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OMISSIONS AND APPEARANCE BY OFFICE – NRS 293.260

Partisan Federal, State and Local Offices:

- **One Candidate – NRS 293.260(3):** candidate name is not listed on the primary ballot; goes directly to the general election ballot.
- **Major party** (Democrat or Republican) **has two or more candidates per party-NRS 293.260(2):** for a partisan office, there must be a primary election for that office regardless of whether there are any minor or independent candidates. The winner at the primary for that major party will be the sole nominee for that office on the general ballot.
- **Minor Party Candidates running for partisan office - NRS 293.1715:** a qualified minor party must file a certificate of existence and must have filed a list of its candidates for office with the Secretary of State. These candidates will not appear on a primary election ballot, and only one name from each minor party may appear on the general election ballot.
- **No Political Party (“Independent”) NRS 293.200:** candidates with no political party running for partisan office must submit petition for candidacy and file a declaration of candidacy starting the first Monday in March preceding the general election and no later than 5pm on the third Friday in June and will only appear in the general election ballot.

List of Office that this applies:

- **United States Senate** – 6 year term, no term limits (United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 3): take office on January 3rd next following their election (United States Constitution 20th Amendment).
- **United States Representative in Congress, Nevada District 2** – 2 year term, no term limits (United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 2): take office on January 3rd next following their election (United States Constitution, 20th Amendment).
- **Governor** – 4 year term, term limit is 2 terms (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 & 19): Governor shall be chosen at the general election (NRS 223.020 (2)); takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (NRS 223.030).
- **Lieutenant Governor** – 4 year term, term limit is 2 terms (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 & 19): Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen at the general election (NRS 224.020 (2)); takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (NRS 224.010).
- **Secretary of State** - 4 year term, term limit is 2 terms (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 & 19): Secretary of State shall be chosen at the general election (NRS 225.020(2)); takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 19 [NRS 223.030 refers to same term as Governor]).
- **State Treasurer** - 4 year term, term limit is 2 terms (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 & 19): State Treasurer shall be chosen at the general election (NRS 226.020(2)); takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 19 [NRS 223.030 refers to same term as Governor]).



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- **State Controller** - 4 year term, term limit is 2 terms (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 & 19): State Controller shall be chosen at the general election (NRS 227.020); takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 19 [NRS 223.030 [refers to same term as Governor]]).
- **Attorney General**- 4 year term, term limit is 2 terms (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 3 & 19): Attorney General shall be chosen at the general election (NRS 228.020); takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (Nevada Constitution, Article 5, Section 19 [NRS 223.030 refers to same term as Governor]).
- **State Senate** – 4 year term, term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution, Article 4 Section 4); takes office on the next day after the General Election (Nevada Constitution, Article 4, Section 4(1)). [These offices are sworn in on the first day of the next legislative session, which unless there is a special session will occur on the first Monday of February in odd numbered years]
- **State Assembly**– 2 year term, term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution, Article 4 Section 3): follow NRS 293.260 for appearance on ballot; takes office on the next day after the General Election (Nevada Constitution, Article 4, Section 3(1)). [These offices are sworn in on the first day of the next legislative session, which unless there is a special session will occur on the first Monday of February in odd numbered years]
- **County Commissioner** – 4 year term, term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3); must be elected at general election (NRS 244.014); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 244.030).
- **County Assessor** – 4 year term, no term limit and must be elected at general election (NRS 250.010(2)); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 250.010(2)).
- **County Clerk** – 4 year term, no term limit and must be elected at general election (NRS 246.010(2)); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 246.010(2)).
- **District Attorney** – 4 year term, no term limit (NRS 252.020); must be elected at general election (NRS 252.020(2)); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 252.020(2)).
- **Public Administrator** – 4 year term, no term limit and must be elected at general election (NRS 253.010(2)); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 253.020(1)).
- **County Recorder** – 4 year term, no term limit and must be elected at general election (NRS 247.010(2)); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 247.010(2)).
- **County Treasurer** – 4 year term, no term limit and must be elected at general election (NRS 249.010(2)); takes office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 249.010(2)).



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County Nonpartisan Offices – (Specific to Sheriff):

- **One Candidate:** candidate name is listed on the primary election ballot; if candidate receives at least one vote, the candidate is declared elected to the office and will not appear on the general election ballot; if candidate does not receive at least one vote, name must be placed on general election ballot. (NRS 293.260(3)(b))
- **Two Candidates:** the candidate names will not appear on the primary election ballot, and both candidates will appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(4)).
- **Three or more:** the candidate names will appear on the primary election ballot and the top two candidates who receive the most votes will go forward to the general election ballot; However, if one candidate receives the majority of votes (more than 50%) at the primary election, then that candidate is declared elected and will not appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(5)(b)).

List of Office that this applies:

- **Sheriff** – 4 year term; no term limits; takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (NRS 248.010 (2)).

Statewide Judicial Offices and District Courts (nonpartisan offices):

- **One Candidate NRS 293.260(3)(a):** Candidate name is not listed on the primary election ballot; goes directly to the general election ballot.
- **Two Candidates NRS 293.260(4):** – the candidate names will not appear on the primary election ballot, and both candidates will appear on the general election ballot.
- **Three or more NRS 293.260(5)(a):** the candidate names will appear on the primary election ballot and the top two candidates who receive the most votes will go forward to the general election ballot; However, if one candidate receives the majority of votes (more than 50%) at the primary election, then that candidate name will be the only one to appear in the general election ballot.

List of Office that this applies:

- **Supreme Court Justice** – 6 year term, no term limits (Nevada Constitution Article 6, Section 3 & NRS 2.030(1)); must be elected at a general election and take office on the first Monday in January following the election (Nevada Constitution Article 6, Section 3, & NRS 2.030(1)).
- **Court of Appeals** – 6 year term, no term limits (Nevada Constitution Article 6, Section 3A & NRS 2A.030); must be elected at a general election and take office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 2A.030).
- **District Court Judge** – 6 year term, no term limits; takes office on the first Monday of January following the election (Nevada Constitution Article 6, Section 5).



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District Nonpartisan Offices:

- **One Candidate:** Candidate name is listed on the primary election ballot; if candidate receives at least one vote, the candidate is declared elected to the office and will not appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(3)(b)); if candidate does not receive at least one vote, name must be placed on general election ballot.
- **Two Candidates:** the candidate names will not appear on the primary election ballot, and both candidates will appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(4)).
- **Three or more:** the candidate names will appear on the primary election ballot and the top two candidates who receive the most votes will go forward to the general election ballot; However, if one candidate receives the majority of votes at the primary election (more than 50%), then that candidate is declared elected and does not appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(5)(b)).

List of Office that this applies to in Washoe County in the 2022 Election:

- **University Board of Regents** – 6 year term (NRS 396.040(2)); term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3); take office on the Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election (Nevada Constitution Article 17, Section 8).
- **State Board of Education** – 4 year term (NRS 385.021(7)(a)); 12 year term limit (NRS 385.021(7)(a) and Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3).
- **School Board Trustee** – 4 year term (NRS 386.165(4)); term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3); take office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 386.300(1)).

General Improvement Districts & Fire Protection Districts - Nonpartisan offices (NRS 318.095(2)); 4 year terms (NRS 318.095(3)); term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3); Trustees elected by plurality of vote and vacancy in regular and unexpired terms; regular terms filled by highest vote getter(s) and the unexpired terms get filled by the next highest vote getter(s). (NRS 318.0951)

- **One Candidate:** declared elected & no election needs to be held (General Improvement Districts NRS 318.09523 - Fire Protection Districts NRS 474.140).
- **Two Candidates (or not more than twice the number of candidates; i.e. four candidates file for 2 seats):** no primary elections, move straight to general election. (NRS 293.260(4)).
- **More than twice the number to be elected (i.e. 5 candidates for two open seats):** candidates appear on primary election ballot, candidates who receive the highest number of votes at the primary election, not to exceed twice the number to be elected, go on to the general election; However, if any candidate receives the majority of votes (more than 50%), the candidate is elected to office (NRS 293.260(5)).



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City of Reno Offices

- **One Candidate:** candidate name is not listed on the primary election ballot but will appear as sole nominee for office on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(1) and Reno City Charter 5.020(2)).
- **Two Candidates:** the candidate names will not appear on the primary election ballot, instead both candidates will appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(4)) and Reno City Charter 5.020(2)).
- **Three or more:** the candidate names will appear on the primary election ballot and the top two candidates who receive the most votes will go forward to the general election ballot (Reno City Charter 5.020(2) & (3)(a)).

List of Office that this applies:

- **City Mayor** – 4 year term (Reno City Charter 2.010 (3) & 5.010(2)); voted on by the city at large (Reno City Charter 2.010(2) & 5.010(6)(b) & 5.020(3)(c)); 12 year term limit (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3).
- **City Attorney** – 4 year term (Reno City Charter 5.010(2)); voted on by the city at large (Reno City Charter 5.010(6)(b) & 5.020(3)(c)).
- **Council Members** – 4 year term (Reno City Charter 2.010(3) and 5.010(2)); voted by ward (Reno City Charter 2.010(2) & 5.010(6)(a) & 5.020(3)(c)); 12 year term limit (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3).
- **Municipal Court Judge** – 6 year term (Reno City Charter 5.010 (1) & (3)); voted on by the city at large (Reno City Charter 5.010(6)(b) & 5.020(3)(c)).

City of Sparks Offices

- **Unopposed Candidates** - unopposed candidates will not appear on either the primary election or general election ballot; they are deemed elected without appearing on a ballot (NRS 293C.180(1) & Sparks City Charter 5.020(2)(a) per SB82 from 2021).
- **Two Candidates:** the contest will not appear on the primary election ballot, and both candidates will appear on the general election ballot only (NRS 293C.180(2) and City Charter 5.020(2)(b) per SB82 from 2021).
- **Three or more:** the contest will appear on the primary election ballot and the top two candidates who receive the most votes will go forward to the general election ballot (Sparks City Charter 5.020(2)(c) per SB82 from 2021 & NRS 293C.180(3)); however, if one candidate receives the majority of votes (more than 50%) at the primary election, then the candidate that receives majority vote is declared elected (NRS 293C.180(3) & NRS 293C.175(5) & Sparks City Charter 5.020(3)(a) per SB82 from 2021). If no candidate receives the majority of the votes cast in the primary election, the names of the two



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candidates who received the highest number of votes will appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293C.175(5) & NRS 293C.180(3) & Sparks City Charter 5.020(3)(b) per SB82 from 2021).

List of Office that this applies:

- **City Mayor** – 4 year term (Sparks City Charter 5.010(2)); Term limit is 12 years (Nevada Constitution Article 15, Section 3); voted on by City of Sparks at large (Sparks City Charter 5.010(5)(a) & 5.020(1)(a)); enter duty at the first regular City Council meeting following the canvass of the vote (Sparks City Charter 5.020(3) & 5.100 (3)).
- **City Attorney** – 4 year term (Sparks City Charter 5.010(1)); voted on at large (Sparks City Charter 5.010(5)(a) & 5.020(1)(a)); enter duty at the first regular City Council meeting following the canvass of the vote (Sparks City Charter 5.020(3) & 5.100(3)).
- **Council Members** – 4 year term (Sparks City Charter 5.010 (1) & (2)); voted by ward at both primary and general election (Sparks City Charter 5.010 (5)(b) & 5.020(1)(b)); enter duty at the first regular City Council meeting following the canvass of the vote (Sparks City Charter 5.020(3) & 5.100(3)).
- **Municipal Court Judge** – 6 year term (Sparks City Charter 5.010(3) & (4)); voted on by City of Sparks at large (Sparks City Charter 5.010 (5)(a) & 5.020(1)(a)).

Township Nonpartisan Offices – Specifically, Justice of the Peace

- **One Candidate:** Candidate name is listed on the primary election ballot; if candidate receives at least one vote, the candidate is declared elected to the office and will not appear on the general ballot; if candidate does not receive at least one vote, name must be placed on general election ballot (NRS 293.260(3)(b)).
- **Two Candidates:** the candidate names will not appear on the primary election ballot and both candidates will appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(4)).
- **Three or More Candidates:** the candidate names will appear on the primary election ballot and the top two candidates who receive the most votes will go forward to the general election ballot; However, if one candidate receives the majority of votes (more than 50%) at the primary election, then that candidate is declared elected and will not appear on the general election ballot (NRS 293.260(5)(b)).

List of Office that this applies:

- **Justices of the Peace** – 6 year term (NRS 4.025(1)); no term limits; elected by respective township (NRS 4.020(1)); take office on the first Monday in January following the election (NRS 4.025(1)).

References:

1. United States Constitution: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution-transcript>
2. Nevada Constitution: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/const/nvconst.html>
3. Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS): <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/>
4. Reno City Charter : <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/Legal/LawLibrary/CityCharters/CtyRCC.html>
5. Sparks City Charter: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/Legal/LawLibrary/CityCharters/CtySCC.html>
6. SB82 from 2021: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/Legal/LawLibrary/CityCharters/CtySCC.html>