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Pre-2022 Primary Election Update - ACPD  
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# Topics

- Report on voter registration party affiliation statistics and impacts to Nevada's closed primary elections
- Report on implementation of changes in election law for 2022 Mid-term Elections, including but not limited to mail-in ballots, opting out of mail-in ballot, ballot drop boxes, in-person voting, and election returns
- Report on administrative regulations relating to Title 24 adopted in 2022
- Summary of important dates for Primary Election 2022



# Voter Registration Statistics

| County      | Democrat | Independent American | Libertarian | Nonpartisan | Other  | Republican | Total     |
|-------------|----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| Carson City | 10,466   | 1,975                | 474         | 10,021      | 677    | 14,929     | 38,542    |
| Churchill   | 2,196    | 734                  | 168         | 3,786       | 228    | 8,048      | 15,160    |
| Clark       | 482,147  | 57,298               | 11,096      | 387,378     | 43,389 | 341,563    | 1,322,871 |
| Douglas     | 8,352    | 1,865                | 472         | 8,717       | 614    | 20,712     | 40,732    |
| Elko        | 3,568    | 1,313                | 319         | 7,081       | 381    | 14,359     | 27,021    |
| Esmeralda   | 64       | 46                   | 12          | 152         | 8      | 328        | 610       |
| Eureka      | 75       | 69                   | 6           | 221         | 7      | 737        | 1,115     |
| Humboldt    | 1,340    | 442                  | 86          | 2,157       | 132    | 5,117      | 9,274     |
| Lander      | 458      | 152                  | 37          | 777         | 32     | 2,009      | 3,465     |
| Lincoln     | 372      | 129                  | 11          | 426         | 41     | 1,731      | 2,710     |
| Lyon        | 7,211    | 2,418                | 549         | 11,712      | 788    | 19,386     | 42,064    |
| Mineral     | 725      | 159                  | 26          | 870         | 28     | 1,109      | 2,917     |
| Nye         | 5,849    | 1,825                | 296         | 8,364       | 572    | 14,317     | 31,223    |
| Pershing    | 529      | 135                  | 26          | 757         | 24     | 1,567      | 3,038     |
| Storey      | 662      | 188                  | 55          | 803         | 52     | 1,611      | 3,371     |
| Washoe      | 100,095  | 14,239               | 3,793       | 80,984      | 7,600  | 101,595    | 308,306   |
| White Pine  | 892      | 283                  | 35          | 1,210       | 52     | 2,698      | 5,170     |
| Statewide   | 625,001  | 83,270               | 17,461      | 525,416     | 54,625 | 551,816    | 1,857,589 |

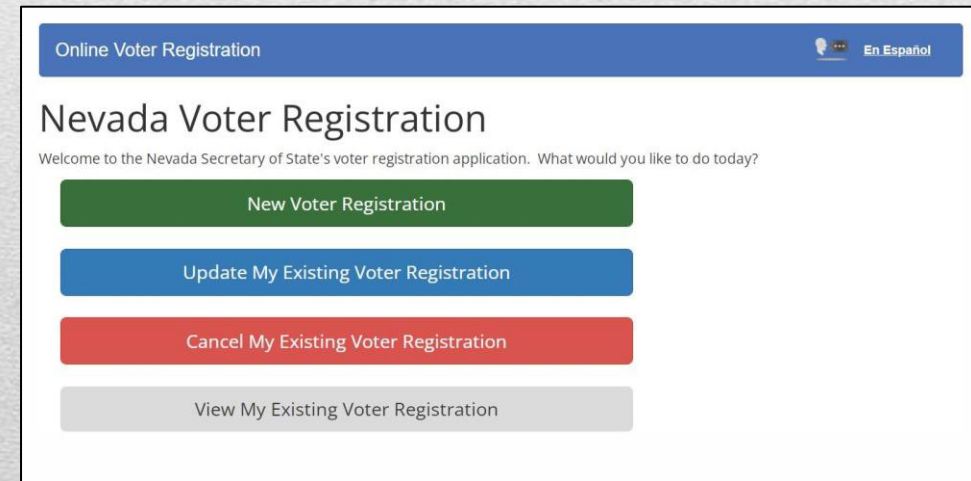
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| Statewide | 654,649 | 82,592 | 17,645 | 442,357 | 34,147 | 574,164 | 1,805,554 |
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# Voter Registration Statistics

- Why does this matter?
    - “Closed” Primary election
      - Democratic Party – 34%
      - Republican Party – 30%
      - Everyone else – 36%
    - To update or change Voter Registration:
      - <https://registertovote.nv.gov/>
      - Update 14 days prior to election to receive a mail ballot
- (May 31, 2022)



The screenshot shows the 'Online Voter Registration' page for Nevada. At the top, there is a blue header with the text 'Online Voter Registration' and a link to 'En Español'. Below the header, the title 'Nevada Voter Registration' is displayed. A welcome message reads: 'Welcome to the Nevada Secretary of State's voter registration application. What would you like to do today?'. There are four buttons: a green button for 'New Voter Registration', a blue button for 'Update My Existing Voter Registration', a red button for 'Cancel My Existing Voter Registration', and a grey button for 'View My Existing Voter Registration'.



# Voter Registration Statistics

- 2022 filing period has ended: 22 candidates for Governor
  - 16 Republican candidates
  - During the 2018 Primary
    - 22.9% turnout across all party affiliations
    - 29.3% turnout from Republican party (143,645 of 490,642 voters)
  - If 50% turnout from Republican party during 2022 Primary, then:
    - 275,908 votes split 16 ways may mean that the Republican candidate for Governor at General Election could be selected by <100,000 voters.
- Other factors:
  - Non-partisan & Minor Party Same Day Registration changes



# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Changes from 2021 Legislative Session
  - Numerous changes
  - Go here to see previous ACPD on NV SOS YouTube page:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz4Pzy6O6WaR\\_akAdUl2UwQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz4Pzy6O6WaR_akAdUl2UwQ/videos)



# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Highlights:
  - Mail-in ballots
    - Going to all Active Registered Voters for all elections in which they are eligible to vote (Primary, General & Special)
    - Not Inactive or Canceled voters
  - Opting out of mail-in ballot
    - If you don't want to receive a mail-in ballot, go here:
    - <https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/>
    - You must submit this form at least 60 days before the next election which is April 15, 2022

# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Highlights:

## Voter Actions

**Update mail ballot preference** 

Or

Print an English version the Mail Ballot Preference Form [here](#).

Print a Spanish version the Mail Ballot Preference Form [here](#).

Print a Tagalog version the Mail Ballot Preference Form [here](#).



# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Highlights:

**Mail ballot preference** Check only one option. \* **Required.**

Submit this form at least 60 days before the next election so we can remove your name from the mailing lists.

☐ **I want to vote in person**

**OR**

☐ **Send me a ballot**

☐ **All future elections**

☐ **All future primary elections**

☐ **All future general elections**

☐ **All future special elections**



# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Highlights:
  - Ballot drop boxes
    - County ballot drop boxes. Numbers TBD, but increasing.
    - Locations will be posted here:  
<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/2022-election-information>
  - In-person voting
    - Still an option!
    - Early Voting - May 28 – June 10, 2022
    - Locations will be posted here:  
<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/2022-election-information>



# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Highlights:
  - Voter Assistance / Ballot Harvesting ([Sec. 9 & 57 of AB321](#))
  - Voter may give their ballot to an authorized person to return their ballot to the clerk or ballot drop box.
  - Authorized person MUST return it:
    - (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.



# Changes for 2022 Elections

- Highlights:
  - Election returns
    - Mail ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on the fourth day following an election. ([Sec. 8 & 56 AB321](#))
    - Signature curing up to 5 p.m. on the sixth day following an election. ([Sec. 8 & 56 AB321](#))
    - Provisional ballot comparison across state (starts no earlier than seventh day following an election. ([NRS 293.5872](#)))
    - County Commissioners must canvass the returns on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the election ([NRS 293.387](#))



# 2022 Elections Regulations

- Overview:
  - 31 separate regulations developed
    - Developed between Jan 21 – Feb 22
    - Cover 5 chapters of NAC
      - Update; Increase clarity for Clerks; Increase clarity for public
  - Results:
    - One not adopted
    - Two not accepted by Legislative Commission
    - 28 adopted and approved by Legislative Commission
- Link:
  - All workshop and hearing videos, notices, and regulations
  - <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/elections-regulations>



# 2022 Elections Regulations

- Highlights:
  - AB121 implementation
  - Updated ballot drop box guidance
    - Unique identifier
    - County seal
    - Additional reporting requirements related to the costs of purchase, installing, and maintenance not later than 45 days after a general election
  - Guidance on ballot delivered to wrong clerk
    - County-specific colored ballot return envelopes (req. after Jan 1, 2024)
  - Signature verification machine testing and standards
  - Defined “meaningful observation”
  - Dept. of Corrections collaboration
  - Clarified timeline for written challenges (NRS 293.547)
    - May 15-20, 2022
  - Risk Limiting Audit – initial regulations



# 2022 Elections Regulations

- Timeline for next regulatory reviews:
  - Jan – May 2023 – Begin review of notes from election year
  - Jun – Aug 2023 – Review based on passed legislation
  - Sep 2023 – Workshops & Adoption hearings
  - Oct 2023 – Legislative Commission
- Elections Regulatory Review will be conducted on biennial basis going forward
  - Odd years
  - Done consistently in order to encourage public involvement
  - Intent is to ensure validity of elections related regulations



# 2023 Elections Regulations

- Possibly including:
  - Further refinements to:
    - Reporting requirements
    - RLA
    - AB321 implementation
  - AB126 (Presidential Preference Primary) implementation
  - Hand count procedures



# Hand Count Procedures

- What is being discussed?
  - Elimination of use of mechanical devices for elections.
    - Voting
    - Tabulation
- Where is it being discussed?
  - Nye, Elko, Lyon, and others.
- What would regulations do?
  - Provide best practices
  - Standardize process to ensure consistency across state
  - Address concerns about timeliness of processes



# 2022 Primary Dates

- Candidate filing – May 7-18, 2022
  - <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/2022-election-information>
  - 22 candidates for Governor (16 – R; 2 – D)
  - 14 candidates for Lt. Gov. (7 – R; 4 – D)
  - 10 candidates for Secretary of State (16 – R; 1 – D)
  - 5 candidates for State Treasurer (2 – R; 1 – D)
  - 4 candidates for State Controller (1 – R; 2 – D)
  - 5 candidates for Attorney General (2 – R; 2 – D)
  - 14 candidates for CD2 (5 – R; 7 – D)
  - 4 candidates for CD4 (3 – R; 1 – D)
  - 16 candidate for U.S. Senate (16 – R; 1 – D)



# 2022 Primary Dates

- “Opt-out” of mail ballot:
  - Not later than 60 days before election - April 15, 2022
- Mail-ballots sent:
  - Not later than 45 days for UOCAVA & EASE “turned on” - April 30, 2022
  - 45-30 days before election for most counties
  - Last mail ballots go out 14 days before the election
- Period for Written Challenges (NRS 293.547) – May 15-20, 2022
- Early Voting – May 28 – June 10, 2022
- Election Day – June 14, 2022
- Recount – within 3 working days after canvass - June 17, 2022
- Contest:
  - No later than 5 days after recount
  - No later than 14 days after election if no recount
- Other dates on 2022 Elections Wall calendar:
  - <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/2022-election-information>



# Way Forward

- Data collection through 2022 Primary and General Elections
- Continued AB126 (Presidential Preference Primary) research & regulations development
- Continued preparations for next Regulatory Review (Jan 2023) and Legislative Session (Feb 2023)
- Continued outreach efforts
- Helen J. Stewart Award Submissions due – April 29, 2022
  - <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/helen-j-stewart-award>



# QUESTIONS?

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