

To: Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations & Elections
Subject: SB100
Recommendation: Oppose

Dear Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations & Education,

SB100 (including Amendment 345) reflects the continuing difficulties encountered by the Nevada election system. However, this attempt to control election procedures top-down will only erode public trust in Nevada election integrity to an even greater extent.

The Secretary of State will be given authority over county clerks and registrar of voters, those who administer elections, to impose reporting deadlines, comply with the SOS reporting demands, to remove them from the election process, and ultimately be able to charge them with a category E felony. This is, in a word, draconian.

Election officials are hampered by insufficient staffing, machine break-downs, and the general chaos that persists each election season. To threaten them with these measures in SB100 is counter-productive and harmful.

The solution to these difficulties is to simplify the system by removing machine counting (machines are readily hackable and break down with great regularity), discontinue early voting (stick to one Election Day), and thereby restore public confidence in elections.

This bill should be OPPOSED.

Respectfully,

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