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STATE OF NEVADA FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 STATE PLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA or Act) requires each state to develop a comprehensive plan for implementing the mandatory changes to the administration of elections that are called for in the legislation. HAVA affects virtually every element of the voting process, focusing on the following areas:

- **Development of a Statewide Voter Registration System**
- **Replacement of Punch Card Voting Machines**
- **Improvement of Voter Education and Poll Worker Training**
- **Establishment of Opportunity to Cast Provisional Ballots**
- **Improved Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities**

Like the previous State Plans developed pursuant to HAVA, this Plan (FY 07-08) was created under the direction of the Secretary of State through a State Plan Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee).

II. THE BACKDROP FOR NEVADA'S STATE PLAN

The Secretary of State is the Chief Officer of Elections for the State of Nevada, and, as such, is responsible for the execution and enforcement of state and federal laws relating to elections.

Nevada remains one of the fastest growing states in the country. Based on figures obtained from Census 2000, Nevada's population increased by 796,424 persons between 1990 and 2000. In 2006, the State's demographer estimated Nevada's population at 2,623,050. Nevada's largest county, Clark County, continues to add approximately 5,000 new citizens per month. Currently, the State has approximately 1.2 million registered voters spread throughout its 17 counties. Moreover, more than 1,500 state, county and municipal political campaigns come under the jurisdiction of local or state election officials during each election cycle.

The Secretary of State's Office will continue to work closely with local election officials, advocacy groups, the State Legislature, and local and state law enforcement agencies to protect the integrity of Nevada's election process. This cooperative effort will include establishing various committees, including but not limited to, the State Training Committee, Election Command Center Committee, State Regulatory & Compliance Committee and the State IT Committee. The State will continue to mitigate costs associated with HAVA implementation and compliance and continue to be fiscally responsible in best utilizing the State's remaining funds.

III. NEVADA'S STATE PLAN

A. Use of Requirements Payments

Section 254(a)(1) requires a description of how the State will use the requirements payment to meet the requirements of Title III, and, if applicable under section 251((b)(2), to carry out other activities to improve the administration of elections.

Title III requires the establishment of certain voting system standards, provisional voting, public posting of voting information, a computerized statewide voter registration list, and voter registration application modifications.

1. Voting Systems Standards

Section 301(a) establishes several voting system standards which must be met by January 1, 2006. Under this section, no waiver of the requirements is permitted.

HAVA requires each voting system in the state to: (a) permit voters to verify whom they have voted for and make changes to their vote in a private, secret and independent manner; (b) notify voters if they have overvoted, what happens in instances of an overvote and provide an opportunity to correct the ballot; (c) ensure that any notification to the voter maintains the privacy, secrecy and independence of the voter's ballot; (d) produce a permanent paper record with manual audit capacity; (e) be accessible for people with disabilities through the use of at least one (1) DRE voting system placed at each polling place; (f) provide alternative language accessibility pursuant to Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; (g) comply with error rates established by the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) as of the time HAVA was adopted; and (h) have a definition of what constitutes a vote and what will be counted. These requirements have been incorporated into Nevada statutes or regulations.

A significant amount of federal funding that has been appropriated to date was used to upgrade the voting systems throughout the State and to purchase new systems in order to comply with the above requirements. The State implemented uniform DRE voting systems for polling places throughout the state, with all DRE machines being fitted with the voter verifiable paper trail printers.

To ensure proper training for election administrators and the voting citizens of Nevada, the State has used, and depending on the availability of funds, may use additional requirements payments to educate individuals about the proper use of the voting systems. Requirements payments will be used for maintaining, modifying and improving all voting systems in the State to ensure compliance with HAVA Section 301(a) standards. Additional uses include continued education on the operation and maintenance of voting systems.

2. Provisional Voting and Voting Information Requirements

Section 302 requires the establishment of provisional voting and the posting of voting information at polling places by January 1, 2004. Under this section, no waiver permitted.

HAVA requires provisional voting procedures in all states to ensure that no voter who appears at the polls and desires to vote is turned away for any reason. The State adopted legislation proposed by the Secretary of State that enacts procedures to allow

for provisional voting in federal races throughout the State. The procedures¹ that were adopted meet the requirements of Section 302.

The State will continue using requirements payments to maintain the free access system required by HAVA to provide voters who cast provisional ballots the ability to discover whether their ballot was counted. The State also continues to use requirements payments to develop procedures for provisional voting and to plan and conduct training and outreach concerning a voter's ability to receive and cast a provisional ballot. Finally, if adequate federal funding is available, the State may use requirements payments to assist local governments with funding offsets necessary to prepare and process provisional ballots.

Section 302 of HAVA also mandates that a sample ballot and other voting information be posted at polling places on Election Day. The State anticipates using requirements payments to defray the cost of developing, printing and posting this information in the upcoming election cycle.

The State Training Committee will continue to promulgate signage for counties to utilize as well as provide continued assistance in evaluating a county's election signage prior to printing and posting. The Secretary of State will continue to provide guidance and clarification in signage requirements.

3. Computerized Statewide Voter Registration List and Requirements for Voters Who Register by Mail

Section 303 requires the establishment of a computerized statewide voter registration list, first time voters who register by mail to provide identification when they cast their ballots, and changes to be made to the voter registration application by January 1, 2004. A waiver is permitted to extend compliance with Section 303(a) to January 1, 2006.

a. Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS)

Section 303 of HAVA requires that all states establish a statewide computerized registration list of all eligible voters. This "single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive, computerized statewide voter registration list" must be administered at the State level and is considered the official list of legally registered voters in the State.

The Secretary of State's Office has a HAVA compliant statewide voter registration system in place. The Secretary of State's system was implemented prior to the 2006 election cycle and has the ability to interface with Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles and other appropriate agencies, as required by HAVA. Additionally, this statewide voter registration database allowed all 17 counties to clear thousands of records, including duplicate records.

The State will continue to expend a portion of its requirements payments and Title I payments to fund additional upgrades and maintenance of the statewide voter registration system. Additionally, the Secretary of State will continue to explore options of database interfacing with other agencies which may not currently have

¹ See Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Sections 293.3081 through 293.3086, inclusive.

electronic databases. Regulations specific to statewide voter registration maintenance procedures were promulgated prior to the 2006 election cycle.

b. Requirements for Voters Who Register by Mail

With respect to requirements for voters who register by mail, the State revised its voter registration form in May of 2007. These recent revisions include clarifying language for identification requirements as well as providing an opportunity for county election officials to recruit poll workers.

4. Other Activities to Improve the Administration of Elections (Section 251(b)(2))

a. Improving Voting Accessibility for People with Disabilities

Every polling site in the State was surveyed for Americans with Disabilities Act² (ADA) accessibility and various types of equipment were purchased to improve access to needed areas. During FY 2007-2008, the Secretary of State will continue to improve accessibility, apply for additional federal funding to ensure ADA compliance and proper training of poll workers, and continue both voter outreach efforts to the people with disabilities community and statewide training on ADA compliance issues.

b. Develop State IT Committee

The Secretary of State will continue to utilize a statewide IT committee comprised of county and Secretary of State IT representatives and elections staff. This committee is headed by the Secretary of State's Office and works to: 1) address overall security improvements to voting equipment and the statewide voter registration database; 2) develop updates to the statewide voter registration database and accompanying changes to county election management systems; 3) coordinate election night reporting; 4) assist state training committee on preparing technical training materials; and 5) testing for voting machine software and state certification.

The State intends to continue using requirements payments to fund other activities to improve the administration of elections, including, but not limited to: (a) establishing a polling place accessibility program to ensure that all polling places in Nevada are and continue to be in compliance with the ADA; (b) providing necessary assistance to persons with limited proficiency in the English language; (c) engaging in a variety of voter education and outreach activities, including public service announcements, voting machine demonstrations, mass mailings and other related media avenues; (d) providing election official and poll worker training initiatives; (e) establishing poll worker recruitment programs; and (f) continuing to develop the Secretary of State's website to offer up-to-date, detailed election information to the public.

The State will also continue using requirements payments to fund staff positions to allow for ongoing operations and maintenance of programs and projects to sustain

² Public Law 336 of the 101st Congress, enacted July 26, 1990.

HAVA compliance. The State will continue to evaluate staffing needs to determine if additional positions are needed to fulfill HAVA requirements.

B. Distribution of Requirements Payments and Eligibility for Distribution

Section 254(a)(2) of the act requires a description of how the State will distribute and monitor the distribution of the requirements payment to units of local government or other entities in the State for carrying out the activities described in Section 254(a)(1), including a description of—

(A) The criteria to be used to determine the eligibility of such units or entities for receiving the payment; and

(B) The methods to be used by the State to monitor the performance of the units or entities to whom the payment is distributed, consistent with the performance goals and measures adopted under Section 254(a)(8).

The Office of the Secretary of State will centrally manage activities funded by requirements payments. The Secretary of State will be accountable for all expenditures, funding levels and program controls and outcomes. The Secretary of State, in conjunction with local election officials, will determine the appropriate level of support for local activities.

To the extent that a decision is made to distribute requirements payments to units of local government and other entities for carrying out the activities described in Section 254(a)(1), the criteria to be used for determining eligibility include, but are not limited to: (a) the priority of the project to which the distribution is intended to be applied, as it relates to complying with HAVA; (b) the extent to which the recipient is in compliance with Title III of HAVA and all other state and federal election laws; (c) the recipient must maintain its current level of funding for its elections budget outside of any HAVA funds received; (d) the recipient must cooperate with the State in maintaining the statewide voter registration list and must timely implement list purging activities and reporting as required by the Secretary of State; (e) the need for the payment to ensure continued compliance with state and federal elections laws; (f) the availability to the recipient of other funding sources, including other HAVA related grants; (g) the recipient must acknowledge that it will be required to reimburse the State for all federal funds received if it does not meet the deadlines for compliance in HAVA; and (h) the recipient must develop a comprehensive accounting plan in accordance with federal criteria for separately identifying and tracking any federal funds received. The criteria for receipt of requirements payments will be agreed to in writing in advance by the Secretary of State and the unit or entity receiving the payment.

If requirements payments are so distributed, the Secretary of State will monitor the performance of each activity funded by requirements payments on a case-by-case basis. The methods to be used by the State to monitor the performance of the payment recipients may include, without limitation: (a) requiring the recipient to prepare and submit comprehensive timely reports to the Secretary of State detailing the expenditures and their relation to complying with Title III of HAVA; (b) implementing financial controls that establish financial reporting methods; and (c) developing performance indicators on a case-by-case basis for all activities funded.

C. Voter Education, Election Official and Poll Worker Training

Section 254(a)(3) of the Act requires a description of how the State will provide for programs for voter education, election official education and training, and poll worker training which will assist the State in meeting the requirements of title III.

1. Voter Education

With voter participation and turnout declining nationally over the last twenty years, the Secretary of State's office is making a concerted effort to expand Nevada's voter outreach and education efforts.

Education is the key to improving Nevada's voter participation rate. Further exploration as to reaching various socio-economic groups as well as providing information for those who have had their rights restored or qualify to have their voting rights restored will also be included.

The Secretary of State's office has produced and published several informative brochures designed to educate Nevada's citizens about the voter registration process, the significance of every single vote, and the requirements of HAVA. The agency's website (<http://secretaryofstate.biz>) contains a wealth of information useful to individuals and groups seeking to advance voter participation and citizen knowledge of the elections process.

The 2003 Legislature moved the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy (ACPD) under the auspices of the Secretary of State's office, and established the goals of 75 percent voter registration and 70 percent voter turnout by those registered voters in Nevada by 2008.

In June 2006, the Advisory Committee for Participatory Democracy (ACPD) solicited grant applications to conduct voter education and outreach to the citizens of Nevada. The grant was funded through Section 101 HAVA with minimum funding requests of \$15,000 and a maximum of \$65,000. The grant was limited to nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations organized for the purpose of voter education and outreach to increase participation in the election process. The Secretary of State, as recommended by the ACPD, awarded grants to four entities totaling \$65,824. Each entity was required to enter into a Notice of Subgrant Award with the Secretary of State, Elections Division to ensure HAVA compliance and for reporting purposes.

The Secretary of State and the ACPD will focus on establishing partnerships with the business sector to enhance voter participation and Election Day support, while also building relationships with educational institutions and community organizations to increase youth voter participation.

2. Election Official and Poll Worker Training

The State, in conjunction with all 17 counties, has instituted a training program to provide a more centralized source of training, versus the more localized training programs that have existed in the past. In lieu of the disproportionate range of

resources available at the local level across the State, building a centralized source of training has been critical in ensuring all 17 counties have access to all the training necessary to maintain their role in achieving HAVA compliance. Centralized training in 2006 covered: 1) maintenance of the statewide voter registration list; 2) DRE maintenance, testing, programming and security; 3) provisional voting and provisional phone line reporting; 4) election date signage requirements; 5) requirements under UOCAVA for overseas citizens and the military, including use of FWAB ballots; 6) ADA accessibility training for poll workers and election staff; 7) general improvements for poll worker recruitment, training and management; 8) overall communication; 9) additional federal reporting requirements; 10) conducting mandatory post election VVPAT audit and 11) additional certifications for various federal and state requirements. The State will continue to revise and update the training materials and procedures created in 2006 through the guidance of a State Training Committee. This committee is comprised of two Secretary of State employees and four County Clerks/Registrar of Voters. Training topics will include but are not limited to: 1) restoration of felon voting rights; 2) voter identification requirements; 3) poll watchers; 4) provisional voting; 5) election security; 6) electioneering; and 7) polling place assistance.

In preparation for the 2008 Elections, comprehensive training sessions and materials addressing election issues will be conducted and distributed to all election officials. These sessions will also include independent training sessions tailored to address the various needs of Nevada's election officials.

D. Voting System Guidelines and Processes

Section 254(a)(4) requires a description of how the State will adopt voting system guidelines and processes which are consistent with the requirements of Section 301.

Nevada law mirrors the voting system guidelines and processes set forth in HAVA section 301, as outlined in Section III(A)(1) of this Plan. In addition, the Secretary of State is responsible for certifying voting systems for use in the State. The Secretary of State, in accordance with state law, cannot certify any voting system in the State unless it meets or exceeds the standards for voting systems established by the FEC. The Secretary of State will develop new guidelines and processes as necessary to ensure all voting systems in the State continue to remain in compliance with Section 301.

E. Establishment of Election Fund

Section 254(a)(5) requires a description of how the State will establish a fund described in Section 254(b) for purposes of administering the State's activities under this part, including information on fund management.

(b) Requirements for Election Fund—

(1) Election Fund Described.—For purposes of subsection (a)(5), a fund described in this subsection with respect to a State is a fund which is established in the treasury of the State government, which is used in accordance with paragraph (2), and which consists of the following amounts:

(A) Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the State for carrying out the activities for which the requirements payment is made to the State under this part.

- (B) The requirements payment made to the State under this part.*
- (C) Such other amounts as may be appropriated under law.*
- (D) Interest earned on deposits of the fund.*

The State created a special election fund in the state treasury that provides the Secretary of State with the authority to deposit into this fund all HAVA grants and state matching fund appropriations. This fund is fully compliant with Section 254(b) of HAVA. The Secretary of State works closely with the State’s Budget Division and the State Controller’s office to implement and enforce all fiscal controls and policies required by both state and federal law.

F. Nevada’s Proposed HAVA Budget

Section 254(a)(6) requires a description of the State’s proposed budget for activities under this part, based on the State’s best estimates of the costs of such activities and the amount of funds to be made available, including specific information on-

- (A) The costs of the activities required to be carried out to meet the requirements of Title III*
- (B) The portion of the requirements payment which will be used to carry out activities to meet such requirements; and*
- (C) The portion of the requirements payment which will be used to carry out other activities.*

1. Total Funding Received to Date:

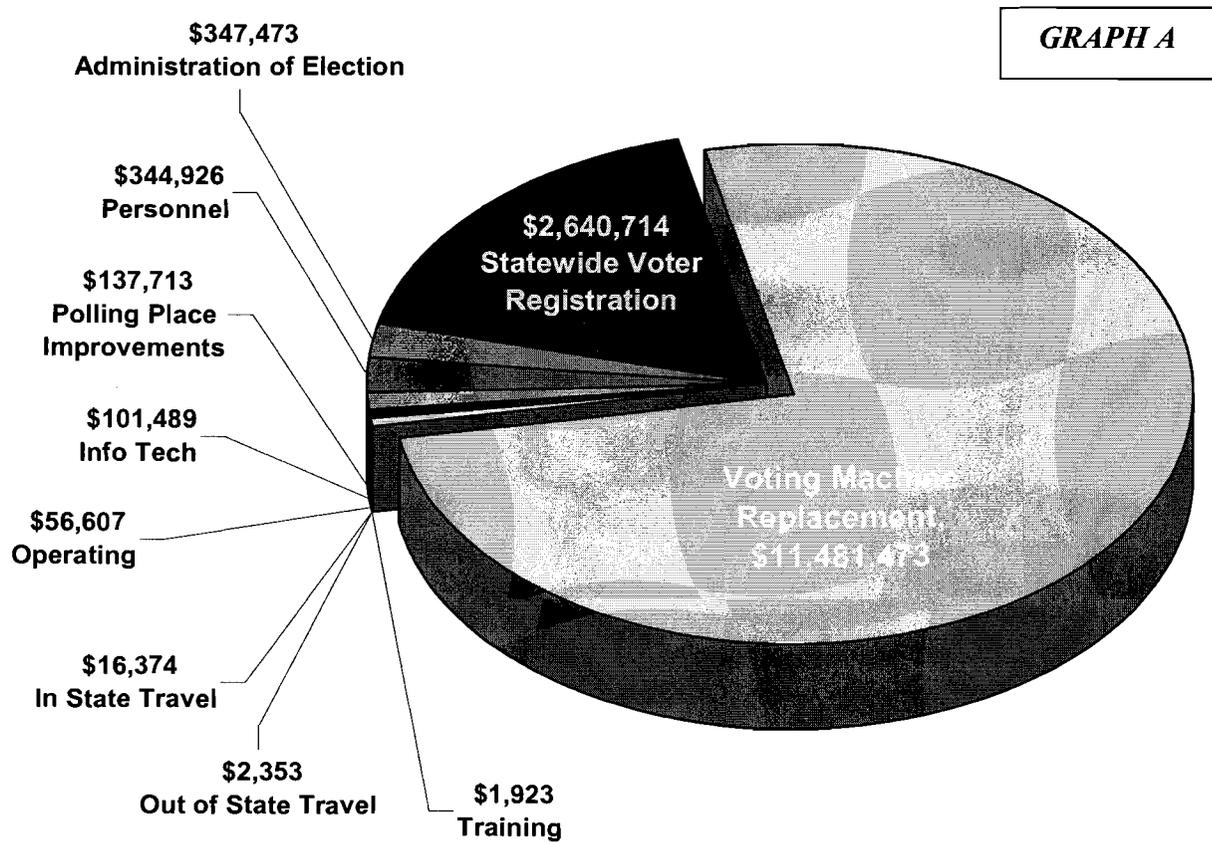
| <u>Federal Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Federal Appropriations</u> | <u>Nevada’s Share</u> | <u>5% Match</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Title I Early Payments | \$650 million | \$5 million | n/a |
| 2003 | \$833 million | \$5.7 million | \$304,313 |
| 2004 | \$1.5 billion | \$10.3 million | \$546,062 |
| 2005 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 2006 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 2007 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total | \$3.02 billion | \$21.2 million | \$850,375 |

The State has also received an additional \$500,000, under HAVA Title II, Section 261 for polling place accessibility. The State has been awarded yearly increments of \$100,000 over the last five years. The State began drawing these funds for the first time in 2006. These funds will continue to be utilized for voter outreach projects, improved accessibility and poll worker training.

2. Total Funding Expended to Date:

Of the initial HAVA funding received, \$15,131,081 has been expended to date to meet the various requirements set forth under HAVA.

Proportionate Breakdown of HAVA Expenditures to Date

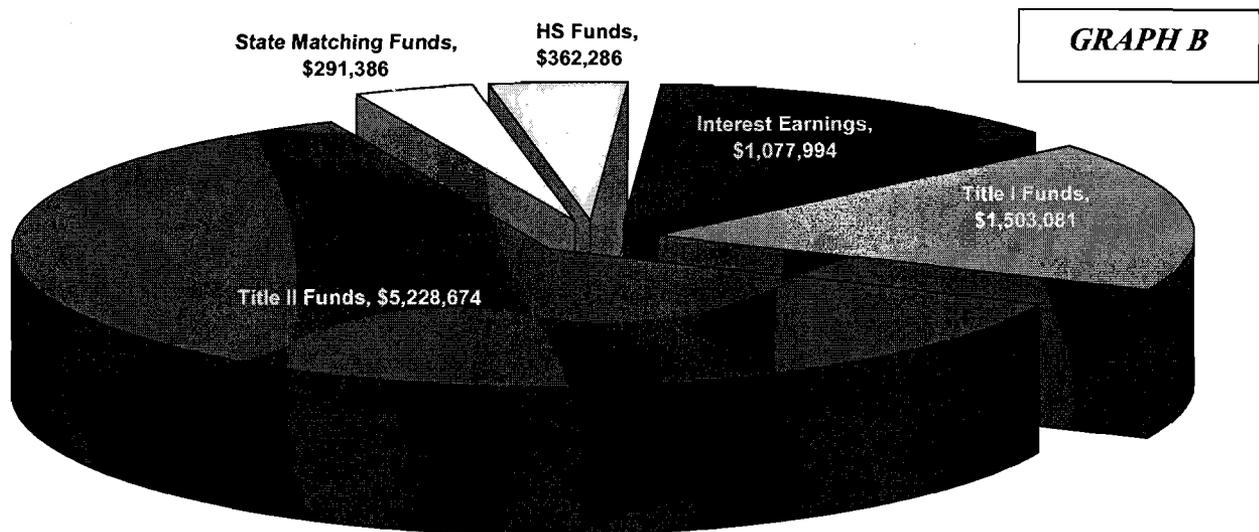


3. Total Funding Remaining to Date:

**Budget Account 1051 - HAVA
Funding Received and Remaining as of June 30, 2007**

| <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Date Rec'd</u> | <u>Amount Rec'd</u> | <u>Amount Remaining</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Title I | 05/01/03 | \$5,000,000 | \$1,503,081 |
| Title II (Federal FY 03) | 08/09/04 | \$5,785,410 | \$0 |
| Title II (Federal FY 04) | 11/29/04 | \$10,381,400 | \$5,228,674 |
| State Match - GF | 07/01/04 | \$299,820 | \$0 |
| State Match - SS | 08/05/04 | \$550,555 | \$291,386 |
| HHS Funds - FFY 2003 | | \$100,000 | \$0 |
| HHS Funds - FFY 2004 | | \$100,000 | \$62,286 |
| HHS Funds - FFY 2005 | | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |
| HHS Funds - FFY 2006 | | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |
| HHS Funds - FFY 2007 | | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |
| FY 04 Interest Earned | 06/30/04 | \$87,430 | \$87,430 |
| FY 05 Interest Earned | 06/30/05 | \$214,828 | \$214,828 |
| FY 06 Interest Earned | 06/30/06 | \$371,193 | \$371,193 |
| FY 07 Interest Earned | 06/30/07 | \$404,543 | \$404,543 |
| Totals: | | \$23,595,179 | \$8,463,422 |

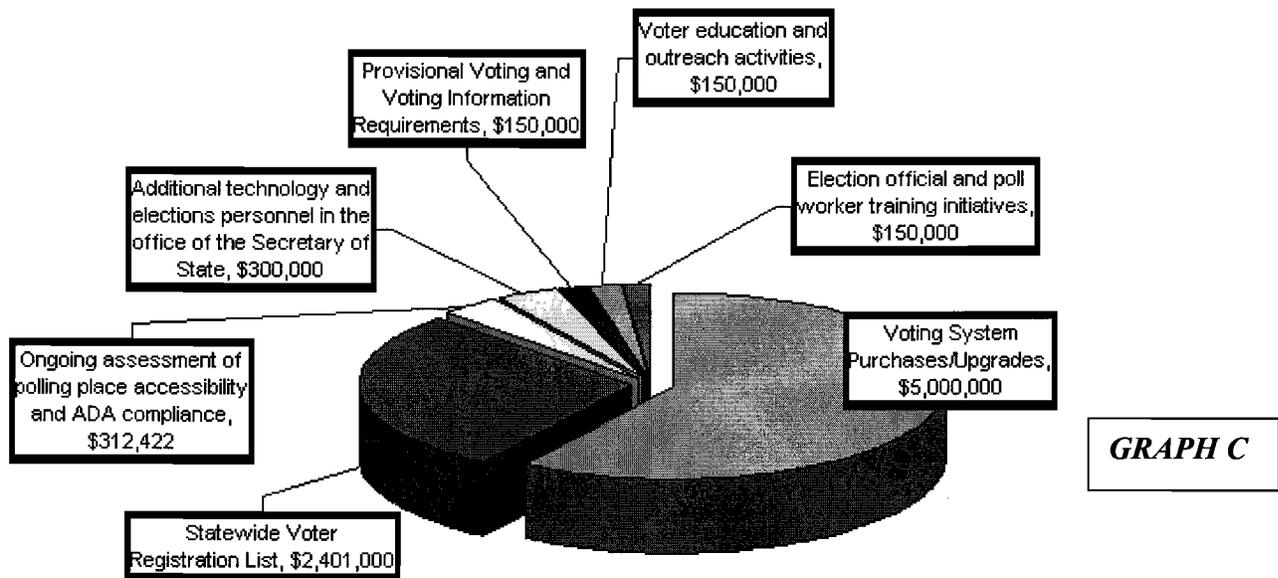
Proportionate Breakdown of Remaining HAVA Funding



4. Allocation of Remaining HAVA Funding For FY 07-08:

The remaining \$8,463,422 will be utilized to continue to maintain statewide HAVA compliance. Additionally funding will be set aside to ensure that both the voting systems and the statewide voter registration database can be maintained, updated and adequately supported. As ongoing projects, funding needs have been taken into account post FY 07-08.

Estimated Allocation of Remaining HAVA Funding



a. Voting System Purchases/Upgrades:

--Continue to develop strategies to obtain funding, to update DRE machines and their respective VVPAT mechanism to ensure continued compliance with both federal and state law. Also provide additional touch screen systems fitted with voter verifiable paper audit trail printers as needed prior to the 2008 and 2010 election cycles.

--To be funded with Title I early payments, Title II requirements payments and State matching funds.

--Cost to date: \$11,481,473

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$2,000,000

--Expected costs for FY 08-09: \$3,000,000

b. Establishing and Maintaining a Statewide Voter Registration List:

--Approximately, \$4 to \$5 million was allocated to cover base cost, with estimated ongoing maintenance costs of approximately \$100,000 per year.

--The State will maintain between \$2-3 million to cover any additional improvements to be made to the internally built statewide voter registration list and any additional maintenance costs which may arise.

--To be funded with Title I early payments, Title II requirements payments and State matching funds.

--Cost to date: \$2,640,714

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$401,000

--Expected costs for FY 08-09: \$2,000,000

c. Provisional Voting and Voting Information Requirements:

--\$150,000 was initially allocated to create and develop enhancements to the free-access system, provide necessary training and outreach, and develop voting information.

--To be funded with Title II requirements payments and State matching funds.

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$150,000

d. Ongoing assessment of polling place accessibility and ADA compliance:

--A significant portion of HAVA Title II, Section 261 funds totaling \$362,286 will continue to be allocated to improve polling place accessibility. The expenditures will also include training for election officials and poll workers, along with providing information about polling place accessibility to people with disabilities.

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$312,422

e. Voter education and outreach activities:

-- \$150,000.00 in HAVA funding will be allocated to continue with voter education and outreach activities.

--To be funded with Title I requirements payments and State matching funds.

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$150,000

f. Election official and poll worker training initiatives:

-- \$150,000, in HAVA funding will be allocated to continue training election officials and poll workers.

--To be funded with both Title I and Title II requirements payments and State matching funds.

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$150,000

g. Additional technology and elections personnel in the office of the Secretary of State:

-- \$344,926.00 has been expended on elections personnel since the implementation of HAVA in 2002.

-- Additional considerations include creating a HAVA information technology position to help maintain various aspects of HAVA compliance including programming related to voting equipment as well as statewide voter registration maintenance and further development.

--Expected costs for FY 07-08: \$300,000

The State's FY 07-08 Plan, as presented herein, is limited to the extent State appropriations are made available, and is based on the assumption that adequate federal funding will be appropriated. While the State intends to fully comply with HAVA, if adequate federal funding is not made available, the manner in which the funds are disbursed or dedicated and the priorities given to particular projects may be altered from the information contained in this FY 07-08 Plan.

G. Maintenance of Effort

Section 254(a)(7) requires a description of how the State, in using the requirements payment, will maintain the expenditures of the State for activities funded by the payment at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the state for the fiscal year ending prior to November 2000.

Consistent with the maintenance of effort requirement contained in HAVA, in using any requirements payments, the State will maintain expenditures for activities funded by the payment at a level equal to or greater than the level of such expenditures maintained by the State for its fiscal year that ended prior to November 2000. The total expenditures attributable to the Elections Division increased in the State's fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and are anticipated to increase in FY 08.

The State Legislature has the authority to approve these funding levels and has been apprised of the maintenance of effort requirements contained in HAVA. At this time, the Secretary of State's total HAVA budget is \$8,463,422.00. \$5,228,674.00 of this total amount is held in a Title II reserve fund, 1,503,081.00 is held in a Title I reserve fund, \$291,386 consists of state match funds, \$362,286 is held in HHS funding and \$1,077,994.00 consists of accrued interest. Projected state funded expenses for FY 2007-2008 will still exceed \$250,000.

H. Performance Goals and Measures

Section 254(a)(8) requires a description of how the State will adopt performance goals and measures that will be used by the State to determine its success and the success of units of local government in the State in carrying out the plan, including timetables for meeting each of the elements of the plan, descriptions of the criteria the State will use to measure performance and the process used to develop such criteria, and a description of which official is to be held responsible for ensuring that each performance goal is met.

The Secretary of State, in collaboration with local election officials, has met all critical performance goals and will continue to institute processes to measure additional progress in relation to these time-specific goals, as well as ongoing performance goals. This process will provide local election officials with structure and continued measurable targets for accomplishment. In addition, each local election official will be required to report the progress in meeting the performance goals and measures to the Secretary of State within 60 days following every general election held in the State.

1. Performance Goals

In developing the FY 07-08 update to the State Plan, the strategies for achieving these HAVA compliant goals in the previous State Plans continue to be applicable: (1) obtain federal funding; (2) implement legislation fostering voter participation and compliance with HAVA; (3) conduct an assessment of the condition of the statewide voter registration process given these standards; (4) suggest changes to voting technology and processes to ensure accurate and reliable elections and voter confidence; and (5) develop and implement follow-through accountability activities and feedback mechanisms for complaints.

The State's primary goal is to achieve election reform and compliance with HAVA through the successful implementation of the programs outlined in the State Plan. In addition, having met HAVA compliance, the State will continue to create additional goals to continue Nevada's leadership role in election reform. Following is a description of the timetable for meeting each element of the Plan and the title of the official responsible for ensuring each such element is met:

| <u>Element</u> | <u>State/County Official</u> | <u>Timetable</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Voting Systems | State Elections Deputy County Election Official | Accomplished September 2004 |
| Voter Registration | State Elections Deputy County Election Official | Accomplished in 2006 |
| Provisional Voting | State Elections Deputy County Election Official | Ongoing |
| Additional Personnel | State Elections Deputy | Ongoing (as needed) |
| Polling Place Accessibility | State Elections Deputy County Election Official | Ongoing |
| Voter Education/Outreach | State Elections Deputy County Election Official | Ongoing |
| Poll Worker Training | State Elections Deputy County Election Official | Ongoing |
| Complaint Procedures | Deputy Attorney General | Adopted/Ongoing |

2. Performance Measures

The State will use the following criteria to measure performance:

- voter turnout statistics
- functionality of voting systems
- accuracy of the data contained in the statewide voter registration list
- voter satisfaction with equipment (accomplished through surveys or other strategies)
- complaints against poll workers
- complaints received versus complaints resolved
- ADA compliance

These criteria were developed through the State Planning Process. The State is further committed to exploring the use of additional performance measures.

I. State-Based Administrative Complaint Procedure

Section 254(a)(9) requires a description of the uniform, nondiscriminatory State-based administrative complaint procedures in effect under section 402. This state-based administrative complaint procedure must be in effect prior to certification of the State Plan, but no later than January 1, 2004; no waiver of the procedure is permitted.

The Advisory Committee has developed and adopted a procedure for complaints that meets HAVA requirements³. The Secretary of State adopted regulations to place these procedures into the State Administrative Code prior to submission of the FY 03-04 State Plan. The Secretary of State will continue to review and update regulatory language on an ongoing basis. The Secretary of State has assembled the State Regulatory Committee which will continually review statutes needing clarification and develop regulatory language as needed.

In summary, the procedure provides a uniform, nondiscriminatory procedure for the resolution of any complaint alleging a violation of any provision of Title III of HAVA, including a violation that has occurred, is occurring, or is anticipated to occur. Any person who believes a violation of any provision of Title II has occurred may file a complaint with the Secretary of State. The complaint must be written, signed, sworn to and notarized. At the request of the complainant, the Secretary of State will conduct a hearing on the record that will be conducted in accordance with HAVA requirements. The Secretary of State will provide the appropriate remedy and will provide a final determination within the timeframes specified in HAVA. The procedure provides for alternative dispute resolution if the Secretary of State does not make a timely final determination. Finally, the procedure requires the Secretary of State to make reasonable accommodations to assist persons in need of special assistance for utilizing the complaint procedure.

The Secretary of State's Office has also established a statewide Election Command Center Committee which will further modify and improve various aspects of the complaint procedures to ensure the process remains a uniform and nondiscriminatory state-based administrative process. In addition to coordinating with local law enforcement agencies, the Secretary of State's Office will work closely with local district attorneys and the State's Attorney General to ensure complaints are handled proficiently and swiftly. The Secretary of State will deploy investigators from another division of the office to assist local and state agencies investigative staff and the Elections Division during voting periods to investigate complaints as they are recorded by the Secretary of State's Election Fraud and Complaint Hotline. This committee will be a concerted effort and will work closely with the State Training Committee as well on complaint procedures.

³ See Appendix A for copy of Administrative Complaint Procedure.

J. Effect of Title I Payments

If the State received payment under Title I, Section 254(a)(10) requires a description of how such payment will affect the activities proposed by the State to be carried out under the plan, including the amount of funds available for such activities.

On April 30, 2003, the State received \$5 million in Title I payments. The State has expended a portion of these funds for the voting system upgrades described in this State Plan. In addition, the State has expended these funds for ancillary devices, equipment and services associated with the voting systems contract and for travel and training activities necessary for implementing the new voting systems and the statewide voter registration system. Section 6 of this Plan specifically sets forth the State's intended additional uses for these funds.

K. Ongoing Management of the State Plan

Section 254(a)(11) requires a description of how the State will conduct ongoing management of the plan, except that the State may not make any material change in the administration of the plan unless the change—

- (A) is developed and published in the Federal Register in accordance with section 255 in the same manner as the State plan;*
- (B) is subject to public notice and comment in accordance with section 256 in the same manner as the State plan; and*
- (C) takes effect only after the expiration of the 30-day period which begins on the date the change is published in the Federal Register in accordance with subparagraph (A).*

The State intends to use the State Plan as the foundation for its goals in achieving election reform and compliance with HAVA. To achieve these goals, the Secretary of State has appointed an internal committee in his office to be overseen by the Deputy Secretary for Elections. This committee is responsible for conducting ongoing management of the State Plan. To carry out this function, the committee is required to hold meetings as deemed necessary to address HAVA related issues and keep current on the State's progress toward implementation of HAVA. The Deputy Secretary for Elections, or a designee, is to report to the State Advisory Committee the activities involved with the ongoing management of the Plan. The Secretary of State will continue to hold an annual meeting of the State Advisory Committee to review and update the State Plan, as necessary. The Secretary of State may also convene the State Advisory Committee at other times during the year as deemed advisable.

L. Changes to the State Plan from the Previous Fiscal Year

In the case of a State with a State plan in effect under this subtitle during the previous fiscal year, Section 254(a)(12) requires a description of how the plan reflects changes from the State plan for the previous fiscal year and of how the State succeeded in carrying out the State plan for such previous fiscal year.

This FY 2007-08 State Plan incorporates the same basic theme as the previous plans, and generally reports on the procedures implemented by the State in carrying out the previous plan, such as upgrades to voting systems throughout the State and specific voter education and outreach efforts undertaken by the State.

This current FY 07-08 State Plan updates the status of State performance goals and the various HAVA compliant projects, such as statewide voter registration. Also provided is a general update of achievements in the areas of training, accessibility, statewide voter registration, voter machine upkeep and maintenance, and outreach. This current plan further takes into consideration the Title II, Section 261 funds which had not been drawn prior to 2006.

M. Committee Description and Development of State Plan

Section 254(a)(13) requires a description of the committee which participated in the development of the State plan in accordance with section 255 and the procedures followed by the committee under such section and section 256.

The State's Advisory Committee consists of fifteen (15) members including the Secretary of State, local election officials from the two largest counties in the State and a variety of other election stakeholders⁴. The Secretary of State selected the committee membership and either he or his Chief Deputy acted as Chairperson for each meeting held.

Members of the State Advisory Committee and their qualifications are as follows:

Ross Miller, Secretary of State

Nicole Lamboley, Chief Deputy Secretary of State

Ned Reed, Senior Deputy Attorney General (Appointee of Attorney General Cortez Masto)

Thomas Allman, Rights Advocate/Project Coordinator, Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law

LaVonne Brooks, Executive Director, High Sierra Industries

Dan Burk, Washoe County Registrar of Voters

Heidi Gansert, Assemblywoman, Washoe District 25

Jan Gilbert, N. NV Coordinator, Progressive Leadership Alliance of NV (PLAN)

Barbara Griffin, Douglas County Clerk

Joshua J. Hicks, Legal Counsel to Governor (Appointee of Governor Jim Gibbons)

Ruben Kihuen, State Assemblyman, District 11

Jennifer Lazovich, Esq., Kummer, Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw

Larry Lomax, Clark County Registrar of Voters

Dr. Richard Siegel, President, American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada

Monica Martinez Simmons, Henderson City Clerk

Advisory Committee Staff in the Office of the Secretary of State and their qualifications are as follows:

Matthew M. Griffin, Esq., Deputy Secretary of State for Elections

Rajinder Rai-Nielsen, Esq., State HAVA Coordinator

Lindy Johnson, State Advisory Committee Secretary

In developing this FY 07-08 State Plan, the State Advisory Committee members, with the assistance of staff, individually proposed revisions necessary to update the plan to reflect current circumstances. The committee met July 26, 2007, to review the initial draft incorporating the member's proposed revisions. The committee met again on October 8, 2007, to review the draft incorporating final proposed revisions by members and to consider comments submitted by the public. The FY 07-08 State

⁴ See Appendix B for Advisory Committee biographies and party affiliations.

Plan was formally adopted by the committee on October 8, 2007. Committee meetings were publicly held and noticed in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The FY 07-08 State Plan was then made available for public inspection and comment for a 30-day period prior to submission to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). The Secretary of State published the draft plan and notice of the comment period on October 23, 2007 in his offices, on his website, in the Nevada State Library, at all main county libraries throughout the State, all city and county clerks' offices, and at various other public agencies throughout the State. The notice made it clear that the Secretary of State would accept public comment in the form of e-mails, letters, faxes, etc. through November 21, 2007. After receiving no public comments, the committee-adopted FY 2007-08 Plan was subsequently submitted to the EAC.

APPENDIX A

Administrative Complaint Procedure NAC 293.500 – 293.560, inclusive

COMPLAINTS ALLEGING VIOLATION OF TITLE III OF HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002 (need to update)

NAC 293.500 Definitions. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685) As used in NAC 293.500 to 293.560, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 293.505 and 293.510 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NAC by Sec’y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.505 “Complainant” defined. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685) “Complainant” means a person who files a complaint with the Secretary of State pursuant to NAC 293.515.

(Added to NAC by Sec’y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.510 “Respondent” defined. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685) “Respondent” means a state or local election official against whom a complaint is filed pursuant to NAC 293.515.

(Added to NAC by Sec’y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.515 Filing; form; delivery of copy to respondents. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. A person who believes that a violation of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur may file a complaint with the Office of the Secretary of State.

2. A complaint filed pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Be in writing, notarized and signed and sworn by the complainant. If the Secretary of State prescribes a form for the complaint, the complaint must be filed on that form.

(b) Provide the name of each respondent and a concise statement of the facts of the alleged violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive.

(c) Be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State in Carson City:

(1) Not later than 60 days after the occurrence of the action or event that forms the basis for the complaint or for the belief of the complainant that a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, is about to occur; or

(2) Not later than 60 days after the complainant knew or, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known of the action or event that forms the basis for the complaint or for the belief of the complainant that a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, is about to occur,

↳ whichever is later.

3. The complainant shall mail or deliver a copy of the complaint to each respondent not later than the date on which the complaint is filed.

(Added to NAC by Sec’y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.520 Review; dismissal and refiling. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. The Secretary of State or his designee will review each complaint filed pursuant to NAC 293.515 to determine whether the complaint:

(a) States a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive; and

(b) Complies with the requirements of NAC 293.515.

2. If a complaint fails to state a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, or does not comply with the requirements of NAC 293.515, the complaint will be dismissed without further action and notice of the dismissal will be provided to the complainant.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a complainant whose complaint has been dismissed pursuant to this section may refile the complaint within the time set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NAC 293.515.

4. A complainant whose complaint has been dismissed for failure to state a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, may refile the complaint only one time.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.525 Consolidation; official record. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. The Secretary of State may consolidate complaints filed pursuant to NAC 293.515 if the complaints relate to the same action or event or raise a common question of law or fact. The Secretary of State will notify all interested parties if two or more complaints have been consolidated.

2. The Secretary of State will compile and maintain an official record in connection with each complaint filed pursuant to NAC 293.515.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.530 Hearing: Request; date; notice; nature. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. A complainant may request in a complaint filed pursuant to NAC 293.515 that the Secretary of State hold a hearing on the complaint.

2. If a complainant requests a hearing in accordance with subsection 1, the Secretary of State or his designee will conduct a hearing on the complaint, unless the complaint is dismissed pursuant to NAC 293.520. The hearing will be held not sooner than 10 days but not later than 30 days after a request for a hearing has been made in accordance with subsection 1.

3. The Secretary of State will provide notice of the date, time and place of the hearing at least 10 business days before the hearing:

(a) By mailing a copy of the notice to the complainant, each respondent and any interested person who has requested in writing to be advised of the hearing;

(b) By posting a copy of the notice in a prominent place at the Office of the Secretary of State that is available to the general public; and

(c) By posting a copy of the notice on the website of the Secretary of State.

4. A hearing held pursuant to this section is not a contested case for the purposes of chapter 233B of NRS.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.535 Hearing: Hearing officer; procedure. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Secretary of State or his designee will act as the hearing officer for a hearing held pursuant to NAC 293.530. If the Secretary of State is a respondent in the complaint, the Secretary of State will appoint a designee who is an independent professionally qualified person to act as the hearing officer.

2. The complainant, any respondent and any interested member of the public may appear at the hearing, in person or by teleconference, and testify or present relevant evidence in connection with the complaint. All testimony to be considered in the hearing will be taken under oath. The hearing officer may limit the testimony of witnesses, if necessary, to ensure that all interested persons may present their views. The hearing officer may recess the hearing and reconvene the hearing at a later date, time and place, which must be announced publicly at the hearing.

3. A complainant, respondent or other person who testifies or presents evidence at the hearing may, but need not, be represented by an attorney.

4. Cross-examination at the hearing will be permitted only at the discretion of the hearing officer, but a person may testify or present evidence at the hearing to contradict any other testimony or evidence presented at the hearing. If a person has already testified or presented evidence at the hearing and wishes to contradict testimony or evidence presented subsequently, that person is entitled to be heard again only at the discretion of the hearing officer, who may authorize the person to provide an oral or written response, or both.

5. The hearing will be recorded on audiotape by and at the expense of the Office of the Secretary of State. The recording will not be transcribed, but the Secretary of State, a local board of elections or any party to the hearing may obtain a transcript of the hearing at its own expense. If a board or party obtains a transcript of a hearing, the board or party shall file a copy of the transcript as part of the record and any other interested party may examine the copy of the transcript on record.

6. Any party to the proceeding may file a written brief or memorandum with the hearing officer not later than 5 business days after the conclusion of the hearing. The party shall serve a copy of any such written brief or memorandum on all other parties not later than the time the written brief or memorandum is filed with the hearing officer. No responsive or reply memorandum to such a brief or memorandum will be accepted without the specific authorization of the hearing officer.

7. At the conclusion of the hearing and after any brief or memorandum has been filed pursuant to subsection 6, the hearing officer will determine whether, by a preponderance of the evidence, a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.540 Review and determination when no hearing requested. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685) If a complainant has not requested a hearing on a complaint filed pursuant to NAC 293.515, the Secretary of State or his designee will review the complaint and any accompanying record and determine whether, by a preponderance of the evidence, a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur. If the Secretary of State is a respondent in the complaint, the Secretary of State will appoint an independent professionally qualified person to act as his designee pursuant to this section.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.545 Remedial action or dismissal; issuance of final determination. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. If the Secretary of State or his designee, whether acting as a hearing officer pursuant to NAC 293.535 or reviewing a complaint pursuant to NAC 293.540, determines that a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur, the Secretary of State or his designee will provide the appropriate remedy, including, without limitation, an order to a respondent commanding the respondent to take specified action or prohibiting the respondent from taking specified action, with respect to a past or future election. Such a remedy will not include an award of money damages or attorney's fees.

2. If the Secretary of State or his designee, whether acting as a hearing officer pursuant to NAC 293.535 or reviewing a complaint pursuant to NAC 293.540, determines that a violation of 42 U.S.C. §§ 15481 to 15502, inclusive, has not occurred, is not occurring or is not about to occur, the Secretary of State or his designee will dismiss the complaint.

3. The Secretary of State or his designee will issue a final determination on a complaint made pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 in writing. The final determination will include an explanation of the reasons for the determination and, if applicable, the remedy selected.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 293.550, a final determination of the Secretary of State or his designee on a complaint will be issued within 90 days after the complaint is filed, unless the complainant consents in writing to an extension. The final determination will be:

- (a) Mailed to the complainant, each respondent and any interested person who has requested in writing to be advised of the final determination;
 - (b) Posted on the website of the Secretary of State; and
 - (c) Made available by the Secretary of State, upon request, to any interested person.
- (Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.550 Proceedings for alternative dispute resolution. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685)

1. If the Secretary of State or his designee does not render a final determination on a complaint filed pursuant to NAC 293.515 within 90 days after the complaint is filed, or within any extension period to which the complainant has consented, the Secretary of State will, on or before the fifth business day after the final determination was due to be issued, initiate proceedings for alternative dispute resolution by:

(a) Retaining an independent, professionally qualified person to act as an arbitrator, if the complainant consents in writing to his appointment as the arbitrator at the time of his appointment; or

(b) Designating in writing to the complainant the name of an arbitrator to serve on an arbitration panel to resolve the complaint. If proceedings for alternative dispute resolution are initiated pursuant to this paragraph, not later than 3 business days after the complainant receives such a designation from the Secretary of State, the complainant shall designate in writing to the Secretary of State the name of a second arbitrator. Not

later than 3 business days after such a designation by the complainant, the two arbitrators so designated shall select a third arbitrator to complete the panel.

2. The arbitrator or arbitration panel may review the record compiled in connection with the complaint, including, without limitation, the audio recording of the hearing, any transcript of the hearing and any briefs or memoranda submitted by the parties but shall not receive any additional testimony or evidence unless the arbitrator or arbitration panel requests that the parties present additional briefs or memoranda.

3. The arbitrator, or arbitration panel by a majority vote, shall determine the appropriate resolution of the complaint.

4. The arbitrator or arbitration panel shall issue a written resolution of the complaint not later than 60 days after the final determination of the Secretary of State was due pursuant to NAC 293.545. This period for issuing a written resolution will not be extended.

5. The final resolution of the arbitrator or arbitration panel will be:

(a) Mailed to the complainant, each respondent and any other person who requested in writing to be advised of the final resolution;

(b) Posted on the website of the Secretary of State; and

(c) Made available by the Secretary of State, upon request, to any interested person.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.555 Final determination or resolution not subject to appeal. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685) A final determination of the Secretary of State or his designee pursuant to NAC 293.535, 293.540 or 293.545 or the final resolution of an arbitrator or arbitration panel pursuant to NAC 293.550 is not subject to appeal in any state or federal court.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

NAC 293.560 Assistance in using procedures. (NRS 293.124, 293.4685) The Secretary of State will make reasonable accommodations to assist persons in using the procedures set forth in NAC 293.500 to 293.560, inclusive.

(Added to NAC by Sec'y of State by R077-03, eff. 12-4-2003)

APPENDIX B

Advisory Committee Biographies and Affiliations

State Plan Advisory Committee: Member Biographies

| NAME | TITLE - ORGANIZATION | BIOGRAPHY |
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| Miller, Ross | Secretary of State | Ross Miller was sworn into office on January 1st 2007. Ross is a third-generation Nevadan who previously served as a Deputy District Attorney in Clark County, Nevada. Ross holds a dual degree, in law (J.D.) and a Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.), from Loyola Marymount University, in Los Angeles. He completed his undergraduate studies at Stanford University in California, earning a Bachelor of Arts major in English, with minors in Psychology and Political Science. While at Stanford, Ross served as a White House Intern, where he worked under then-Cabinet Liaison Thurgood Marshall, Jr. |
| Lamboley, Nicole | Chief Deputy Secretary of State | Nicole Lamboley, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, was appointed by Secretary Ross Miller in January 2007. Ms. Lamboley has spent the past 18 years working in different capacities in the area of public and government affairs, about half of which have been spent working in the public sector. Prior to joining Secretary Miller's administration, she served as campaign manager for Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. Before that, Ms. Lamboley served as Legislative Affairs Manager for the City of Reno and was in charge of the city's state, federal and intergovernmental lobbying efforts. Her career also includes positions as Senior Regional Manager for the National Association of Manufacturers, Deputy Chief of Staff to former Nevada Governor Bob Miller, and Production Manager for the Harriman Communications' Center. Ms. Lamboley received her Bachelors degree from the University of Notre Dame and her Masters degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University |
| Allman, Thomas | Rights Advocate/Projects Coordinator, NDALC | Tom has been with Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) in Las Vegas. As a Rights Advocate/Projects Coordinator for 4 ½ years where he has been the HAVA, (Help America Vote Act) Coordinator. As NDALC's HAVA Coordinator under his agency's HAVA Grant has been to assure full access to the electoral process so that people with disabilities can register to vote and vote with complete independence and privacy. His duties include conducting voting rights outreach meetings to disability organizations, monitoring through site visits ADA compliance for polling places and providing monitoring and technical assistance of both State and County Election Departments to assure they are in compliance with HAVA sections as they relate to people with disabilities. His other agency duties involve coordinating the annual staff training and resolving many ADA compliance issues regarding access to private and government buildings. He has over 18 years working with people with disabilities including his over 7 years as Director of the Corrections Office for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission in Boston. Both his Doctorate in Rehabilitation and Masters in Education in Counseling Psychology are from Boston College, while his J.D. is from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. |
| Brooks, LaVonne | Executive Director, High Sierra Industries (HSI) | Bachelor and Master in Organizational Management and Development. First Hispanic Female appointed to serve as a City of Reno Planning Commissioner and appointed to serve as Vice Chair on the Governor's Task Force for Provider Rates in 2001 & 2002. Prior to joining HSI, LaVonne worked for an international consulting firm for 2 years and spent 14 years with a computer manufacturing company. She then owned her own training & development company specializing in improving performance through computer upgrades. |
| Burk, Dan | Registrar of Voters, Washoe County | B.A. in Public Administration, U of North Texas (1970). M.A. in History, U of Northern Colorado (1977). Worked over 20 years in all aspects of election procedures in Oregon, from Director of Records and Elections, Liaison Officer in the Archive Division to membership on the committee for the implementation of the ADA (American Disabilities Act) regarding Oregon's standards for handicapped access to polling locations. |
| Gansert, Heidi | Assemblywoman, Washoe Dist. 25 | LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Nevada Assembly, 2004-2007 (first elected November 2004) - two special and two regular sessions. Assistant Minority Leader, 2007; Minority Whip, 2005. 2007 Session: Member: Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor; Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments; and Ways and Means. AFFILIATIONS: Advisory Board Member, Angel Kiss Foundation; Advisory Committee Member, Nevada Organ and Tissue Donor Taskforce; Republican Women of Reno; Reno Area Triathletes. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Freshman Legislator of the Year, The Las Vegas Review Journal, 2004; Freshman Legislator of the Year, Peace Officers Research Association of Nevada; President, Legislative Leadership Academy, The Council of State Governments-WEST; Past Treasurer, College of Business Alumni Association, University of Nevada, Reno; Past President, Casa de Vida Auxiliary; Past Treasurer, Alliance to the Washoe County Medical Society. |

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| Gilbert, Jan | Northern Nevada Coordinator, PLAN | B.A. Economics from UCLA. She co-founded the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN). Prior to working on economic and environmental justice issues at the state legislature for 24 years, she began advocacy work for the League of Women Voters. She has received several Humanitarian Awards including the Women's role Model Award from the Attorney General and the Hannah Humanitarian Award from the Committee to Aid Abused Women. She also served on the Department of Human Resources Block Grant Commission for 7 years and was Chairman for two of those years. |
| Griffin, Barbara | County Clerk, Douglas County | Barbara was first elected Clerk-Treasurer in 1986 but has worked in the Douglas County Clerk-Treasurer's office since November of 1973. Her key interest and commitment is the election process and the advancements currently being taken to allow voters easy accessibility to vote. |
| Appointment: Hicks, Joshua | General Counsel to the Governor | Joshua Hicks joined the Governor's office as General Counsel in January 2007. He previously served as a Senior Deputy Attorney General in the Nevada Department of Justice, representing the Secretary of State, the Nevada Tax Commission and the Nevada Department of Taxation. While at the Nevada Department of Justice, Josh argued cases in front of various Nevada District Courts, the Nevada Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He was the lead attorney on eight published cases. Josh has also served as a law clerk to both the Nevada Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Santa Clara University in 1995 and his Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University in 1998. He has been a licensed attorney in Nevada since 1998. Hicks' wide ranging areas of practice include administrative and regulatory law, election law, state tax law, bill drafting, state personnel law, open meeting law, constitutional law, and public contracts. Josh lives in Reno and is a third-generation native Nevadan. He is married to KC Hicks, who works as a registered nurse in the oncology department at Renown Health. |
| Kihuen, Ruben | Assemblyman, Clark District 11 | Born: 1980 – Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Educated: Rancho High School, Diploma; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., Education; University of Oklahoma, Masters in Public Administration (completing). Hobbies/Special Interests: Reading, traveling, motivating youth, soccer, weight lifting and exercising, movies. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Nevada Assembly, 2007 (first elected November 2006). AFFILIATIONS: Board of Directors, Volunteer Center of Southern Nevada; Member, Clark County Community Development Advisory Committee; Member, North Las Vegas Citizens Advisory Committee; Volunteer, Professionals and Youth Building a Commitment (PAYBAC); Member, Latin Chamber of Commerce; Member, Nevada Hispanic Democratic Caucus; Member, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Former Regional Representative to United States Senator Harry Reid; named DASHPAC National Young Leader, 2004; represented Nevada at the Next Generation Democratic Leaders Conference hosted by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, 2004; John F. Kennedy Award, Nevada State Democratic Party, 2006; Mexican Legend Award, Julio Cesar Chavez Educational Foundation, 2006; Community Activist of the Year, Familias Unidas de Nevada, 2005-2006; Outstanding Community Activist, City of Las Vegas, 2006; Grand Marshall, Hispanic Day Parade, 2006; Nevada High Schools Soccer Player of the Year, 1997-1998; worked as Field Organizer for the Democratic National Committee for political campaigns in Virginia, Texas, and Florida. |

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| Lazovich, Jennifer | Attorney, Kummer Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw & Ferrario | Jennifer Lazovich has been with the Firm since November 2001. She is a member of the Firm's Government Affairs department, and has been practicing in the areas of zoning, land use planning, and government affairs since 1998. Ms. Lazovich holds extensive experience in public affairs and government service. She worked in Washington, D.C. in the Finance Division of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. She also served internships in the Washington, D.C. office of United States Senator Harry Reid, and the Elections Division of the Nevada Secretary of State's Office. Ms. Lazovich was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 1998. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Nevada, and the Clark County Bar Association. She has spoken at the Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies and is a graduate of the Leadership Las Vegas program through the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, a member of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and a member of the North Las Vegas 2025 Visioning Committee. She has presented and published articles on issues covering zoning, land use planning, and the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998. |
| Lomax, Larry | Registrar of Voters, Clark County | B.A. in English Literature, Stanford University (1967) and Master of Business Administration from University of North Dakota (1977). He was a Distinguished Graduate from the Air Force's Officer Training School and as a pilot flew over 4,000 hours in a 30 year career. He served on the Joint Staff in Washington D.C. and had the opportunity to work with legislators and staff members on a wide range of issues. He began his career as Assistant Registrar for Registrations in January of 1998 overseeing the training of 7,000 election board officers, processing of petitions, and election night logistics and was appointed Registrar of Voters with full responsibility for the County's Election Department in March of 1999. |
| <i>Appointment:</i> Reed, Ned | Senior Deputy Attorney General | Edward T. "Ned" Reed is a lifelong and fifth-generation Nevadan, currently serving as a Senior Deputy Attorney General representing the Nevada Secretary of State. He grew up in Reno, and graduated from Tulane University in 1975 with a B.A. in Philosophy, and after graduation served 4 years active duty military as a U.S. Army officer at Fort Hood, Texas. He attended McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California, graduating in 1985 with a juris doctor. Since becoming an attorney in 1985, he has served as a law clerk to the Honorable Mario Recanzone of the Third Judicial District Court in Fallon, Nevada, Deputy District Attorney in Humboldt County, Nevada, from 1987 to 1990, private practice in Reno from 1990 to 1992, and since 1992 has been a Deputy Attorney General in Carson City. |
| Siegel, Dr. Richard | President, ACLU of Nevada | Richard Siegel, Ph.D is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Nevada Reno, President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada and Chairperson of the Nevada Committee on Foreign Relations. He served on the Board of Directors of the National ACLU from 1975 to 1988. A former consultant for the United Nations in the area of human rights, he continues to teach human rights and world politics. |
| Simmons, Monica M. | City Clerk, City of Henderson | Monica was appointed City Clerk in 1998 by the City Council following 20 years of service in the City Attorney's Office. During her 28-year tenure at the City, she has experienced unprecedented growth (from 23,567 to a current population of 265,000.) Monica serves on the Board of Directors for the international organization of Municipal Clerks and Administrators, representing 15 countries and a membership of 10,000. She was elected president of the Nevada Municipal Clerks' Association in 1994, and she is an active member with the League of Women Voters, Nevada Women's History Project, and the American Bar Association. Monica partnered with the University of Nevada/Reno to establish the first Nevada Municipal and County Clerks' accredited educational institute. At the request of the U.S. Department of State, she pursued the implementation of a full-service U.S. Passport Application Program in 2003. Monica continues her commitment to strengthening community relations through effective outreach programs, including Henderson's nationally recognized "Local Youth Vote" campaign and the recent implementation of "Vote Centers" during Henderson's Municipal Elections. |

APPENDIX C

Agenda for July 26, 2007 Advisory Committee Meeting

NEVADA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting: **Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**

Room 2134
Nevada State Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada

Room 4406
Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

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- I. Introduction and Welcome
 - II. Update on Status of HAVA Compliance and State/Federal Funding
 - III. First Review of Proposed HAVA State Plan for 2007-08
 - IV. Comments of Committee Members
 - V. Public Comment
 - VI. Adjournment

Notice of this meeting has been posted at the following locations:

Offices of the 17 County Clerks/Registrar of Voters
The Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Street, Las Vegas, Nevada
Nevada State Legislature, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada

Notice of this meeting was posted on the following website:

<http://www.secretaryofstate.biz>

Posted July 20, 2007

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APPENDIX D

Agenda for October 8, 2007 Advisory Committee Meeting

NEVADA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting: **Monday, October 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**

Room 2134
Nevada State Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada

Room 4412
Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

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- I. Introduction and Welcome
 - II. Second Review of Proposed HAVA State Plan for 2007-08
 - A. Inclusion of more detailed budget information
 - B. Other changes made in response to member comments
 - III. Comments of Committee Members*
 - IV. Committee Vote for Passage of FY 2007-08 State Plan*
 - V. Public Comment
 - VI. Adjournment*

Items marked with a "*" are items on which action may be taken.

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APPENDIX E

Temporary Statewide Voter Registration Maintenance Regulations
Effective 5/9/07 – 11/1/07

PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATIONS OF

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

LCB File No. T029-07

Effective: May 9, 2007

EXPLANATION – These regulations pertain to the statewide voter registration list required by NRS 293.675 and 42 U.S.C. 15483. Specifically, these regulations set out the procedures by which the statewide voter registration list is maintained and utilized.

EXPLANATION – Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NRS 293.124; 293.675.

A REGULATION relating to elections and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 293 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 29, inclusive, of this regulation.

Sec. 2. Purpose.

1. The purpose of these temporary regulations is to codify standards and procedures for the processing, transmittal, and maintenance of voter registration records in a manner that conforms with the statewide voter registration list requirements set forth in the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) (Pub. L. No. 107-252 (2002) 116 Stat. 1666, 42 U.S.C. § 15483) and NRS 293.675.

2. These regulations apply to the Secretary of State and all elections officials within the State of Nevada responsible for the processing, transmittal, and maintenance of voter registration records in this state.

Sec. 3. Statewide Voter Registration Database.

1. The statewide voter registration list will be maintained in a single, official, uniform, centralized and interactive computerized database administered and maintained by the Secretary of State. The database shall be known as "NevVoter."

2. NevVoter will contain the official and exclusive voter registration list to be used for the conduct of all state and federal elections in Nevada. NevVoter shall contain the name and pertinent registration information of every registered voter in Nevada.

3. *Registration information held solely in a county or local database is not considered part of NevVoter unless and until that information is electronically submitted to NevVoter as prescribed by regulation.*

4. *Registration information maintained in NevVoter will be deemed official for a particular business day as of 9:00 a.m. each business morning. Mechanical and processing errors in the nightly electronic submitting process to NevVoter may affect the official status of registration information maintained in NevVoter for that particular business day.*

5. *Each county or local election official must maintain interactive and compatible software and protocols that allow a daily transfer of required registration information from County Election Management Systems to NevVoter.*

Sec. 4. Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following definitions:

1. *"Eligible voter" means any registered voter that is legally entitled to vote.*

2. *"Business day" means any calendar day except Saturday and Sunday or a legal holiday pursuant to Nevada law.*

3. *"Canceled" means the status of a voter whose registration has been canceled pursuant to law and is therefore ineligible to vote, including but not limited to convicted felons who have not had their civil rights restored and persons who have been adjudicated mentally incompetent. A voter on canceled status is deemed not registered to vote.*

4. *"Critical Eligibility Criteria" means voter information that, if missing, renders a person ineligible to vote. Such information includes: name; residence address; date of birth, signature; Nevada driver's license number, last four digits of social security number, unique identification number or indication that person has signed the affidavit prescribed by NRS 293.507(5).*

5. *"County Elections Management System" means any computerized application and database that manages voter registration and related election functions for a county, other than NevVoter.*

6. *"County Elections Official" means a county clerk or registrar of voters who is responsible for collecting, maintaining and processing voter registration data within a jurisdiction in the State of Nevada.*

7. *"Data Exchange Standards" means the document prepared by the Secretary of State that sets forth the technical rules and requirements of NevVoter.*

8. *"Deficient registration record" means those records submitted to NevVoter that do not meet the NevVoter data exchange standards set forth in the "Data Exchange Standards Document".*

9. *"Federal election" means any general, special, primary, or runoff election for any Federal office (President, Vice President, U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative), including presidential preference primaries.*

10. *"Full load file" means an electronic data file containing all county voter registration records. Such a file must adhere to the format standards and requirements set forth in the "Data Exchange Standards Document".*

11. *"Inactive voter" means a voter whose mail is returned from the address at which he registered to vote and has not provided a County Elections Official with a new residence address. Inactive voters retain the legal right to vote, but need not be mailed election material.*

12. *"List maintenance notices" mean any notices mailed to a registered voter for the purpose of verifying registration information about a voter and to determine a voter's ongoing eligibility to vote.*

13. *"Nevada driver's license" means a voter's Nevada driver's license or state identification number that has been issued by the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles.*

14. *"NevValidator" means the computer interface by which an election official can compare a Nevada driver's license number or social security number on a voter's registration record with the voter's Nevada driver's license number or social security number recorded with the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and the Social Security Administration.*

15. *"NevVoter Procedures Manual" means the most recent version of the procedures manual prepared by the Secretary of State for use by County Election Officials in the administration of NevVoter.*

16. *"Official Identification" means the forms of proof of residency and identity required by NRS 293.517.*

17. *"P-17" means the status for a voter who was under age 18 at the time his voter registration was submitted, but who will be age 18 or older by election day and who has met all other legal requirements to vote.*

18. *"Pending" means the status for a voter who has submitted a voter registration application that is missing certain information or has incorrect required information and includes:*

(a) *"Active Pending" means a voter with certain registration information that needs to be confirmed but who has otherwise provided all critical eligibility criteria, or a voter who is required to provide some type of identification before voting but who is otherwise is still eligible to vote; and*

(b) "Fatal Pending" means a voter who is missing critical eligibility criteria and who is ineligible to vote until the missing information is submitted to the appropriate County Elections Official.

19. "Registration record" means electronically stored data associated with an individual registered voter.

20. "Social security number" means the last four digits of a voter's social security number issued by the Social Security Administration.

21. "Voided" means the status of a voter whose registration information has been declared void pursuant to law and is therefore ineligible to vote. A voter on voided status is deemed not registered to vote.

22. "Voting History" means the electronic record of each time a voter participates in a state or Federal election.

23. "Active Voter" means an eligible voter whose residence address is current

Sec. 5. Official Statewide Voter Registration List.

1. A County Elections Official shall submit the voter registration information required by the Data Exchange Standards Document for his respective county to NevVoter in accordance with Section 12.

2. The official statewide voter registration list for Federal elections shall be maintained in NevVoter. County Elections Officials must use the NevVoter list to determine eligibility to vote, issuance of ballots, whether or not to count a provisional ballot, and for any other election related functions.

3. For the purposes of establishing the official voter registration list for a Federal election and determining voter eligibility to vote in that election, including determining the validity of any provisional ballot cast in that election, the Secretary of State shall archive a copy of all eligible voters in NevVoter on the 19th day prior to an election. No changes may be made to the archived records prior to the upcoming election except under the following circumstances:

(a) New or updated voter registration data received pursuant to the production and filing of a certified copy of a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction directing registration to be made;

(b) Voter registration data regarding a voter determined by the Secretary of State or a County Elections Official to have been legally registered to vote as of the close of registration; or

(c) Voter registration data submitted pursuant to NRS 293.502.

4. *County Election Officials shall continue to submit information to NevVoter after the 19th day prior to an election but any such records shall not be included in the archived list for the upcoming election created pursuant to subsection 3.*

5. *The Secretary of State shall prepare an official statewide voter registration list for the upcoming election for distribution to each County Election Official from the archived records created pursuant to subsection 3 and which must be consistent with pollbooks, rosters, master lists, and posting logs generated from a County Elections Management System for use in the upcoming election and for all other official election purposes.*

6. *The Secretary of State shall prepare a final official statewide voter registration list for use in the upcoming election which reflects the archived records created pursuant to subsection 3, along with any permitted changes to those records, for distribution to each County Election Official and which must be consistent with pollbooks, rosters, master lists and posting logs generated from a County Elections Management System for use on the upcoming election day and for all other official election purposes.*

7. *Within 45 days of the date the election is certified, a County Elections Official must submit a full load file which includes the Voting History for each voter in a County Election Management System. The Secretary of State shall thereafter update the list created pursuant to subsection 6 with the Voter History of all eligible voters, and the list shall then be archived and preserved.*

Sec. 6. Status of Voters in NevVoter.

1. *Every person in NevVoter shall be assigned a status that will be used to determine eligibility to vote in an election.*

2. *Persons with "active," or "inactive" status shall be considered eligible to vote.*

3. *Persons with "p-17" status shall be considered eligible to vote in any election that takes place on or after that person's eighteenth birthday.*

4. *Persons with "void" or "cancelled" or "pend" status shall be considered ineligible to vote. A person with any such status may be placed on a different status up to the date of the election if a County Election Official determines pursuant to law that the person's status should be changed, and that change is thereafter made to a County Election Management System and submitted to NevVoter.*

5. *"Active" and "fatal pends", as defined in Section 4(18) are category statuses not appearing in NevVoter, but which may appear in local election management systems.*

Sec. 7. Action Required.

- 1. A County Elections Official who receives a notice from the Secretary of State or another County Elections Official requesting a change to, or cancellation of, or verification of, a voter's registration record shall commence the requested action, including sending any required notices, within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the notice. A County Elections Officials shall undertake all reasonable and legally required actions to research and comply with the requested action. A County Elections Official shall follow the procedures set forth in the NevVoter Procedures Manual.*
- 2. In the event that a County Elections Official is required by law to provide a notice to a voter in order to comply with the requested action, a County Elections Official must complete the requested action and submit a fully complete and updated full load file to NevVoter within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the County Elections Official receives the notice set forth in subsection 1 of this section.*
- 3. In the event that a County Elections Official is not required by law to provide a notice to a voter in order to comply with the requested action, including but not limited to data entry errors, a County Elections Official must complete the requested action and submit a fully complete and updated full load file to NevVoter within ten (10) calendar days of the date the County Elections Official receives the notice set forth in subsection 1 of this section.*
- 4. A County Elections Official shall give priority to all notices received from the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1 of this section which pertain to voter registration applications submitted on and after January 1, 2006.*
- 5. A County Elections Official who receives a notice pursuant to subsection 1 of this section before the date of an election must expedite and complete the required action by the date of the election.*
- 6. A County Elections Official may, in his discretion, resolve any data entry errors regardless of how or by whom such errors were generated.*

Sec. 8. Data Exchange Standards.

- 1. The Secretary of State shall regularly check and identify records that are not compliant with the Data Exchange Standards Document. County Elections Officials must correct deficient registration records in accordance with Section 7.*
- 2. Except as provided in Section 5, County Elections Officials must submit all registration records listed in the Data Exchange Standards Document to NevVoter. Such records shall adhere to proper format as noted in the Data Exchange Standards Document.*

3. *The Secretary of State shall transmit registration records, notices, and other information regarding NevVoter to County Elections Officials each night.*
4. *Each County Elections Official must access NevVoter each business day to obtain the most current voter registration information.*
5. *The Data Exchange Standards Document may be accessed by elections officials by contacting the Secretary of State's Office.*

Sec. 9. County Elections Management System Requirements.

Each elections official shall maintain a County Elections Management System that is able to submit information required by the Data Exchange Standards Document to NevVoter in accordance with Section 5 and Section 12. The Elections Management Systems shall also maintain and process all of the following information:

1. *The voter's Nevada driver's license number, or for voters without a Nevada driver's license number, the last four digits of the voter's social security number, or for voters without a Nevada driver's license or a social security number, a record of whether the voter signed the affidavit required by NRS 293.507(5);*
2. *Whether the voter is an Active voter or whether critical eligibility criteria are missing;*
3. *Voting history of each registered voter in the county in which the elections official conducts and administers the elections;*
4. *Whether any voter failed to provide the requisite identification at the time his voter registration application was submitted;*
5. *Whether any voter registered by mail after January 1, 2006 and has not previously voted in a federal election;*
6. *The date and type for each mailing list maintenance notice sent to a voter, whether the voter to whom the list maintenance notice was directed responded to the notice, and any resulting updates to voter registration records;*
7. *For a voter who is listed in an Elections Management System as an inactive voter, the reason for the change in status to inactive voter and the date of the change;*
8. *For a voter who is listed in an Elections Management System as having a cancelled or void registration, the reason for the change in status to cancelled or void and the date of the change;*

9. *For a voter who is listed in an Elections Management System as having a pending registration, the reason for the pending status; and*

10. *The voter's unique identifier assigned pursuant to Section 29 of these regulations.*

Sec. 10. Critically Deficient Registration Records.

A registration record submitted for the purposes of updating NevVoter that does not contain critical eligibility criteria shall be placed on fatal pending status. A County Elections Official shall take all reasonable steps to correct and resubmit the voter's registration record to NevVoter in accordance with the time periods and procedures set forth in Section 7 of these regulations, and at the latest, by the Wednesday before an election. A voter who is the subject of the critically deficient registration record shall not be deemed eligible to vote until the deficient registration record is corrected, resubmitted to and accepted by NevVoter. This Section shall not preclude the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot.

Sec. 11. Verification of Nevada Driver's License Numbers on Registration Applications Submitted on or After January 1, 2006.

1. *Each business day the Secretary of State shall compare driver's license numbers for each voter in NevVoter with the driver's license data file from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles in order to match Nevada driver's license numbers for all registered voters in NevVoter.*

2. *The Secretary of State shall immediately notify a County Elections Official of any voters who the Secretary of State determines have an unmatched driver's license number as the result of the process in subsection 1 of this section.*

3. *A County Elections Official noticed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall take the necessary steps to correct and resubmit the voter's registration record to NevVoter in accordance with the time periods and procedures set forth in Section 7 of these regulations and the NevVoter Procedures Manual.*

4. *If, as a result of the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section, a County Elections Official determines that an unmatched driver's license number was the result of a data entry error, the County Elections Official shall correct the error and submit a full load file to NevVoter.*

5. *If a County Elections Official is unable to obtain a driver's license number as the result of the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section, a voter shall not be allowed to cast any ballot except a provisional ballot unless the voter has provided his social security number or has signed the affidavit required by NRS 293.507(5). A voter who provides proof of his correct driver's license number at a polling place shall be considered to have provided the correct number as of the last day to register for that election. A County Elections Official shall enter the correct number into a County*

Elections System and submit a full load file to NevVoter at the next time a full load file is required by these regulations.

6. The provisions of this section apply only to voter registration applications submitted on and after January 1, 2006.

7. The provisions of this section do not apply if a voter has provided a social security number that has been verified pursuant to Section 17 or if a voter has signed the affidavit required by NRS 293.507(5).

8. All voter registration applications submitted on and after January 1, 2006 and before an election must be processed by the date of the close of registration for that election.

Sec. 12. Full Load Files.

Except as provided in Section 5, or otherwise requested by the Secretary of State, County Elections Officials shall submit a full load file to NevVoter at least once every twenty-four hours, each business day.

Sec. 13. Updating NevVoter with New Registration Records and Changes to Existing Registration Records.

Except as provided in Section 5, whenever a County Elections Official receives a new registration record or a change to an existing registration record or makes a change to an existing registration record, whether in response to a notice from the Secretary of State or otherwise, the County Elections Official shall process such information and transmit a full load file to NevVoter in accordance with Section 12 on the same business day in which the changes are made to the County Elections Management System. Additionally, the County Elections Official shall keep a record of all changes made.

Sec. 14. State Death Records.

1. The Secretary of State shall compare all voter registration records with records of deceased persons from the Department of Health and Human Services each time the Department of Health and Human Services updates its records of deceased persons.

2. Whenever the Secretary of State receives new records of deceased persons from the Department of Health and Human Services the records shall be compared to the voter registration records in NevVoter to identify potential matches.

3. Upon identifying potential matches, the Secretary of State shall transmit notices of the potential matches to the appropriate County Elections Officials.

4. A County Elections Official shall correct and resubmit the voter's registration record to NevVoter in accordance with the time periods and procedures set forth in Section 7 of these regulations and the NevVoter Procedures Manual.

5. *If a match is confirmed by the County Elections Official, the County Election Management System shall be updated accordingly and a full load file shall be submitted to NevVoter in accordance with Section 7 and Section 12. If a match is confirmed, a County Elections Official may consider the notice sent by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 3 of this section to be a sufficient notice to cancel a registration pursuant to NRS 293.540(1).*

6. *If a match is not confirmed by the County Elections Official, the County Elections Official shall notify the Secretary of State and shall not list the voter as deceased in a County Election Management System.*

Sec. 15. Felony Records.

1. *Each County Elections Official shall compare all voter registration records with records of convicted felons received from any law enforcement agency or from the Secretary of State whenever the County Elections Official receives updated felony records.*

2. *Whenever the County Election Official receives new records of convicted felons the records shall be compared to the voter registration records in County Elections Management System to identify potential matches.*

3. *Upon identifying potential matches, the County Election Official shall determine whether the convicted felon has had his right to vote restored pursuant to NRS 213.090, 213.155, 213.157 or 293.540.*

4. *If a County Election Official determines that a convicted felon has had his right to vote restored, the County Election Management System shall be updated accordingly and a full load file shall be submitted to NevVoter in accordance with Section 7 and Section 12.*

5. *If a County Elections Official determines that a convicted felon has not had his right to vote restored, the County Elections Official shall cancel the registration of that person in a County Election Management System and a full load file shall be submitted to NevVoter in accordance with Section 7 and Section 12.*

Sec. 16. Duplicate Registration Records.

1. *Each business day, the Secretary of State shall conduct checks within the NevVoter statewide registration list to identify potential duplicate registrations for the same voter within that list, based on established rotating criteria. Upon identification of potential duplicate registration records, the Secretary of State shall automatically send an electronic notice to the county or counties with the record or records created prior to the latest date.*

2. *A County Elections Official noticed pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall correct and resubmit the voter's registration record to NevVoter in accordance with the time periods and procedures set forth in Section 7 of these regulations and the NevVoter Procedures Manual.*

3. *If a County Election Official confirms that duplicate registrations exist, all but the most current registration shall be cancelled in a County Election Management System and a full load file shall be submitted to NevVoter in accordance with Section 7 and Section 12. If a duplicate registration is confirmed, a notice sent pursuant to subsection 1 of this section shall operate as a cancellation notice for purposes of NRS 293.527.*

Sec. 17. Verification of Social Security Numbers Listed on Registration Applications Submitted on or After January 1, 2006.

1. *Each business day, the Secretary of State shall compare social security numbers for each voter in NevVoter with the social security number data file from the Social Security Administration in order to match social security numbers for all registered voters in NevVoter.*

2. *The Secretary of State shall immediately notify a County Elections Official of any voters who the Secretary of State determines have an unmatched social security number as the result of the process in subsection 1 of this section.*

3. *A County Elections Official noticed pursuant to subsection 2 of this section shall take the necessary steps to correct and resubmit the voter's registration record to NevVoter in accordance with the time periods and procedures set forth in Section 7 of these regulations and the NevVoter Procedures Manual.*

4. *If, as a result of the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section, a County Elections Official determines that an unmatched social security number was the result of a data entry error, the County Elections Official shall correct the error and submit a full load file to NevVoter.*

5. *If a County Elections Official is unable to obtain a social security number as the result of the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section, a voter shall not be allowed to cast any ballot except a provisional ballot unless the voter has provided a Nevada driver's license number or has signed the affidavit required by NRS 293.507(5). A voter who provides proof of the correct social security number at a polling place shall be considered to have provided the correct number as of the last day to register for that election. A County Elections Official shall enter the correct number into a County Elections System and submit a full load file to NevVoter at the next time a full load file is required by these regulations.*

6. *The provisions of this section apply only to voter registration applications submitted on or after January 1, 2006.*

7. *The provisions of this section do not apply if a voter has provided a Nevada driver's license number that has been verified pursuant to Section 11 or if a voter has signed the affidavit required by NRS 293.507(5).*

8. *All voter registration applications submitted on and after January 1, 2006 and before an election must be processed by the date of the close of registration for that election.*

Sec. 18. Voting History.

A County Elections Official shall submit to the Secretary of State the Voter History of all voters who cast a ballot in each statewide and Federal election by the 45th day after each election.

Sec. 19. Certification of Elections Official.

By submitting a full load file to NevVoter, a County Election Official certifies that the information contained therein is accurate, is in compliance with State and Federal law, and was submitted to NevVoter via secure file transfer protocols and in accordance with applicable law.

Sec. 20. Obligations of State and Local Election Officials.

Any voter registration information obtained by a County Elections Official shall be electronically entered into the County Elections Management System and into NevVoter on an expedited basis at the time the information is provided. The Secretary of State shall provide such support as may be required so County Election Officials are able to submit any voter registration information into NevVoter.

Sec. 21. Computerized List Maintenance and Conduct.

1. *A County Election Official is responsible for daily and routine upkeep and maintenance of all voter registration information in an Election Management System and any information that is submitted to NevVoter. Daily and routine upkeep must include efforts to identify and remove ineligible voters from the active voter rolls.*

2. *Routine upkeep and maintenance must be done in a manner that ensures that the name of each eligible and registered voter appears in NevVoter.*

Sec. 22. Pollbooks, Rosters, Master Lists and Posting Logs.

A County Elections Official may print pollbooks, rosters, master lists and posting logs for use at a polling place from an Election Management System so long as the voter information on the Election Management System is identical to the voter information maintained in NevVoter as of the date on which the roster will be used and so long as the County Elections Official has made all certifications required by these regulations.

Sec. 23. Reports.

A County Election Official shall submit to the Secretary of State all reports generated by a County Election Official pursuant to the Data Exchange Standards Document.

Sec. 24. Security.

1. All transmissions of data to and from a County Elections Management System and NevVoter must be secured pursuant to the standards set forth in the Data Exchange Standards Document.

2. A County Elections Official shall ensure that any voter registration information that is deemed confidential by law is not disclosed to unauthorized personnel in any transmissions to and from NevVoter or NevValidator.

3. NevVoter and NevValidator may only be utilized by authorized personnel for election purposes. The Secretary of State may establish minimum criteria, including but not limited to background checks, for any such authorized personnel.

Sec. 25. Confidential Address Program.

All voter records that are confidential pursuant to NRS 293.5002 shall be maintained in a manner ensuring these records are accessible only to authorized personnel and shall not be accessible to the public. Confidential voter records under this section shall be maintained by County Election officials and the Secretary of State will periodically verify status of confidential address program participants as requested by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 26. Confidential Voter Addresses and Telephone Numbers.

A County Elections Management System shall note any voter who has requested that his address and telephone number be kept confidential pursuant to NRS 293.558. Such a notation shall be submitted to NevVoter as part of a full load file.

Sec. 27. County Elections Official Override.

A County Elections Official may override a notice from the Secretary of State or another County Elections Official sent pursuant to Sections 11, 14, 15, 16 or 17 if both the County Elections Official and the Secretary of State agree that the notice was sent in error. In the event of an override, the County Elections Official must maintain a detailed description of the reason for the override.

Sec. 28. Voters Who Are Exempt From Identification Requirements.

If a voter is exempt by law from a requirement to show identification at a polling place, such an exemption shall be noted in a County Elections Management System and shall be included in a submission of any full load file.

Sec. 29. Unique Identifier.

Each voter in NevVoter shall be assigned a unique identification number. The unique identification number shall be assigned pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Nevada Procedures Manual and the Data Exchange Standards.