

TESTIMONY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS



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Chair Ohrenschall and Members of the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections,

Nevada Policy supports Senate Bill 422. SB 422 is an important measure that enhances election integrity while ensuring voter access. By strengthening voter registration requirements, providing a safeguard for those who do not have an ID at the time of voting and expanding access to DMV facilities this bill tackles several issues at once.

Election security and accessibility must go hand in hand. SB 422 ensures that only eligible individuals cast ballots while maintaining flexibility for those who need additional time to provide identification. This is a first step to establish clear and consistent voter ID requirements, as a result of which Nevada will strengthen confidence in the integrity of our elections. Furthermore, with the passage of AB422 in the 81st session, and the full implementation of Voter Registration & Election Management Solutions system underway, the bill would allow clear and concise data points for reaching voters and resolving real-time issues during elections.

Importantly, SB 422 does not place an undue burden on voters rather it expands access. Requiring longer working hours for DMV offices will ensure that Nevadans have ample opportunities to obtain an ID if needed. SB 422 also would allow the Silver State residents to get walk-in appointments, and in doing so will reduce administrative delays.

This bill is the right balance between election security and voter access. It provides clear guidelines for voter ID requirements when registering while offering reasonable accommodations for those who may need additional time to provide documentation. SB 422 strengthens Nevada's election process without creating unnecessary barriers to participation. For these reasons, Nevada Policy urges your support for SB 422.

Thank you for your time.



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