

To: NV Senate Legislative Operations & Elections Committee

Subject: AB306 Additional Drop boxes between Early Voting & Election Day

Recommendation: Oppose

Dear Senate Legislative Operations & Elections Committee:

AB306 would require certain counties to set out additional ballot drop boxes between the last day of early voting and Election Day.

This bill has been amended to require that these drop boxes be “continuously monitored when in use” and “secured when not in use.” Such security measures are to be set in place by the Secretary of State. In spite of this amendment, this bill continues to pose difficulties for voters

The first difficulty is that the terminology is VAGUE. The means and methods are not stipulated. The bill is silent about the hours of operations, the use of security cameras (which can be disengaged), the how will the monitoring be done. To be enforceable, these terms should be spelled out.

The second difficulty is personnel. It is well established that county election workers are over-maxed during election season due to well-publicized inadequate resources. Is it wise to impose more duties on workers at this crucial time in the election process? It is highly likely that this would-be law would be impossible to execute. If so, could election integrity be undermined by illegal ballot-stuffing, should security measures be spottily performed?

Nevada Legislators should have a healthy awareness that public confidence in elections in Nevada is low. To better serve our law-abiding, tax-paying voters, Legislators should be working to enhance this confidence, rather than undermine it. Voters have ample opportunity to submit their votes via mail, during weeks of early voting, and on Election Day. These extra drop boxes are not needed. This bill should be scrapped. OPPOSE!

Respectfully,

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