

NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

This pocket reference guide contains key provisions found within the Nevada Revised Statutes, § 293.274 through § 293.790 and other relevant sections.

- Interfering with the duties of election officials by use or threat of force or intimidation is a felony.
- Interference with an election is a felony.
- Intimidation of voters by use or threat of violence, force, or coercion is a felony.

VOTING HOURS

Election Day
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

2024 ELECTION DATES

Presidential Preference Primary:
February 6 (Early voting Jan. 27 to Feb. 2)

June Primary: June 11
(Early voting May 25 to June 7)

General Election: November 5
(Early voting Oct. 19 to Nov. 1)

For other election info: nvsos.gov/sos/elections/election-information/2024-election-information

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR TO

Your local election official: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/county-clerk-contact-information>

Nevada Secretary of State:
(775) 684-5705
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Use of or threatening or attempting to use force, intimidation, coercion, violence, restraint or undue influence to interfere with election officials unlawful

N.R.S. SB 406 § 1

1. It is unlawful for any person to use or threaten or attempt to use any force, intimidation, coercion, violence, restraint or undue influence with the intent to:
 - (a) Interfere with the performance of the duties of any elections official relating to an election; or
 - (b) Retaliate against any elections official for performing duties relating to an election.
2. The provisions of subsection 1 apply regardless of whether a person uses or threatens or attempts to use such force, intimidation, coercion, violence, restraint or undue influence at a polling place or a location other than a polling place.
3. It is unlawful for a person to disseminate any personal identifying information or sensitive information of an elections official without the consent of the elections official, knowing that the elections official could be identified by such information, if:
 - (a) The person disseminates such personal identifying information or sensitive information:
 - (1) With the intent to aid, assist, encourage, facilitate, further or promote any criminal offense which would be reasonably likely to cause death, bodily injury or stalking; or
 - (2) With the intent to cause harm to the elections official and with knowledge of or reckless disregard for the reasonable likelihood that the dissemination of the information may cause death, bodily injury or stalking; and
 - (b) The dissemination of the personal identifying information or sensitive information:
 - (1) Would cause a reasonable person to fear the death, bodily injury or stalking of himself or herself or a close relation; or

(2) Causes the death, bodily injury or stalking of the elections official whose information was disseminated or a close relation of the elections official.

4. A person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 or 3 is guilty of a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

5. This section does not limit:

(a) The applicability of the provisions of law relating to:

(1) Observing the conduct of voting at a polling place pursuant to NRS 293.274 or 293C.269;

(2) Observing the conduct of tests pursuant to NRS 293B.145 or 293C.615;

(3) Observing the handling of ballots upon the closing of the polls pursuant to NRS 293B.330 or 293C.630;

(4) Observing the counting of ballots at the central counting place pursuant to NRS 293B.353;

(5) Observing the delivery, counting, handling and processing of the ballots at a polling place, receiving center and the central counting place pursuant to NRS 293B.354; and

(6) Observing ballot processing pursuant to NRS 293B.380.

(b) The ability of a person to give or offer to give prepackaged food items, nonalcoholic beverages, coats, handwarmers or other similar items to other persons who are at a polling place or any other location described in paragraph (a), if done in accordance with any other law and to the extent such items are not distributed inside of a building which does not permit the distribution of such items in the building as indicated by a sign posted in a prominent place at the entrance of the building.

(c) The ability of a person to engage in written recordation of notes at a polling place or a location other than a polling place; or

(d) The ability of a person to communicate with voters, election board officers or other persons in any way that is not otherwise limited or prohibited pursuant to subsection 1 or 3 or any other provision of law, including, without limitation, NRS 293.740.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Close relation" means a current or former spouse or domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, stepparent, grandparent or any person who regularly resides in the household of who, within the immediately preceding 6 months, regularly resided in the household.

(b) "Elections official" means:

(1) The Secretary of State or any deputy or employee in the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State who is charged with duties relating to an election;

(2) A registrar of voters, county clerk, city clerk or any deputy or employee in the elections division of a county or city who is charged with elections duties; or

(3) An election board officer or counting board officer.

(c) "Personal identifying information" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.4617.

(d) "Sensitive information" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 41.1347.

(e) "Stalking" means a violation of NRS 200.575.

Intimidation of Voters

N.R.S. § 293.710

It is a category E felony for any person, in connection with any election, petition or registration of voters, whether acting himself or herself or through another person in his or her behalf, to: (a) use or threaten to use any force, intimidation, coercion, violence, restraint or undue influence; (b) inflict or threaten to inflict any physical or mental injury, damage, harm or loss upon the person or property of another; (c) expose or publish

or threaten to expose or publish any fact concerning another in order to induce or compel such other to vote or refrain from voting for any candidate or any question; (d) impede or prevent, by abduction, duress or fraudulent contrivance, the free exercise of the franchise by any voter, or thereby to compel, induce or prevail upon any elector to give or refrain from giving his or her vote; or (e) discharge or change the place of employment of any employee with the intent to impede or prevent the free exercise of the franchise by such employee.

Unlawful Interference with Conduct of Election

N.R.S. § 293.730

1. Except for an election board officer in the course of their official duties, a person shall not: (a) Remain in or outside of any polling place so as to interfere with the conduct of the election. (b) Accept from any voter a ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter, other than an authorized mail or military-overseas ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter. (c) Remove a ballot from any polling place before the closing of the polls. (d) Apply for or receive a ballot at any election precinct or district other than one at which the person is entitled to vote. (e) Show his or her ballot to another person... other than on an authorized mail or military-overseas ballot by or on behalf of the voter. (f) Inside a polling place, ask another person for his or her name, address or political affiliation or for whom he or she intends to vote. (g) Transmit or deliver a ballot to a voter, other than a permitted mail or military-overseas ballot. (h) Except when permitted by the voter, alter, change, deface, damage or destroy a mail or military-overseas ballot.

2. A voter shall not: (a) Accept a ballot from another person, other than an election board officer in the course of their official duties or a person who transmits or delivers a mail ballot or military-overseas ballot to the voter. (b) Deliver to an election board officer in the course of their duties any ballot other than the one received. (c) Place any mark upon his or her ballot by which it may be identified as the one that he or she voted, other

than any such mark that is permitted on a ballot prepared by or on behalf of the voter with his or her authorization.

3. A person other than a county or city clerk shall not set up a ballot drop box that purports to be an official ballot drop box for mail ballots.

4. Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a category E felony.

Removal or Destruction of Election Supplies or Equipment

N.R.S. § 293.750

Any person who, during an election, removes or destroys any of the supplies or equipment placed in the booths or compartments or removes or defaces the instruction posted is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Tampering or Interfering with Election Equipment or Program

N.R.S. § 293.755

1. A person who tampers or interferes with, or attempts to tamper or interfere with, a mechanical voting system, device or any computer program used to count ballots with the intent to prevent the proper operation of that device, system or program is guilty of a category D felony.

2. A person who tampers or interferes with, or attempts to tamper or interfere with, a mechanical voting system, device or any computer program used to count ballots with the intent to influence the outcome of an election is guilty of a category B felony. The county or city clerk shall report any alleged violation of this section to the district attorney who shall cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction without delay.

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Soliciting Votes and Electioneering Inside or Near Polling Place

N.R.S. § 293.740

1. It is a gross misdemeanor for any person, either inside a polling place or within 100 feet from the entrance to a [polling place], to (a) solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking the voter's ballot; or (b) do any electioneering on election day. The county clerk or registrar of voters shall ensure that, at the outer limits of the area within which electioneering is prohibited, notices are continuously posted on which are printed in large letters "Distance Marker: No electioneering between this point and the entrance to the polling place."

2. Subsection 1 does not apply to a person's conduct in a private residence or on commercial or residential property within 100 feet from the entrance to a polling place, nor is it intended to prohibit a person from voting solely because he or she is wearing a prohibited political insigne and is reasonably unable to remove or cover it. In that case, the election board officer shall take necessary action to allow the voter to vote as quickly as possible and assist them in exiting the polling place as soon as possible.

4. "Electioneering" means campaigning for or against a candidate, ballot question or political party by: (a) posting signs relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political party; (b) distributing literature relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political party; (c) using loudspeakers to broadcast information relating to the support of or opposition to a candidate, ballot question or political party; (d) buying, selling, wearing or displaying any badge, button or other insigne which is designed or tends to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party or a candidate or ballot question to be voted upon at that election; or (e) soliciting signatures to any kind of petition.

Alteration, Defacement or Removal of Posted Results of Votes

N.R.S. § 293.760

Any person who, prior to the expiration of 48 hours following

the closing of the polls, alters, defaces, removes or destroys the copy of the results of votes cast posted outside a polling place is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Notice of such penalty shall be printed on the copy posted.

Voting by Person Who is not a Qualified Elector or Using Another's Name

N.R.S. § 293.775

1. A person who is not a qualified elector and who votes or attempts to vote knowing that he or she is not a qualified elector is guilty of a category D felony.
2. A person who votes or attempts to vote using the name of another person is guilty of a category D felony.

Voting More than Once at Same Election

N.R.S. § 293.780

Any person who votes or attempts to vote twice at the same election is guilty of a category D felony. Notice of such prohibition must be given by the county or city clerk as follows: (a) stated on all sample ballots distributed by mail or electronic means; (b) posted in boldface type at each polling place; and (c) posted in boldface type at the office of the county or city clerk.

Photographing or Recording Voting by General Public Prohibited

N.R.S. § 293.274(2)

A member of the general public shall not photograph or record the conduct of voting at a polling place on audiotape or any other means of sound or video reproduction. For these purposes, a member of the general public does not include any person who: (a) gathers information for communication to the public; (b) is employed, engaged by or has contracted with a newspaper, periodical, press association, or radio or television station; and (c) is acting solely within his or her professional capacity.

