



Registrar of Voters

WASHOE COUNTY



2019 Assembly Bill 345 State General Fund Appropriations



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Today's presentation:

- **Brief overview of today's Agenda Item regarding funding for Assembly Bill (AB) 345**
- **Background and passage of AB 345**
- **Other 2020 Election Changes**



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The Washoe County Registrar of Voters recommends the acceptance of the State General Fund appropriations referenced in Assembly Bill (AB) 345, Section 148.8, from the Governor's Office of Finance in the amount of \$740,302.60 (no match required).



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The award period is retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 for the purpose of carry out the provisions of AB 345.

- Washoe County has already received the funds and are waiting for the acceptance from the Board of County Commissioners to move forward
- Any remaining balance of the appropriation must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021 and any funds not spend in accordance with the provisions of AB 345 must be reverted back to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021



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AB 345 passed in the 2019 Legislative session and has far reaching implications as to how we will administer elections moving forward in the State of Nevada.

- Election security and upholding the integrity of the election is still a primary focus during the implementation of the provisions of AB 345
- Strict adherence to the laws, procedures and eligibility requirements established for Same Day Registrations (SDR) will be vigilantly followed



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Overview of the key components for AB 345 include:

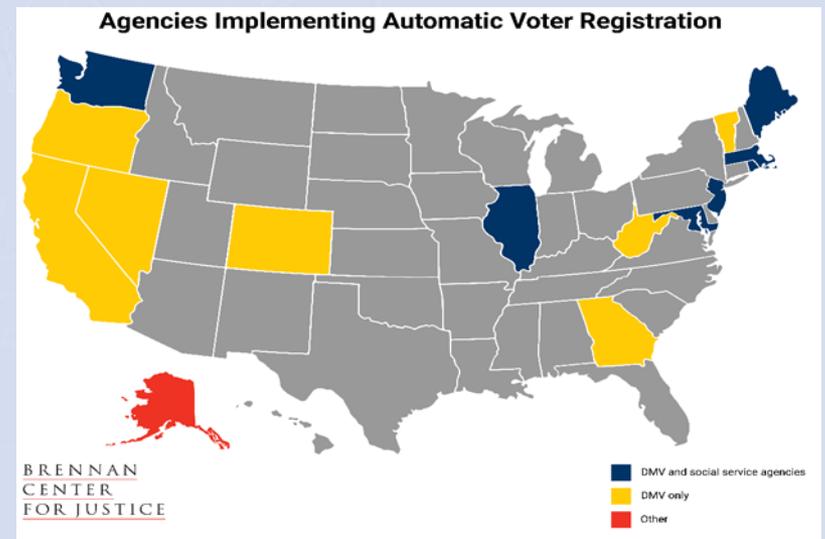
- Procedure requirements for Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) for any covered transaction completed at the DMV
- This would automatically transmit voter registration information to the County Clerks and Registrars, unless a voter “opts out” of the voter registration process
- AVR was passed as Statewide Ballot Question No. 5 (formerly know as Initiative Petition 1 – IP1) in the 2018 General Election with an implementation date of January 1, 2020
- Currently we are working closely with the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Office of the Secretary of State, all 17 Nevada Counties, key vendors, and our Technology Services Department to ensure we meet or exceed this implementation deadline



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16 States and the District of Columbia now have AVR – however, policy differences still vary widely among the States:

- Method of approval - legislation vs ballot initiative passage
- Covered Agencies – DMV vs DMV and other covered social agencies
- Opportunity to decline registration – point of contact declination or declination post-transaction
- Explicit Protections for certain groups
- Public Education requirements – 5 states explicitly require education campaigns regarding AVR





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Same Day Registration (SDR):

- The last day to registered to vote with the DMV or an other outside agency will still be the 28th day prior to the election
- However, after that date, voters will still be allowed to registered online using the State online voter registration system (NOVA) (Registertovotenv.gov)
- Voters will also be allowed to register or update their voter information and vote at any Early Voting (EV) location up through the Thursday prior the close of EV
- If voters have still missed these extended periods to register, they may still do so or update their registration information on Election Day



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Same Day Registration Conditions:

- In order to be eligible to register and vote same day, you must have and provide a current and valid Driver's License or State Identification card issue by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- The ID provided must also have their current physical residential address, or a secondary proof of residency must be presented
- Also, voters can only vote in person after providing the required documentation to establish eligibility at a polling location



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Same Day Registration Conditions (continued):

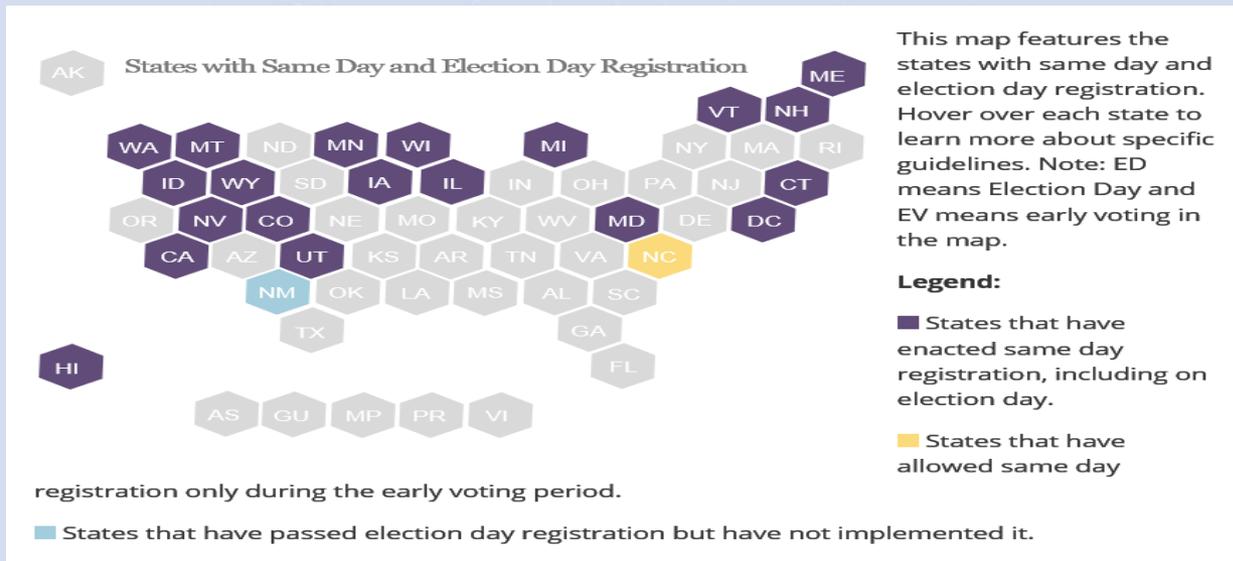
- Finally, all same day registrants will be issued a Provisional ballot that will be vetted through a process to ensure that a voter has not already cast a ballot in the County or State before their ballot will be counted in the final canvass of votes
- Of note, many Washoe County Strategic planning initiatives have been put into place for these projects to ensure that we are ready and successful for the 2020 Election cycle



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21 States and the District of Columbia now have Same Day Registration (SDR) – but policy differences still vary widely among the States:

- Some states allow for implementation over phases over several years
- Deadlines are still in place in many States
- Same Day Registration through Early Voting ONLY
- Explicit Protections for certain groups
- Public Education requirements





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Other Upcoming Changes for 2020:

- Provisional ballots will not be counted in the unofficial election night results; this process will take several days and will require all 17 counties to work with the Office of the Secretary of State to provide that only eligible votes are counted and included in the final election canvass of the votes, which will now occur 10 days after the election.
- Also, Provisional ballots will now include all contests and candidates that a voter is eligible to vote (based on their verified residential address); Provisionals are no longer limited to Federal offices only)
- In close races, the counting of provisional ballots, especially in Statewide or very close local races, could potentially alter expected “winners and loses” of those close races.



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Absentee Ballot Changes for 2020:

- “Permanent” absentee ballot status is now available to all voters
- Requests to receive an absentee ballot must be received by our office on or before the 14th day prior to the election, allowing for adequate time for ballots to be issued and processed through the U.S. Postal service, ensuring that more ballots will be received in time to be voted and returned for counting
- All ballots postmarked on or before Election Day will now be counted so long as they are received by the 7th day after the election
- This may also impact close Statewide and local race outcomes



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Election security and the integrity of our elections is still a primary focus during the implementation of the provisions of AB 345

- Both the County and the State are charged with the responsibility to ensure that established procedures are in effect and followed to verify that a voter has not already voted more than once in an election in this State



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Thank You



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