

# Quick Reference Guide

Build-It-Yourself Version

## Overview

This Quick Reference Guide is a 'build it yourself' resource that can be taken into the poll location and used to quickly reference Election Day procedures and activities.

Refer to your state's election code to fill in specific information needed to be a well-informed Election Observer. The election codes by state have been aggregated by volunteers. Please see your state's codes by visiting:

<https://truethevote.org/info-by-state>

## Assembly Instructions

1. Print this document (double-sided, flip on the long edge)
2. Cut along the dotted line at the bottom of each page.
3. Order the pages according to the page numbers (don't include this page).
4. Align all pages along the top edge and staple.
5. Your finished document will have handy tabs along the bottom of each page for quick reference and space for taking notes as you flip the previous page.
6. Keep those elections honest and help true the vote!



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# Nevada Election Observer Quick Reference Guide



## Polling Place Staff

Lead authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Other election workers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Primary Mission of a Poll Watcher

OBSERVE and DOCUMENT activities of the Election Workers at the poll to ensure that proper elections procedures are followed. DO NOT TALK or ENGAGE with voters in any way. If a voter or other person approaches you in the poll, walk over to the LEAD AUTHORITY and ask him/her to explain to the person that you are not allowed to speak to them.

**Staff & Mission**

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**Notes & Election Codes**



### **What to Do If You See an Infraction**

- Notify Lead Authority of infraction
- If correction made: Document incident noting correction
- If correction not made: Document incident noting outcome
- Include time and names of Election Workers involved. DO NOT list names of voters.
- Description of violation:
  - What you witnessed and what was said
  - FACTS ONLY, leave out opinion/emotion
- Complete INCIDENT REPORT when time allows

### **Professional Conduct & Conflict Resolution**

- Remember: Your PRIMARY MISSION is observation & documentation
- Be professional in speech and body language
- Tone of voice says more than words chosen
- Avoid being dismissed as “disruptive”
- Know your election code as much as possible
- Ask Lead Authority to deal with hostile persons
- Dealing with errors by LEAD AUTHORITY
  - Politely point out correct action from reference materials
  - If not corrected, document and share with your state’s election authority

## **Infractions**

## **Conflict Resolution**

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## Infrctions

### NRS 293.780 Voting more than once at same election.

1. A person who is entitled to vote shall not vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election. ...

**NRS 293.790 Offer to vote by person whose vote has been rejected.** If any person whose vote has been rejected offers to vote at the same election, at any polling place other than one in which the person is entitled to vote ...

### NRS 293.800 Unlawful acts concerning registration of voters; violations of laws governing elections; crimes by public officers.

1. A person who, for himself/herself or another person, willfully gives a false answer or answers to questions propounded to the person by the registrar or field registrar of voters relating to the information called for by the application to register to vote, or who willfully falsifies the application in any particular, or who violates any of the provisions of the election laws of this State or knowingly encourages another person to violate those laws ...

2. A public officer or person, upon whom any duty is imposed by this title, who willfully neglects duty or willfully performs it in such a way as to hinder the objects and purposes of the election laws of this State ...

3. If the person is a public officer, his/her office is forfeited upon conviction of any offense provided for in subsection 2.

4. Except as provided in this subsection, a person who causes/endeavors to cause his/her name to be registered, knowing he/she is not an elector or will not be an elector on or before the day of the next election in the precinct/district ...

5. A field registrar or other person who provides to an elector an application to register to vote & who:

- (a) Knowingly falsifies the application or knowingly causes an application to be falsified;
- (b) Knowingly provides money/other compensation to another for a falsified application; or
- (c) Intentionally fails to submit to the county clerk a completed application.

## Conflict Resolution

No specific codes in Nevada (NV) but there is a Nevada Elections Integrity Violations Form that can be submitted: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/home/showpublisheddocument/4281/638113631420500000>



### **Arrival Checklist**

- Check in with Presiding Judge: At check-in, watcher to deliver certificates of appointment and training completion.
- Submit any required paperwork upon arrival and receive ID: Certificates of appointment, training completion and takes oath. Receives badge from election officer before starting poll watching service.
- Badge if required: Badge given by election officer.
- Ask Lead Authority for cell phone policy: No cellphone use within 100 feet of polling station.

### **Poll Layout**

- Write your name, poll location info and date at top of note pad
- Record names of all election workers
- Draw a schematic of the poll layout noting the placement of equipment

### **Note Taking**

- Observe and document all activities, include time of activity and brief description of events
- State observations using facts; DO NOT INCLUDE OPINIONS

### **Opening Procedures**

#### **Things to watch for during the opening of the poll:**

- All security seals were intact prior to poll opening
- All ballots boxes were empty (if using paper ballots)
- All voting machines/ballots/ballot boxes are accounted for and within your line of sight

## **Opening the Polls**

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## Opening the Polls

### **NRS 293.273 Time for opening and closing polls; duties of election board officers; persons permitted inside certain areas of polls.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.305, at all elections held under the provisions of this title, the polls must open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.
2. Upon opening the polls, one of the election board officers shall cause a proclamation to be made to all present may be aware of the fact that applications will be received from:

- (a) Registered voters who apply to vote at the polling place; &
  - (b) Electors who apply to register to vote/apply to vote at the polling place ...
3. No person, other than election board officers engaged in receiving/preparing/depositing ballots/registering electors, may be permitted inside the guardrail during the time the polls are open, except by authority of the election board .

### **NAC Section 293.245 - Observation of conduct of voting at polling place**

1. Subject to the provisions of subsections 2 to 8, inclusive, any person may observe the conduct of voting at a polling place, including, without limitation, a polling place for early voting & a vote center.
2. Before observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to subsection 1, a person must sign an acknowledgment in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating that the person, during the time the person observes the conduct of voting:

- (a) Acknowledges is prohibited from:

- (1) Talking to voters within the polling place;
- (2) Using mobile telephone/computer within the polling place;
- (3) Advocating for/against a candidate, political party/ballot question;
- (4) Arguing for/against/challenging any decisions of county/city election personnel;
- (5) Interfering with the conduct of voting;
- (b) May be removed from the polling place by county/city clerk ...

- (a) Limit the number of persons in the polling place who are observing the conduct of voting pursuant to this section for reasons of public safety/to protect voter privacy/or maintain order;
- (b) Remove from a polling place a person observing the conduct of voting ...

4. A person observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to subsection 1 must comply with the same requirements that apply to members of the general public ...
5. A person observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to subsection 1 may remain in the designated area in the polling place after the polls close to observe the closing of the polling place ...
6. A person observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to subsection 1 may remain in an area designated by the chair of the election board to observe the activities conducted at the polling place without interfering with the voting ...
7. A person observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to subsection 1 must wear a name tag denoting the person's full name.
8. The county & city clerk shall retain the signed acknowledgments described in subsection 2 for at least 180 days following the election observed by the person who signed the acknowledgment.





### Who can be in the voting area?

- Voters
- Lead Authority, Election Workers, Poll Watchers
- Interpreters providing assistance to voters
- Children under 18 accompanying a parent to vote
- Persons admitted to provide assistance to voter
- Voting machine technicians

### Valid Forms of ID If Required by Your State

The following are acceptable forms of identification. Each identification must be current, valid and must contain a photograph of the voter.

- Nevada Driver's license
- ID issued from the Nevada DMV
- U.S. passport or passport card
- Employee ID card issued by U.S. Government, State, County, Municipality, Board, Authority, or other subdivision of Nevada
- Pilots license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration or other authorized agency in the U.S.
- U.S. Military ID card
- Valid Veteran ID card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration
- Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration
- Certified copy of birth certificate issued in the U.S.
- Certified copy of naturalization
- Valid student ID card issued by an institution of higher education in Nevada
- Valid ID issued by a federally recognized tribal government certifying tribal membership.

## Voting Area

## Valid Forms of ID

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## Voting Area

**NRS 293.274 - Members of general public allowed to observe conduct of voting at polling place; photographing or otherwise recording conduct of voting by members of general public prohibited**

1. The county clerk shall allow members of the general public to observe the conduct of voting at a polling place.

2. A member of the general public shall not photograph the conduct of voting at a polling place/record the conduct of voting on audiotape/any other means of sound/or video reproduction.

3. For the purposes of this section, a member of the general public does not include any person who:

(a) Gathers information for communication to the public;

(b) Is employed or engaged by or has contracted with a newspaper/periodical/press association/radio/television station; &

(c) Is acting solely within professional capacity.

**NAC 293.245 Requirements for persons to observe conduct of voting at polling place. (NRS 293.124, 293.247)**

1. Subject to the provisions of subsections 2 to 8, inclusive, any person may observe the conduct of voting at a polling place including a polling place for early voting & a vote center.

2. Before observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to subsection 1, a person must sign an acknowledgment in the form prescribed by Secretary of State stating during the time the person observes the conduct of voting:

(a) Acknowledges prohibited from:

(1) Talking to voters within the polling place;

(2) Using mobile telephone/computer within polling place;

(3) Advocating for/against a candidate/political party/ballot question;

(4) Arguing for/against/or challenging any decisions of county/city election personnel; &

(5) Interfering with the conduct of voting; &

3. The county or city clerk may, at discretion:

(a) Limit the number of persons in the polling place who are observing the conduct of voting for reasons of public safety/to protect voter privacy/or maintain order.

(b) Remove from a polling place a person observing the conduct of voting pursuant to this section for violating.

## Valid Forms of ID

The following are acceptable forms of identification. Each identification must be current, valid and must contain a photograph of the voter.

• Nevada Driver's license

• ID issued from the Nevada DMV

• U.S. passport or passport card

• Employee ID card issued by U.S. Government, State, County, Municipality, Board, Authority, or other subdivision of Nevada

• U.S. Military ID card

• Valid Veteran ID card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration

## Valid Forms of ID (continued...)

• Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration

• Certified copy of birth certificate issued in the U.S.

• Certified copy of naturalization

• Valid student ID card issued by an institution of higher education in Nevada

• Valid ID issued by a federally recognized tribal government certifying tribal membership, U.S.

if, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card, the voter must be identified by:

• Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;

• Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter

• 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.

Sec. of State: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/sos-information/office-facts/faqs/all-division/elections>

**NRS 293.3075 Requirements for casting ballots at vote centers.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.283 & 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 the person is a registered voter in the county & has not already voted in that county in the current election;

(b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; and

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

2. 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 SOS to verify that the voter has not already voted in that county in the current election they applied to vote.

6. 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 & the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; &

(c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.

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



### Voter Check-In

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### Voter Check-In

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## Voter Check-In

Voter Check-In: The election board officer determines if the person is a registered voter in the county and hasn't already voted in that county in the current election. The voter is then instructed to sign the roster or a signature card and their signature is verified. If the voter's signature does not match, the voter may either answer questions regarding personal data that was reported on their voter registration application, provide oral or written personal data that verifies the voter's identity or provide proof of ID to the election board officer. If the signature has changed, the voter can update their signature on a form from the Secretary of State. If the voter is verified as eligible to vote, they are given the appropriate ballot to cast and if mechanical voting devices are used at this polling place, the election board officer can prepare the mechanical voting device for the voter and allow the voter to cast their vote.

### **NRS 293.3075 Requirements for casting ballots at vote centers. [Effective through December 31, 2024.]**

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 the person is a registered voter in the county & has not already voted in that county in the current election;
  - (b) Instruct the voter to sign the roster or a signature card; &
  - (c) Verify the signature of the voter in the manner set forth in NRS 293.277.
2. 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/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. 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(s), but only for own use at the polling place where applied to vote.
6. 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 & the form of the ballot are indicated on the voting receipt, if the county clerk uses voting receipts; &
  - (c) Allow the voter to cast a vote.
7. A voter applying to vote at a polling place established pursuant to NRS 293.3072 may be challenged pursuant to NRS 293.303.



### **Paper Ballots and Ballot Box**

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## **Paper Ballots**

## **Electronic Ballots**

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## Paper Ballots

Paper ballots are required for voting in NV and are often used in a mechanical voting system in order that the total number of votes cast for each candidate or measure voted for/against is measured. The paper ballot is marked and then counted on an electronic tabulator, counting device or computer.

**NRS 293.270 Voting by printed ballot or other approved or authorized system; write-in voting prohibited; exception.**

1. Voting at any election regulated by this title must be on printed ballots or by any other system approved by the Secretary of State or specifically authorized by law.

2. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 293D of NRS, voting must be only upon candidates whose names appear upon the ballot prepared by the election officers, & no person may write in the name of additional candidate for any office.

**NRS 293B.082 Record of votes cast; record printed on paper.**

Each mechanical voting system must provide a record of the votes cast on that system. The record must be printed on paper.

**NRS 293B.084 Required features and design of mechanical recording device which directly records votes electronically; availability and use of paper record for manual audit.**

1. A mechanical recording device which directly records votes electronically must:

(a) Bear a number which identifies that mechanical recording device.

(b) Be equipped with a storage device which:

(1) Stores the ballots voted on the mechanical recording device;

(2) Can be removed from the mechanical recording device for the purpose of transporting the ballots stored therein to a central counting place; &

(3) Bears the same number as the mechanical recording device.

(c) Be designed in such a manner voted ballots may be stored within the mechanical recording device & the storage device required pursuant to paragraph (b) at the same time.

(d) Be capable of providing a record printed on paper of:

(1) Each ballot voted on the mechanical recording device; &

(2) The total number of votes recorded on the mechanical recording device for each candidate and for or against each measure.

2. The paper record described in paragraph (d) of subsection 1 must be printed and made available for a manual audit, as necessary.

**NRS 293B.085 Several elective to same office; effect of overvote.**

A mechanical voting system must permit the voter to vote for as many persons for an office as the voter is lawfully entitled to vote for, but no more. If a voter casts more votes for an office than the voter is lawfully entitled, the counting device or electronic computer must be programmed so that those votes are not counted. The remainder of the voter's ballot must be counted if it is otherwise lawfully voted.

## Electronic Ballots

Electronic ballots are permitted for overseas military personnel, an elector with a disability or an elector who is a tribal member and resides on an Indian reservation or colony. One must apply first to have access to electronic registration and ballots.

**NRS 293B.032 "Mechanical recording device" defined.**

"Mechanical recording device" means a device which mechanically or electronically compiles a total number of votes cast for each candidate & for/against each measure voted on.

**NRS 293B.033 "Mechanical voting system" defined.**

"Mechanical voting system" means a system of voting whereby a voter may cast a vote:

1. On a device which mechanically/electronically compiles a total number of votes cast for each candidate & for/against each measure voted on; or

2. By marking a paper ballot which is counted on an electronic tabulator, counting device or computer.

**NRS 293.269951 Use of system of approved electronic transmission by certain persons to register to vote and apply for and cast ballot.**

1. The Secretary of State shall allow:

(a) The following electors to use the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to register to vote in every election where the system of approved electronic transmission is available to a covered voter to register to vote:

(1) An elector with a disability; & (2) An elector who is a tribal member & resides on Indian reservation/Indian colony.

(b) The following registered voters to use the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200 to apply for/cast a ballot in every election where the system of approved electronic transmission is available to a covered voter to register to vote:

(1) A registered voter with a disability; & (2) A registered voter who is a tribal member & who resides on an Indian reservation/Indian colony.

2. The deadline to use the system of approved electronic transmission:

(a) To register to vote for an elector pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 is the same as the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.230 for a covered voter to register to vote.

(b) To apply for a ballot for a registered voter pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1, is the same as the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.310 for a covered voter to request and cast a military-overseas ballot.

(c) To cast a ballot for a registered voter pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 is the same as the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.400 for a covered voter to request/cast a military-overseas ballot.

(d) Upon receipt of an application and ballot cast by a person authorized pursuant to subsection 1 to use the system of approved electronic transmission established pursuant to NRS 293D.200, the local elections official shall affix, mark or otherwise acknowledge receipt of the application and ballot by means of a time stamp on the application.

4. The SOS shall ensure a person who is authorized pursuant to subsection 1 may provide digital/electronic signature on any document/other material that is necessary for the elector/registered voter to register to vote, apply for a ballot or cast a ballot, as applicable.

5. The SOS shall prescribe the form and content of a declaration for use by a person authorized pursuant to subsection 1 to swear/affirm specific representations pertaining to identity/eligibility to vote/status as such an elector/registered voter & timely/proper completion of a ballot.

6. The SOS shall prescribe the duties of the county clerk upon receipt of a ballot sent by a registered voter authorized pursuant to subsection 1 to use the system of approved electronic transmission, including, without limitation, the procedures to be used in accepting, handling and counting the ballot.

7. The SOS shall make available to a person authorized pursuant to subsection 1 information regarding instructions on using the system for approved electronic transmission to register to vote/apply for/cast a ballot.

8. The SOS shall adopt any regulation necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

9. As used in this section:

(a) "Covered voter" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.030.

(b) "Digital signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 720.060.

(c) "Electronic signature" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 719.100.

(d) "Military-overseas ballot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 293D.050.



### Provisional Ballots

When the eligibility of the voter is in question, a voter should be given a provisional ballot. Some examples are:

- Voter is in the wrong precinct
- Voter has an address that is outside the country
- Voter not qualified but insist on voting

**Provisional ballot procedures that should be followed in your state:**

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## Provisional Ballots

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## Provisional Voting

### Proof of Residency & I.D. Requirements at the Polls

- If you are registering at the polls or updating your voter registration information, you must show a current and valid DMV Identification card.
- If the address on your ID does not match your voter registration or is not your current physical residence, be prepared to show additional Proof of Residency. The following Proof of Residency supplements the ID and does not substitute for it. Your ID is still required.
  - A military identification card
  - A paycheck
  - A property tax statement
  - A utility bill (electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, cell phone, cable, etc.)
  - Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
  - A bank or credit union statement
  - An income tax return
  - A motor vehicle registration
  - A mortgage statement, or residential rental or lease agreement

### NRS 293.3081 Casting of provisional ballot: General conditions; declaration or application.

- A person at a polling place may cast a provisional ballot in an election if the person complies with the applicable provisions of NRS 293.3082 and:
1. Declares that he or she has registered to vote & is eligible to vote at that election in that jurisdiction, but name does not appear on a voter registration list as a voter eligible to vote in that election in that jurisdiction/official asserts the person is not eligible to vote in the election in that jurisdiction;
  2. Applies by mail/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 to the election board officer at the polling place; or
  3. Declares 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.

### NRS 293.3082 Casting of provisional ballot: Specific prerequisites; completion of written affirmation; contents of affirmation; provision of receipt; notation on roster.

1. Before a person may cast a provisional ballot, 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 provisional ballot;
  - (b) The reason for casting provisional ballot;
  - (c) A statement in which the person casting provisional ballot affirms under penalty of perjury a registered voter in the jurisdiction & eligible to vote in the election;
  - (d) The date & 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 person casting provisional ballot;
  - (h) If the person is casting provisional ballot;
- (1) An indication by the person as to whether/not they 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 has registered to register to vote;
- (4) Other information the person believes may be useful in verifying the person has registered to vote; &
- (5) A statement informing the voter if the voter does not provide identification at the time voter casts provisional ballot, the required identification must be provided to the county/city clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday following election day & failure to do so will result in provisional ballot not counted;
- (f) 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 receipt that includes the unique affirmation number described in subsection 1 & 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, & 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; &
- (c) The election board officer shall issue a provisional ballot to the person to vote.

## Mail Ballots (see Notes section at the end of this guide)





**Curbside Voting**

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**Rules on Voters Needing Assistance**

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**Who may provide assistance to a voter?**

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**Curbside Voting**

**Voters Needing Assistance**

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## Curbside Voting

No specific codes in Nevada (NV) - Curbside Voting is not addressed in Nevada legislation however all polling places must be handicapped accessible. Nevada (NV) - Curbside Voting is not addressed in Nevada legislation however all polling places must be handicapped accessible.

## Voters Needing Assistance

If, because of physical limitations, a registered voter is unable to sign his or her name in the roster or on a signature card, the voter must be identified by:

- Answering questions from the election board officer covering the personal data which is reported on the application to register to vote;
- Providing the election board officer, orally or in writing, with other personal data which verifies the identity of the voter
- 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.

**NRS 293.296 Assistance to voter who is physically disabled or unable to read or write English.**

1. Any registered voter who by reason of physical disability/inability to read/write English is unable to mark a ballot or use any voting device without assistance is entitled to assistance from a consenting person of choice, except:

(a) The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer; or

(b) An officer or agent of the voter's labor organization.

2. A person providing assistance pursuant to this section to a voter casting a vote shall not disclose any information with respect to the casting of that ballot.

3. The right to assistance in casting a ballot may not be denied/impaired when the need for assistance is apparent/known to the election board or any member thereof or when the registered voter requests such assistance in any manner.

4. In addition to complying with the requirements of this section, the county clerk & election board officer shall, upon the request of a registered voter with a physical disability, make reasonable accommodations to allow the voter to vote at a polling place at which is entitled to vote.

**NRS 293.269951 - Use of system of approved electronic transmission by person with disability to register to vote and apply for and cast ballot.**

1. The Secretary of State shall allow:

(a) The following electors to use the system of approved electronic transmission established to register to vote in every election where the system of approved electronic transmission is available to a covered voter to register to vote:

(1) An elector with a disability; &

(2) An elector who is a tribal member & resides on an Indian reservation/Indian colony.

(b) The following registered voters to use the system of approved electronic transmission established to apply for & cast a ballot in every election where the system of approved electronic transmission is available to a covered voter who is a tribal member & resides on an Indian reservation/Indian colony.

(1) A registered voter with a disability; &

(2) A registered voter who is a tribal member & resides on an Indian reservation/Indian colony.

2. The deadline to use the system of approved electronic transmission:

(a) To register to vote for an elector pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 is the same as the deadline set forth in NRS 293D.230 for a covered voter to register to vote.

## Electroengineering

Electroengineering is unlawful inside a polling place or within 100 feet from the entrance to the building in which polling place is located. Electroengineering means campaigning for or against a candidate, petitioning for signatures on a petition form.

**NRS 293.261 Electroengineering prohibited near polling place or jail during certain periods; penalty.**

1. During the time a polling place for early voting is open for voting, a person may not electroengineer for/against any candidate, measure/political party in/within 100 feet from the entrance to the voting area. During the time that a person detained in a county/city/jail may vote in the jail, a person may not electroengineer for/against any candidate, measure/political party in/within 100 feet from the entrance of the voting area of the jail.

2. During the period of early voting, the county clerk shall keep continuously posted:

(a) At the entrance to the room/area in which the polling place for early voting is located a sign printed in large letters 'Polling Place for Early Voting';

(b) At the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited, at least one sign on which is printed in large letters 'Distance Marker: No electroengineering between this point and the entrance to the polling place';

(c) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited pursuant to subsection 1.

(d) At least 17 inches by 11 inches in size;

(e) Placed on a window or door of the polling place or a freestanding sign; &

(f) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited.

2. Placed on a window or door of the polling place or a freestanding sign; &

(3) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited.

3. Ropes or other suitable objects may be used at the polling place to ensure compliance with this section. Persons who are not expressly permitted by law to be in a polling place must be excluded from the polling place to the extent practicable.

**NRS 293.740 Soliciting votes and electroengineering inside certain places or within certain distance from certain places prohibited; penalty.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, it is unlawful inside a polling place/within 100 feet from the entrance to the building/other structure in which a polling place is located, inside the area of a county/city/jail where a person detained in the jail may vote or within 100 feet from the entrance of the area in a jail where a person detained in the jail may vote:

(a) For any person to solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot.

(b) For any person, including an election board officer, to do any electroengineering on election day.

The county clerk or registrar of voters shall ensure that, at the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited, notices are continuously posted on which are printed in large letters

"Distance Marker: No electroengineering between this point and the entrance to the polling place."

(c) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited pursuant to subsection 1.

(d) At least 17 inches by 11 inches in size;

(e) Placed on a window or door of the polling place or a freestanding sign; &

(f) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited.

2. The county clerk shall ensure that any notice posted pursuant to subsection 1 is:

(a) At least 17 inches by 11 inches in size;

(b) Placed on a window or door of the polling place or a freestanding sign; &

(c) Visible to a person approaching the outer limits of the area within which electroengineering is prohibited.

3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to conduct of a person in a private residence or on commercial or residential property within 100 feet from the entrance to a building or other structure in which a polling place is located. The provisions of subsection 1 are not intended to prohibit a person from voting solely because he or she is wearing a prohibited political insignia & is reasonably unable to remove the insignia or cover it. In such a case, the election board officer shall take such action as is necessary to allow the voter to vote as expeditiously as possible and then assist the voter in exiting the polling place as soon as is possible ...

5. As used in this section, "electroengineering" means campaigning for/against to candidate/ballot question/polling place/political party by:

(a) Posting signs relating to ...

(b) Distributing literature relating to ...

(c) Using loudspeakers to broadcast information relating to ...

(d) Buying/selling/wearing/displaying any badge/button/ or other insignia which expressly refers to ...

(e) Soliciting signatures to any kind of petition, ...

(f) Electroengineering is located in a polling place is located. Electroengineering means campaigning for or against a candidate, ballot question or political party by means of either posting signs, distributing literature, use of loudspeakers for broadcasting political messaging, displaying/wearing a pin or merchandise or gathering/petitioning for signatures on a petition form.



### **Closing Procedures**

- Securing and Transporting Ballots / Equipment: Election officer secures and inactivates voting equipment.
- Breaking Down Equipment (Notes from your state's election code)
- Election workers are responsible for breaking down equipment; poll watchers only observe and document the process.

### **Voting After the Polls Close**

- Doors close at 7:00pm.
- Presiding judge shall direct waiting voters to enter the polling place and close it to others.
- If not possible, presiding judge shall distribute numbered identification cards to those waiting voters and permit entry after closing only by those possessing a numbered identification card.

### **Securing and Transporting Ballots / Equipment**

- Election officer secures and inactivates voting equipment at closing of the polling place and as prescribed by the secretary of state so that its unauthorized operation is prevented.

### **Breaking Down Equipment**

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## **Closing the Poll**

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## Closing the Poll

Closing Procedures: Doors are closed after the last registered voter waiting in line have been admitted into the polling place.

Voting After the Polls Close: Only if the voter is inside the building and waiting in line can the voter vote inside the polling place.

Securing and Transporting Ballots / Equipment: Machines are secured from further voting and provides a record printed on paper of total number of votes recorded on the device for each candidate and for, or against, each measure.

Breaking Down Equipment : All records printed on paper provided by the mechanical recording devices, all storage devices which store the ballots voted on by the mechanical recording devices and any other reports, records, materials are placed into the storage container from the county clerk and this container is sealed.

Election workers are responsible for breaking down equipment; poll watchers only observe and document the process.

### **NRS 293.305 Closing of polls; admission of voters and other persons.**

1. If at the hour of closing the polls there are any:

(a) Registered voters waiting in line to apply to vote at the polling place; or

(b) Electors waiting in line to apply to register to vote or apply to vote at the polling place pursuant to NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive, the doors of the polling place must be closed after all those registered voters and electors have been admitted to the polling place. The registration of those electors and the voting by those registered voters and electors must continue until all such registration and voting has been completed.

2. The deputy sheriff shall allow other persons to enter the polling place after the doors have been closed pursuant to subsection 1 for the purpose of observing or any other legitimate purpose if there is room within the polling place & the admittance of the other persons will not interfere unduly with the registration of the electors and the voting by the registered voters and electors.

### **NRS 293.307 Duties of voting board before adjournment.**

After the last person entitled to vote has voted, the voting board, before adjournment, shall put the records and the account of ballots in order for the counting board.

### **NAC 293.247 Determination of when person is waiting to vote at time polls close. (NRS 293.124, 293.305, 293C.297)**

1. As used in NRS 293.305, 293C.297, & NAC 293.217, a person is waiting to vote at the hour of closing the polls if the person:

(a) Has entered the polling place.

(b) After determining who is the last person waiting to vote at the time polls close, a member of the election board shall:

(a) Place a sticker or other distinguishing mark on the last person waiting in line to vote; or

(b) If the last person waiting to vote does not want a sticker or other distinguishing mark placed physically stand behind the last person waiting in line to vote, to ensure that no other person enters the polling place to vote.

### **NRS 293B.330 Duties of election board upon and after closing of polls; public may observe handling of ballots.**

1. Upon closing of the polls, the election board shall:

(a) Secure all mechanical recording devices against further voting.

(b) If a mechanical voting system is used whereby votes are directly recorded electronically:

(i) Provides a record printed on paper of the total number of votes recorded on the device for each candidate and for or against each measure; &

(ii) Transfers the ballots voted on device to the storage device ...

(2) Count the number of ballots voted at the polling place

(3) Account for all ballots on the statement of ballots.

(4) Place all records printed on paper provided by the mechanical recording devices, all storage devices which store the ballots voted on the mechanical recording device & any other records/reports/materials as directed by the county clerk into the container provided by county clerk to transport those items to a central counting place & seal the container.

(c) Record the number of voters on a form provided by the county clerk.

2. If a difference exists between the number of voters & the number of ballots voted, the election board shall report the difference & any known reasons for the difference, in writing, to the county clerk.

3. After closing the polls, the election board shall:

(a) Compare the quantity of the supplies furnished by the county clerk with the inventory of those supplies; &

(b) Note any shortages.

4. The county clerk shall allow members of the general public to observe the handling of the ballots pursuant to subsection 1 if those members do not interfere with the handling of the ballots.

### **NAC 293.249 Procedures after voting during period for early voting. (NRS 293.124, 293.247)**

1. After the close of voting on each day during the period for early voting, the election officer in charge of a polling place for early voting must determine the total number of:

(a) Persons who applied to vote & voted in person at polling place; &

(b) Ballots cast at polling place on that day.

If a difference exists between numbers determined pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b), the difference must be reported in writing to the county clerk, together with any known reasons for the difference.

2. The numbers determined pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 must be entered by election board on the forms provided by county clerk.

### **NAC 293.250 Procedures after voting on election day. (NRS 293.124, 293.247)**

1. After the close of polls on the day of election, the election board must determine the total number of:

(a) Persons who applied to vote & voted in person at polling place; &

(b) Ballots cast at polling place on that day.

If a difference exists between numbers determined pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b), the difference must be reported in writing to the county clerk, together with any known reasons for the difference.

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(b) Ballots cast at the polling place.

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### **Election Observers MUST**

- Observers are required to sign a form at the voting site before beginning observation.
- Wear a Name Tag: Observers must wear a name tag showing their full name.
- Observers must sign the Polling Place Observer Acknowledgment form.
- Sit or Stand in the Public Viewing Area:
  - The Team Leader will designate the location and observers may view election activities from this area as long as they do not disrupt the election process. The designated area must allow for meaningful observation but must not be located in an area that would allow an observer to infringe on the privacy and confidentiality of the ballot of the voter

### **Election Observers MAY**

- Observers may ask Election Workers questions if it doesn't impede the processing of voters.

### **Election Observers MAY NOT**

- Disrupt Voting or Election Workers: No one may disrupt the voting process or the work of voting site staff, e.g., observers must keep conversation with election workers to a minimum.
- Converse with Voters: Conversation with voters in the voting area is not allowed.
- Electioneer/Campaign: No one may electioneer/campaign inside the voting site, i.e., wearing or bringing any campaign item into the voting area is not allowed.
- Use Electronic Communication Devices or Computers: Observers must turn off two-way radios, cell phones, and computers inside the voting area. Voters may use cell phones only for viewing their sample ballot.
- Photograph, Videotape, or Sound Record Voting: A member of the general public may not make a visual or audio reproduction of the conduct of voting at a voting site. Cameras, audio recorders, video cameras, etc., must be deposited with the Team Leader. Owners may retrieve their property when they leave the voting area.
- View Voter Information or Ballots: Observers may not view the personal information of a voter, a voter's ballot, or selections on a voting machine.
- Listen to Election Worker Conversations: Observers may not listen to any conversation between election workers or between a voter and election workers.

## **Election Observer Rules & Privileges**

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**NRS 293.274 Members of general public allowed to observe conduct of voting at polling place; photographing or otherwise recording conduct of voting by members of general public prohibited.**

1. The county clerk shall allow members of the general public to observe the conduct of voting at a polling place.
2. A member of the general public shall not photograph the conduct of voting at a polling place/record the conduct of voting on audiotape/or any other means of sound or video reproduction.
3. For the purposes of this section, a member of the general public does not include any person who:
  - (a) Gathers information for communication to the public;
  - (b) Is employed or engaged by or has contracted with a newspaper/periodical/press association/radio/television station; &
  - (c) Is acting solely within a professional capacity.



## Mail Ballots

"Mail-in ballots are automatically sent out to each Nevada registered voter.  
If you prefer voting in person, you may opt out of receiving a mail-in ballot and cast your vote at your local polling place.

### **NRS 293.269911 Preparation and distribution of mail ballots; exceptions; mail ballot contents; time for distribution; mootness of untimely legal action which would prevent distribution.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county clerk shall prepare/distribute to each active registered voter in the county & each person who registers to vote or updates voter registration information not later than the 14 days before the election a mail ballot for every election. The county clerk shall make reasonable accommodations for the use of the mail ballot by a person who is elderly/disabled by providing, upon request, the mail ballot in 12-point type to a person who is elderly/disabled.
2. The county clerk shall allow a voter to elect not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to this section by submitting to county clerk a written notice in the form prescribed by the county clerk which must be received by the county clerk not later than 60 days before the day of the election.
3. The county clerk shall not distribute a mail ballot to any person who:
  - (a) Registers to vote for the election pursuant to the provisions of NRS 293.5772 to 293.5887, inclusive; or
  - (b) Elects not to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 2.
4. The mail ballot must include all offices/candidates/& measures upon which the voter is entitled to vote...
5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the mail ballot must be distributed to:
  - (a) Each active registered voter who:
    - (1) Resides within the State, not later than 20 days before the election; &
    - (2) Except as otherwise provided in par. (c), resides outside the State, not later than 40 days before election.
  - (b) Each active registered voter who registers to vote after the dates set for distributing mail ballots pursuant to par. (a) but who is eligible to receive a mail ballot pursuant to subsection 1, not later than 13 days before election.
  - (c) Each covered voter who is entitled to have a military-overseas ballot transmitted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 293D of NRS or the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301 et seq., not later than the time required by those provisions.
6. In the case of a special election where no candidate for federal office will appear on the ballot, the mail ballot must be distributed to each active registered voter not later than 15 days before special election. ...

### **NRS 293.269913 Methods of distribution and other requirements for mail ballots and supporting materials; recordation of certain information by county clerk.**

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/any class of mail if the Official Election Mail logo/an equivalent logo/mark created by the U.S.P.S. ...
2. In sending a mail ballot to an active registered voter, county clerk shall use an envelope that may not be forwarded to an address of 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 U.S./its territories/possessions/or on a military base