

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.

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A.B. No. 499—Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-998)



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 (§§ ~~12-5~~, 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Existing law: (1) requires a general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year; and (2) provides that the period for early voting by personal appearance begins the third Saturday preceding a general election and extends through the Friday before election day. (NRS 293.12755, 293.3568) Existing law further requires each county clerk to establish: (1) a certain number of polling places where a person can vote during the period for early voting by personal appearance and on the day of the general election; and (2) a ballot drop box at every polling place in the county, including a polling place for early voting. (NRS 293.269921, 293.2731, 293.3564) Section 1.84 of this bill: (1) requires each county clerk in certain counties to, for the period beginning on the day after the last day for early voting by personal appearance and ending on the day before the day of the general election, establish a certain number of locations where a voter may return his or her mail ballot in a mail ballot drop box; and (2) requires such locations to be open for at least 7 hours each day, but not more than 12 hours each day, during that period. Specifically, in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently only Clark County), a county is required to establish 10 such locations, and in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000 (currently only Washoe County), a county clerk is required to establish 5 such locations. Section 1.84 further authorizes a county clerk in a county whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties) to establish any number of such locations and prescribe the hours for such locations to be open. Each location that is established by a county clerk pursuant to section 1.84 must be at a polling place that is used for early voting by personal appearance or a polling place for voting in person on the day of the election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3 of this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, on a regular basis, to submit electronically to ~~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. Section 3 further requires the ~~county clerk~~ Secretary of State to: (1) match such information to registered voters ~~in the county;~~ (2) electronically enter into the centralized, top-down database such information for each registered voter ~~in the county;~~ as

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 1.2. "Photo identification" means any of the forms of identification described in section 1.4 of this act.

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

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

(b) An identification card issued by:

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

(2) The United States Government;

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

(4) A public secondary school; or

(5) A public technical school in this State;

(c) An employee identification card issued by:

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

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

(3) The United States Government;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Is a registered voter of this State;

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

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

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

2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall not require a person to submit 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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) A mail ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The date the mail ballot is issued;

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

(c) The number of the mail ballot; and

(d) Any remarks the county clerk finds appropriate.

5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Mailed to the county clerk, and:

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

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

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

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

4. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

5. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. The procedures established pursuant to subsection 1:

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

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

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

293.269927 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293D.200, when a mail ballot is returned by or on behalf of a voter to the county clerk, and a record of its return is made in the mail ballot record for the election, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk shall check the **return envelope to determine whether the voter included on the return envelope** ~~the last four digits of the voter's driver's license, the last four digits of the voter's social security number or the voter's voter identification number, his or her signature and the identifying number required pursuant to NRS 293.269917. If the return envelope does not include a signature and identifying number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6. If the return envelope includes any such information and such information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and~~ **a signature and identifying number, the clerk shall check the voter's signature** ~~is not required to be checked. If the voter did not include such information on the return envelope or the information provided on the return envelope is not accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk must check the signature used for the mail ballot~~ by electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3. **If the voter's signature is verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the identifying number is not required to be verified. If the voter's signature cannot be verified, the clerk shall check the identifying number included on the return envelope. If the clerk verifies the identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot. If the clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.**

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

(a) The electronic device must take a digital image of the signature used for the 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 ~~for~~ 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.

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

(a) Contact the voter;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Mail;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Present photo identification; and

(b) Sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card when he or she 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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. A sample ballot;

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

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

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

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

~~5.5~~ 6. Information concerning the accessibility of polling places to persons with disabilities;

~~6.5~~ 7. General information concerning federal and state laws which prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

~~7.5~~ 8. Information concerning the eligibility of a candidate, a ballot question or any other matter appearing on the ballot as a result of a judicial determination or by operation of law, if any.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. If the challenge is based on the ground set forth in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 and the challenged person executes the oath or affirmation, the election board shall not issue the person a ballot unless the person ~~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 that person, such as a driver's license or other official document; and~~

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

9. The election board officers shall:

(a) Record on the challenge list:

(1) The name of the challenged person;

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

(3) The result of the challenge; and

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

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

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

(a) Determine ~~that~~ whether the person is a registered voter in the county and has not already voted in that county 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 . ~~It and~~

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

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 293.277 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. The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county 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.~~

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

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

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

(c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The person fails to present photo identification;

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The date and type of election;

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

(f) The signature of the election board officer;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. The county and city clerk shall not:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 293.277 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.~~

~~4.1~~ The county clerk shall prescribe a procedure, approved by the Secretary of State, to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election.

~~5.1~~ 3. The roster for early voting or a signature card, as applicable, must contain:

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

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

(c) The date of voting early in person.

~~6.1~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot, ~~and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of 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 for early voting.

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

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

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

(c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

~~8.1~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.

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

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

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

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

(a) A vote must be counted if :

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

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

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

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

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

3. The Secretary of State:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Residence or identity of a person.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) An electronic mail address provided by a registered voter to carry out any state or federal law relating to the voting process, and such an electronic mail 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. The Secretary of State may:

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

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

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

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

(a) A mail ballot;

(b) A return envelope ~~[-]~~, *which must include, without limitation:*

(I) A space for the voter to ~~[-voluntarily-]~~ write:

(I) The last four digits of the voter's driver's license ~~[-]~~ issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The date the mail ballot is issued;

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

(c) The number of the mail ballot; and

(d) Any remarks the city clerk finds appropriate.

5. The Secretary of State shall prescribe:

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Mark and fold the mail ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Mailed to the city clerk, and:

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

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

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

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

4. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

5. A ballot drop box must be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

signature and identifying number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6. If the return envelope includes ~~any such information and such information is confirmed by the clerk to be accurate, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the signature is not required to be checked. If the voter did not include such information on the return envelope or the information provided on the return envelope is not accurate, the clerk or an employee in the office of the clerk must check the signature used for the mail ballot by~~ a signature and the identifying number, the clerk shall check the voter's signature by electronic means pursuant to subsection 2 or manually pursuant to subsection 3. If the voter's signature is verified, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot and the identifying number is not required to be verified. If the voter's signature cannot be verified, the clerk shall check the identifying number included on the return envelope. If the clerk verifies the identifying number, the voter is entitled to cast the mail ballot. If the clerk is able to verify neither the signature nor the identifying number, the clerk shall contact the voter pursuant to subsection 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. For purposes of subsection 3:

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

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

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

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

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

6. If the clerk determines when checking the ~~signature used~~ return envelope 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 ~~the~~ , 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 ~~293C.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 ~~the~~
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.

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

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

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

(a) Present photo identification; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~3.~~ 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.

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

293C.272 ~~1.~~ If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card as required by NRS 293C.270, ~~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.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(4)~~ (e) Verify that the registered voter has not already voted in that city in the current election.

~~1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature 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.~~

~~2. 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.~~

~~3. For the purposes of subsection 2, the personal data of a voter may include his or her date of birth.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~16.] 4.~~ 4. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

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

~~17.] 5.~~ 5. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293C.3032, if any, may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

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

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

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

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

293C.3585 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 for early voting, an election board officer shall:

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

2. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.57691, if the signature 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.]~~ 4. 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.~~ 3. The roster for early voting or signature card, as applicable, must contain:

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

~~6.] 4.~~ 4. When a voter is entitled to cast a ballot, ~~[and has identified himself or herself to the satisfaction of 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 for early voting.

~~7-1~~ 5. If the ballot is voted on a mechanical recording device which directly records the votes electronically, the election board officer shall:

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

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

(c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

~~8-1~~ 6. A voter applying to vote early by personal appearance may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293C.292.

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

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

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

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

(a) A vote must be counted if:

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

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

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

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

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

3. The Secretary of State:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	An original or duplicate identification card issued to 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

3. The Department shall not charge a fee for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Sections 1 to ~~10~~ 9.3, inclusive, of this act become effective:

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

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