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Elections; special absent ballots and date changes for primary elections

NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 293.128, 293.177, 293.180, 293.187, 293.3155, 293.345, 293.481 (amended).

AB 501 (Committee on Elections); 1989 STAT. Ch. 738

Under existing law, a registered voter who resides outside of the United States may vote by special absent ballot in a general election.¹ Special absent ballots may be cast only for the election of candidates to federal office.² Chapter 738 expands existing law to allow the casting of these ballots for federal candidates in primary elections.³

Chapter 738 establishes a presumption that a voter's request for a special absent ballot in a primary election is also a request for a special absent ballot in the general election.⁴ The voter requesting a special absent ballot for a primary election may still be allowed to vote in person in the general election.⁵

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1. NEV. REV. STAT. § 293.3155 (1987) (amended by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 738, sec. 5, at ___) (special absent ballots should follow the federal form laid out in 42 United States Code section 1973ff).

2. *Id.* § 293.3155 2 (1987) (amended by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 738, sec. 5 at ___).

3. 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 738, sec. 5, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 293.3155).

4. *Id.*

5. *Id.* To vote in person, the voter should also submit a signed statement that the request to vote by special absent ballot in the primary election was not meant to be a request to vote by the same manner in the general election and that an absent ballot for the general election was not received. *Id.* Chapter 738 also changes the filing deadlines for petitions to qualify as a political party, declarations or acceptances of candidacy, and certificates of candidacy. *Id.* secs. 1, 2, 3 at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 293.128, .177, .180). Additionally, Chapter 738 sets new dates for sending official mailing ballots and providing county clerks with copies of the questions to be submitted to voters during general or primary elections. *Id.* secs. 6, 7 at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 293.345, .481).

