec. 11. 1. This section and ~~section~~ sections 9.5, 9.6 and 10 of this act
30 become effective upon passage and approval.

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

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

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

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