NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE

Voter Registration & Election Management Solution (VREMS)



In 2021, the Nevada Legislature passed AB422 to move the State to a centralized Top-Down Voter Registration system by 2024. Previously, each county had their own standalone voter registration database and different election management systems. This had a significant impact on county and state resources and is a barrier to timely and accurate reporting.

The implementation of the <u>Voter Registration & Election Management Solution (VREMS)</u> ahead of the 2024 General Election isn't only required by law, but it's crucial to keeping Nevada's elections some of the most safe, secure and accessible in the country. VREMS officially entered the 'go-live' phase in August 2024. This transition across Nevada modernizes our elections & gives voters more transparency into the electoral process. Clark County, where Nevada's largest voter bloc resides, transitioned to the elections management system ahead of the 2024 election cycle, proving the system's efficiency & security. Clark County will merge with the state's system in 2025.

What's going to change for voters?

- -Voters will have a more **seamless voting experience** with the use of new poll pads at in-person voting locations, it is much easier to check voters in, register new voters or update a voter's registration with Same-Day Registration. This allows voters to get through the voting process more quickly, reducing lines and wait times.
- -**Voter education** will be enhanced throughout the state as all 17 counties will have the same check-in process and systems, so state and local organizations can standardize education and training programs. This will also boost confidence for voters, who will see the same election process as they move from one county to another.
- -Nevadans move frequently within the state between 2020 and 2023, 21% of voters updated either their mailing or residential address. With a statewide, centralized voter registration database, when a voter moves and updates their voter registration, their registration information will be moved to reflect their new residence & all information, including vote history, will be provided to their new county elections official. This ensures the voter keeps receiving the most **up-to-date election information**, and mail ballots are received by the correct voter.

Benefits of VREMS

- More consistent elections processes across Nevada
- Increased communications, training and support between counties and the Secretary of State's Office
- Increased security of electronic communications between the counties, SOS Office and other state agencies
- Increased efficiency and transparency for public information

- Decreased number of provisional ballots leading to saved spendings
- Allows SOS Office to assist counties with maintaining records and eliminating duplicates from the statewide database
- More comprehensive voter history
- Improved speed registering voters who have moved counties
- Reduced time to report election results and voter turnout data

During the 2023 legislative session, the Secretary of State's Office received a one-time \$30 million budget allocation to implement VREMS ahead of the 2024 General Election. Learn more here.