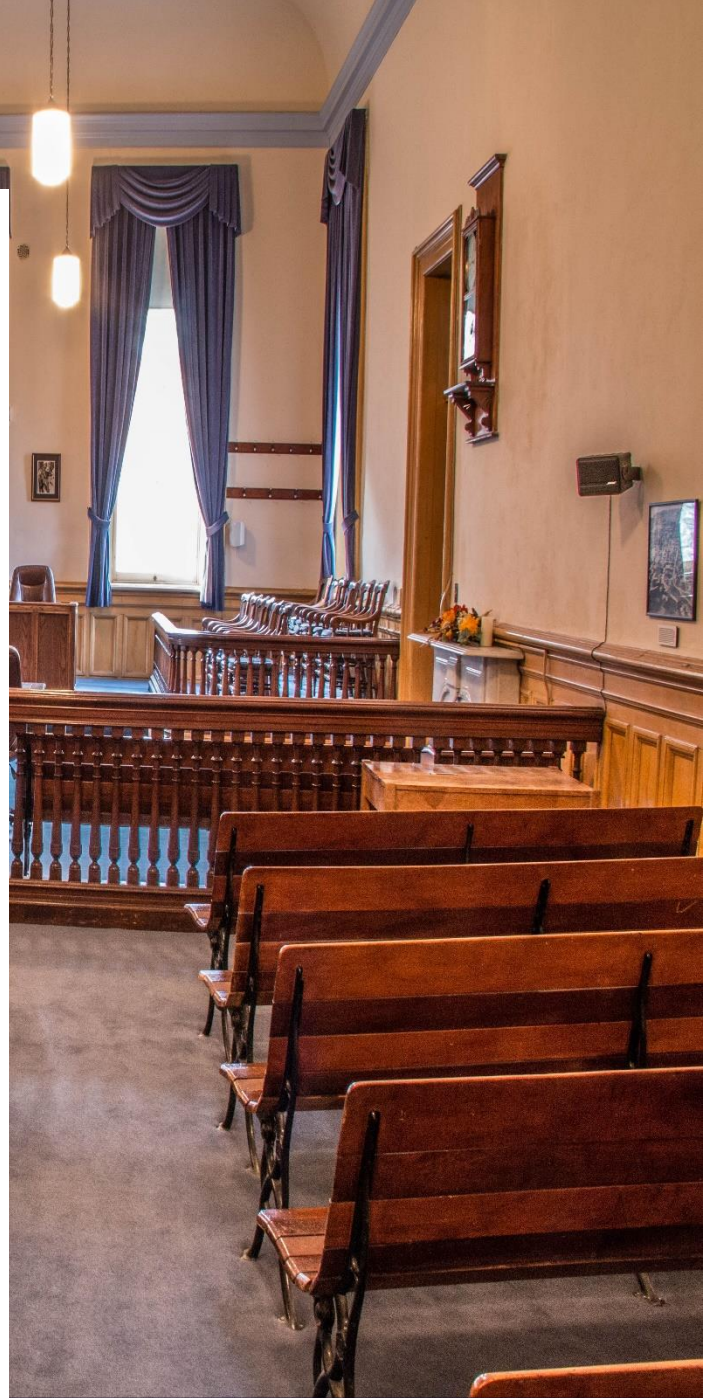


Candidate Guide 2020

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**Storey County, Nevada
Clerk & Treasurer**



Non-Judicial Candidate Filing Dates

January 2, 2020 – First Day Independent Candidate may Submit Petition for Approval. (NRS 293.200(1)(a))

March 2-13, 2020 – Candidate Filing (NRS 293.177(1)(b))

March 13, 2020 – Last Day for Candidate Name Changes (NAC 293.081)

March 24, 2020 – Last Day to Withdraw or Rescind Withdrawal of Candidacy (NRS 293.202)

Primary Election Dates

May 12, 2020 – Close of Standard Registration: Last day to register to vote, without having to register on the Secretary of State’s website. (as amended by AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

May 20, 2020 (No later than) – Sample Ballots Mailed to all Active Registered Voters (NRS 293.565(6))

May 23-June 5, 2020 (excluding Sunday) – Early Voting (14 Days): County Slammer will serve as main early voting center. Additional locations and hours can be found at www.storeycounty.org or view your sample ballot for more details. (NRS 293.3568) Same Day Registration will be available. (As approved in AB345 of the 2019 legislative session).

May 26, 2020 – Mail-In (Absentee) Ballot Request Deadline: Last day for the Storey County Clerk’s office to RECEIVE absentee ballot requests. (as amended by AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

June 4, 2020 – Extended Online Registration: You may register to vote ONLY on the Secretary of State’s website. Registrants must have Nevada DL/ID. (as amended by AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

June 9, 2020 – Primary Election – Same Day Registration will be available. (as approved in AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

General Election Dates

October 6, 2020 – Close of Standard Registration: Last day to register to vote, without having to register on the Secretary of State’s website. (as amended by AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

October 16, 2020 (No later than) – Sample Ballots Mailed to all Active Registered Voters (NRS 293.565(6))

October 17-October 30, 2020 (excluding Sunday) – Early Voting (14 Days): County Slammer will serve as main early voting center. Additional locations and hours can be found at www.storeycounty.org or view your sample ballot for more details. (NRS 293.3568) Same Day Registration will be available. (As approved in AB345 of the 2019 legislative session).

October 20, 2020 – Mail-In (Absentee) Ballot Request Deadline: Last day for the Storey County Clerk’s office to RECEIVE absentee ballot requests. (as amended by AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

October 29, 2020 – Extended Online Registration: You may register to vote ONLY on the Secretary of State’s website. Registrants must have Nevada DL/ID. (as amended by AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

November 3, 2020 – General Election – Same Day Registration will be available. (as approved in AB345 of the 2019 legislative session)

Residency Requirement and Elector Status Residency Requirements:

A qualification for all offices other than federal is that candidates must have actually, as opposed to constructively, resided in the district to which the office pertains for at least the 30 days immediately before the close of candidate filing (NRS 293.1755(1)). For the meaning of the term “actual residence,” see NRS 281.050. Some offices have additional residency requirements. Check the qualification for each office for more information.

Elector Statues: Another qualification for all offices other than federal is that a candidate must be a qualified elector according to Nevada law. (Nevada Const. Art. 2, sect 1 and Art. 15, sect 3(1); NRS 281.040 293.055 and 293.177(2)).

Name Requirements: Candidates’ names will appear in surname alphabetical order by office on the ballot. Partisan offices will have an indication of each candidate’s party or “no political party” (NPP), as applicable. All nonpartisan offices will have NP (nonpartisan) after the name of each candidate (NRS 293.256, 293.2565, 293.263, 293.265, and 293.267).

Names must meet legal requirements for the use of given names, surnames and nicknames:

- Professional/Occupational References: Titles, designations or other references indicating a candidate’s profession or occupation are not allowed (NRS 293.256);
- Given Names and Surnames: Candidates’ names may be their given name and surname or a contraction or familiar form of their given name followed by their surname (NRS 293.2565(1));
- Surnames of Married Females: Married females must use the surname of their husband (AGO 311 of March 15, 1966)
- Nicknames: Candidates’ names may include a nickname of 10 letters or less. On the ballot, the nickname will appear in quotation marks immediately before the surname. Nicknames must NOT: (a) Indicate any political, economic, social or religious view or affiliation; (b) Be the name of any living or dead person with a known statewide, nationwide or worldwide reputation; (c) Deceive a voter in any way regarding the candidate or his or her principles (NRS 293.2565(1)).
- Candidates with the Same Given Name and Surname:
 - 1) If none of the candidates is an incumbent, the middle names or initials, if any, of the candidates must be included (NRS 293.2565(2));
 - 2) If one of the candidates is an incumbent, the incumbent’s name must be listed first and word “Incumbent” must appear next to it (NRS 293.2565(2)(b)).

Filing with the Clerk's office:

The Filing Officer Will Verify: Your voter registration date, identification, and eligibility, e.g., age residency information, etc.

Candidates Must Complete and Sign (Required):

- A "Declaration of Candidacy" prepared by the filing officer, based on information you provide
- An "Acknowledgment of Receipt" of campaign reporting forms

Candidates May Complete and Sign (optional):

- A "Candidate Public Information Sheet" for the media and general public, containing:
 - 1) The office for which the candidate is running;
 - 2) The candidate's party;
 - 3) The candidate's name; and
 - 4) The candidate's contact information: public address; phone and fax numbers; e-mail address; and website address.
- The "Code of Fair Campaign Practices".

The Storey County Clerk's office will retain the original forms.

Local Offices for Which Candidates May File for with the Storey County Clerk:

Countywide Offices:

- Commissioner District 1, Four Year – Currently held by Marshall McBride
- Commissioner District 3, Four Year – Currently held by Lance Gilman
- County Recorder, Two Year – Currently held by Marney Hansen-Martinez

School District Offices:

- School Trustee Seat 1-A, Four Year – Currently held by Gary Hames
- School Trustee Seat 1-B, Four Year – Currently held by Colleen Conley
- School Trustee Seat 1-C, Four Year – Currently held by Tom Thompson

General Improvement Districts:

- Canyon GID Seat 2-A-Four Year
- Canyon GID Seat 2-B-Four Year
- Canyon GID Seat 2-C-Four Year
- Canyon GID Seat 1-A-Two Year
- Tahoe Reno Industrial GID Seat 1-B-Two Year
- Tahoe Reno Industrial GID Seat 2-A-Four Year
- Tahoe Reno Industrial GID Seat 2-B-Four Year
- Tahoe Reno Industrial GID Seat 2-C-Four Year

Candidates must pay the required fees, listed below. Filing fees are payable by *cash, cashier's check or certified check* (payable to the Storey County Clerk). NRS 293.193 does not allow personal checks or credit cards.

Commissioner -----\$100.00
County Recorder -----\$100.00
School District Offices -----\$30.00
General Improvement Districts ----- No Fee

Per NRS 293.193 there is no filing fee required from a candidate for an office that does not receive compensation.

About Filing:

- **When:** Non-judicial candidates may file to run for office from Monday, March 2, 2020 to Friday, March 13, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., except weekends and holidays. The last day to change how a name will appear on the ballot is Friday, March 13, 2020. The last day to withdraw candidacy or rescind withdrawal of candidacy is Tuesday, March 24, 2020
- **Where:** Candidates for County offices, School District, and General Improvement Districts, file with the Storey County Clerk’s office: 26 S B St., Virginia City, NV 89440
- **What to Bring:**
 - 1) Payment, filing fee must be paid by cash, cashier’s check or certified check. Personal checks and credit cards are not allowed.
 - 2) Identification: Per NRS 293.177(3)(b) and (4), you must present:
 - A government-issued valid driver’s license or identification card containing your photograph and residential address; or
 - A current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government-issued document, such as a check, containing your name and residential address; or
 - If you do not have the above, then you must: (a) Sign an oath or affirmation under penalty of perjury stating you cannot provide the above forms of ID because a street address has not been assigned to your residence or because your residence is so rural or remote as to make the other forms of ID impracticable; (b) Present a government-issued valid driver’s license or photo identification card; and (c) Provide alternative proof of your residential address, as authorized by the Nevada Secretary of State.

Candidate Resources: As it becomes available the following information can be found at:

<https://nvsos.gov/sos/elections/candidate-inforamtion>

- Election calendar and filing information for candidates
- Campaign finance reporting requirements
- Campaign guides
- Recount and contest guide
- Campaign Contribution and Expenses Reports, and non-judicial Statements of Financial Disclosure filed in prior years (2004 to present)

Campaign Violations: Complaints by any person of Violations of NRS Chapter 294A (“Campaign Practices”) by any candidate: Any person may give written, signed notification to the Secretary of State detailing any violation of NRS Chapter 294A, in accordance with NRS 294A.410(2).

Document Filing Schedule

Campaign Contributions and Expenses Reports: See the Secretary of State’s website for information about Campaign Contributions and Expenses reports, including instructions and due dates:

<https://nvsos.gov/sos/elections/candidate-information>

Statements of Financial Disclosure: See the Secretary of State’s website for information about Statements of Financial Disclosure, including instructions and due dates:

<https://nvsos.gov/sos/elections/candidate-information>

Nevada Acknowledgment of Ethical Standards of Public Officials: See the Nevada Commission on Ethics website for forms, instruction and due dates: <https://etchics.nv.gov>. All elected officials, once per term of office, must file a “Nevada Acknowledgment of Ethical Standards for Public Officials”.

Scope of Authority (NRS 294A.380-420):

The Secretary of State may investigate reported violations of NRS Chapter 294A and institute court proceedings or refer the matter to the Attorney General for investigation and initiation of court proceedings. See NRS 294A.380-420 for details about enforcement, institution of court proceedings, and civil penalties.

Required and Prohibited Practices by Any Candidate Under NRS Chapter 294A:

NRS 294A.290 through 294A.343 specify prohibitions, such as:

- NRS 294.330 – Use of the term “reelect” in campaign
- NRS 294A.340 – Creating the implication that the candidate is incumbent
 - Also see AGO 98-19 of June 18, 1998 – Use of words that remove the implication of incumbency
 - Also see NAC 294A.130 – Creating the implication of non-incumbency in office.
- NRS 294A.341 to NRS 294A.343 – Persuasive poll concerning candidate must identify person or entity requesting or paying for poll, enforcement, reporting alleged violations, court proceedings, penalties

Other Violations: Contact the Secretary of State for other alleged violations of campaign practices not under the jurisdiction of a specific agency.

Complaints by any person of Violations of NRS Chapter 281A (“Ethics in Government”) by a Current or Former Public Officer: Any person may file a request for an opinion by the Commission on Ethics

regarding an alleged violation of NRS Chapter 281A by a current or former public officer (NRS 281A.280). A two-year statute of limitations applies. See NRS 281A.160 for a detailed definition of the term “public officer” (elected or appointed).

Scope of Authority (NRS 281A.280, 281A.480):

Upon receiving a request for an opinion, or on its own motion, the Commission on Ethics may investigate and take appropriate action regarding violation of NRS Chapter 281A by a current or former public officer. This includes imposing penalties pursuant to NRS 281A.480.

Electioneering

Restrictions: NRS 293.3572, 293.361, and 293.740 govern electioneering. Electioneering rules differ for early voting and Election day:

- Early Voting: If the voting site is located on public property, electioneering is not allowed within 100 feet of the voting area. County Clerk will post “Distance Marker” signs at the 100 foot limit to distinguish the boundaries. (NRS 293.361)
- Election Day: Electioneering is not allowed within 100 feet of the entrance to the building or structure in which a polling place is located. Election workers will post “Distance Marker” signs at the 100 foot limit to distinguish the boundaries. (NRS 293.740)
 - The rights of a private owner/lessor are not impaired, except to the extent necessary to conduct voting.

Definition: NRS 293.740 defines electioneering as campaigning for or against a candidate, ballot question or political party by:

- Posting signs
- Distributing literature
- Using loudspeakers
- Buying, selling, wearing or displaying any badge, button or other insignia, except that a person may wear political insignia while voting only if reasonably unable to cover or remove it
- Soliciting signatures to any kind of petition

Campaign Mail: Pursuant to NRS 293.562, any non-governmental entity that sends a notice to a person indicating that the person is not or may not be registered to vote, or requesting that the person register to vote, must clearly indicate that it is not official election mail from the Secretary of State or Storey County Clerk.

Registering Voters

Obtaining Applications: The Storey County Clerk’s office will provide up to 50 Voter Registration applications for free. If you request more than 50 Applications, you must complete a distribution plan

detailing how you intend to distribute the Voter Registration Application forms and submit it to the Secretary of State's office. (NRS 293.509)

Guidelines: Follow the guidelines below to properly conduct your activities:

- Make an Application available to everyone, regardless of their political party affiliation
- You may help a voter complete an Application if you provide your mailing address and signature in section 13 of the Application, and you:
 - Do not solicit a vote for or against a question or candidate; and
 - Do not speak to a voter about marking his or her ballot for or against a question of candidate; and
 - Do not distribute any petition or other material concerning a candidate or question which will be on the next election's ballot
- If you help a voter complete an Application and if you also keep the Application to turn-in, you must enter your name on the receipt that the voter retains.
- You should strongly encourage applicants to personally return their Applications to the Storey County Clerk's office, either in person or by mail. If you choose to collect and submit Applications yourself, return them to the Storey County Clerk's office within 10 days. All applications must be submitted by the registration deadline (May 12, 2020 for the Primary Election and October 6, 2020 for the General Election).
- You may not alter, deface or destroy a completed Application that an applicant has signed, except to make changes at the voter's request.
- You may not falsify or cause an Application to be falsified and you may not give any money or other compensation to another for a falsified Application.
- You may not provide compensation for registering voters that is based upon the total number of voters a person registers or the total number of voters a person registers in a particular political party.
- You may not represent yourself to be a Field Register or try to exercise the duties of Field Registrar when you are not a Field Registrar
- Using or threatening to use any force, intimidation, coercion, violence, restraint, or undue influence in connection with voter registration is a category E felony.