

**CLARK COUNTY & WASHOE COUNTY**  
**2025 Legislative Session**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

April 28, 2025

Assembly Bill 287

Amendment submitted to Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

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**Purpose/Intent of Proposed Amendment:** This amendment aims to: 1) ensure that all automatic recount costs are reimbursed to counties from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account; 2) implement a cost-sharing model between candidates and the State when both candidate-requested and automatic recounts occur; and 3) optimize recount timelines and canvass deadlines to enable simultaneous recounts of all necessary races, thereby maximizing resource efficiency.

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**Text of Proposed Amendment:**

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) ***blue bold italics*** is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) **orange double underlining** is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

**Add a new subsection to Section 1**

1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.424, a candidate defeated at any election may demand and receive a recount of the vote for the office for which he or she is a candidate to determine the number of votes received for the defeated candidate and the number of votes received for the person who won the election if ~~[within]~~ ***the difference between the highest number of votes cast for a candidate for the office and the number of votes cast for the defeated candidate who demands the recount is 5 percent or less. To demand such a recount, within*** 3 working days after the canvass of the vote and the certification by the county clerk or city

clerk of the abstract of votes, the **defeated** candidate who demands the recount **[:] must:**

(a) ~~[Files]~~ **File** in writing a demand with the officer with whom the **defeated** candidate filed his or her declaration of candidacy; and

(b) ~~[Deposits]~~ **Deposit** in advance the estimated costs of the recount with that officer. ***The estimated costs of the recount must be determined by the officer with whom the advance is deposited based on regulations adopted by the Secretary of State defining the term "costs."***

**2. If a defeated candidate requests a recount pursuant to subsection 1 in the same election for which an automatic recount is required pursuant to subsection 2, the officer shall determine the estimated costs of the portion of the recount that shall be attributed to recounting the race of the defeated candidate by determining the number of ballots to be counted in the recount of the race of the defeated candidate as a percentage share of the total number ballots to be counted in the automatic recount and applying such percentage to the total costs of the recount.**

### **Amend Section 3, subsection 3**

***3. If a recount of the vote for one or more offices or ballot questions ~~for which voting is statewide~~ is required pursuant to subsection 2 or subsection 4 of NRS 293.403, the clerk of each county shall submit a statement of its costs in the recount to the Secretary of State for review and approval. The Secretary of State shall submit the statements to the State Board of Examiners, which shall repay the allowable costs from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account to the respective counties.***

### **Amend Section 3, subsection 4**

**4.** Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.424, each recount must be commenced:

**(a) In any primary election,** within 5 days after ~~[demand,]~~ **the deadline for submission of a request for recount is demanded or required pursuant to as established in NRS 293.403** and must be completed within 5 **working** days after it is begun.

**(b) In any general election, within 5 days after the deadline for submission of a request for recount as established in NRS 293.403 and must be completed within 5 working days after it is begun.**

### **Add a new Section to the bill**

NRS 293.395 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The board of county commissioners, after making the abstract of votes as provided in [NRS 293.393](#), shall cause the county clerk to certify the abstract and, by an order made and entered in the minutes of its proceedings, to make:

(a) A copy of the certified abstract; and

(b) A mechanized report of that abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State,

and forthwith transmit them to the Secretary of State.

2. On ~~the fourth~~ Tuesday of November after each general election **following the canvass of the returns by the board of county commissioners for each general election as required by NRS 293.387**, the justices of the Supreme Court, or a majority thereof, shall meet with the Secretary of State, and shall open and canvass the vote for the number of presidential electors to which this State may be entitled, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, members of the Legislature, state officers who are elected statewide or by district, district judges, or district officers whose districts include area in more than one county and for and against any question submitted.

3. The Governor shall issue certificates of election to and commission the persons having the highest number of votes and shall issue proclamations declaring the election of those persons.

# June 2026 - CURRENT

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                     | Tue                             | Wed                                                                                        | Thu    | Fri                                                                | Sat                                                                                                         |
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|     | 1                                                                                                       | 2                               | 3                                                                                          | 4      | 5                                                                  | 6                                                                                                           |
| 7   | 8                                                                                                       | 9<br>Primary<br>Election<br>Day | 10                                                                                         | 11     | 12                                                                 | 13                                                                                                          |
| 14  | 15                                                                                                      | 16                              | 17                                                                                         | 18     | 19<br>County<br>Commission/<br>City Council<br>Canvass<br>Deadline | 20                                                                                                          |
| 21  | 22                                                                                                      | 23                              | 24<br>Deadline to<br>request<br>recount of<br>city/county<br>race or<br>ballot<br>question | 25     | 26                                                                 | 27                                                                                                          |
| 28  | 29<br>Deadline<br>to begin<br>recount if<br>request<br>was<br>submitted<br>on last<br>day to<br>request | 30                              | July 1                                                                                     | July 2 | July 3                                                             | July 4<br>Deadline to<br>complete<br>recount if<br>request<br>was<br>submitted<br>on last day<br>to request |

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| 7   | 8                                     | 9<br>Primary<br>Election<br>Day | 10                                                                                         | 11     | 12                                                                 | 13     |
| 14  | 15                                    | 16                              | 17                                                                                         | 18     | 19<br>County<br>Commission/<br>City Council<br>Canvass<br>Deadline | 20     |
| 21  | 22                                    | 23                              | 24<br>Deadline to<br>request<br>recount of<br>city/county<br>race or<br>ballot<br>question | 25     | 26                                                                 | 27     |
| 28  | 29<br>Deadline<br>to begin<br>recount | 30                              | July 1                                                                                     | July 2 | July 3                                                             | July 4 |

# November 2026 - CURRENT

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| 1   | 2                                                                                                                                              | 3<br>General<br>Election<br>Day                                                                                                         | 4                                                                                       | 5                  | 6                                                                  | 7                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8   | 9                                                                                                                                              | 10                                                                                                                                      | 11                                                                                      | 12                 | 13<br>County<br>Commission/<br>City Council<br>Canvass<br>Deadline | 14                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15  | 16                                                                                                                                             | 17                                                                                                                                      | 18<br>Deadline to<br>request<br>recount of<br>city/county<br>race or ballot<br>question | 19                 | 20                                                                 | 21                                                                                                                                                   |
| 22  | 23<br>Deadline to<br>begin recount<br>of county/city<br>race or ballot<br>question if<br>request was<br>submitted on<br>last day to<br>request | 24<br>Supreme<br>Court<br>Canvass                                                                                                       | 25                                                                                      | 26<br>Thanksgiving | 27<br>Family Day                                                   | 28<br>Deadline to<br>complete<br>recount of<br>county/city<br>race or ballot<br>question<br>if request was<br>submitted on<br>last day to<br>request |
| 29  | 30                                                                                                                                             | Dec 1<br>Deadline to<br>request<br>recount of<br>statewide<br>race/question<br>if request was<br>submitted on<br>last day to<br>request | Dec 2                                                                                   | Dec 3              | Dec 4                                                              | Dec 5                                                                                                                                                |

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Dec 6

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Deadline to begin  
recount of statewide  
race/question if  
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on last day to request

Deadline to complete  
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# November 2026 - AMENDED

| Sun | Mon | Tue                               | Wed                                | Thu                | Fri                                                                | Sat |
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| 1   | 2   | 3<br>General<br>Election<br>Day   | 4                                  | 5                  | 6                                                                  | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10                                | 11                                 | 12                 | 13<br>County<br>Commission/<br>City Council<br>Canvass<br>Deadline | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17<br>Supreme<br>Court<br>Canvass | 18                                 | 19                 | 20<br>Deadline to<br>request<br>recount                            | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24                                | 25<br>Deadline to<br>begin recount | 26<br>Thanksgiving | 27<br>Family Day                                                   | 28  |
| 29  | 30  | Dec 1                             | Dec 2                              | Dec 3              | Dec 4<br>Deadline to<br>complete<br>recount                        |     |