



WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Measures Related to the Accuracy and Security of Elections

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County received public comment that expressed a desire to adopt proposals related to the accuracy and security of elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 244.164 and WCC 5.451, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County created the office of Registrar of Voters, and appointed a Registrar of Voters to assume all of the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the Clerk of the county with respect to elections, except the duties imposed by virtue of NRS 293.393 to make out and deliver certificates of election;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognize the authority of State and Federal law over many aspects of elections conducted by Washoe County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY,

Washoe County elections should be conducted in a manner that follows the law, ensures accuracy and security, reduces opportunities of fraud, reduces outside influences, ensures responsible use taxpayer dollars and resources, ensures the ascertainment by proper proofs of persons entitled to the right of suffrage, and preserves the purity of elections.

As allowed by law, measures to ensure accuracy, security, and purity may include the following:

WHEREAS, 1. Immediately correcting the current voter registration list in verification with the USCIS SAVE program, National Change of Address (NCOA), and Washoe County Assessor and Vital Records; and

WHEREAS, 2. Ensure the strict use of Washoe County residents as poll workers; and

WHEREAS, 3. Providing equitable and fair opportunities for observation; and

WHEREAS, 4. Limiting private contributions per contributor to the Registrar's Office to \$2,500 per year; and

WHEREAS, 5. Enacting any other measure that ensures the accuracy, security, and purity of elections; and

WHEREAS, 6. Quarterly reporting by the Registrar of Voters of all measures, and improvements thereto, used to ensure accuracy, reporting, and purity of elections; and

WHEREAS, 7. Utilizing stealth paper ballots as primary method of voting, with provision of one electronic voting kiosk for ADA qualified voters; and



WHEREAS, 8. Ensure mail ballots are sent certified receipt so only intended voter takes possession of it; and

WHEREAS, 9. Ensure ballot envelopes are scanned as "received" at intake stations connected in real time to voter database before being deposited into ballot boxes; and

WHEREAS, 10. Ensure bipartisan teams, who are not married, are utilized throughout election processes, including but not limited to verification of registration applications, intake stations/ballot boxes, ballot pickup teams, sorting sealed envelopes into precincts, delivering sealed envelopes to precinct tables, opening envelopes, verifying signatures, counting ballots, tallying results, etc.; and

WHEREAS, 11. Ensure bipartisan teams are approved by respective Central Committees of primary parties; and

WHEREAS, 12. Ensure bipartisan teams are scheduled in two shifts (one morning/day, one afternoon/swing) for all positions; and

WHEREAS, 13. Ensure there is a Nevada National Guard presence at each polling/ballot box location, as well as the central counting center; and

WHEREAS, 14. Ensure the counting procedure is public and continues without adjournment until completed (NRS 293.363); and

WHEREAS, 15. Ensure ballots are counted by hand in order to be counted by hand in a recount (NRS 293.404); and

WHEREAS, 16. Ensure same day registrations are issued a paper provisional ballot of a different color than precinct paper ballots; and

WHEREAS, 17. Ensure all voter registration forms are verified against the USCIS SAVE program, National Change of Address (NCOA), and Washoe County Assessor and Vital records before they are entered into the voter registration system; and

WHEREAS, 18. Ensure registrations in voter registration system expire five years after registration/renewal; and

WHEREAS, 19. Ensure renewal notifications are mailed in January to "active" electors whose registrations expire that year; and

WHEREAS, 20. Ensure forensic material of elections is maintained for a period of ten years, and now,



NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA, That the Registrar of Voters Office makes the above reforms effective the date this Resolution is adopted to perform the duties and changes described herein.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of March 2022.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Jan Galassini, County Clerk