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## Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Ross Miller  
Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
101 South Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**RE: Assembly Bill 440 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 440, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to elections; extending the period during which an elector can register to vote in person or by computer; requiring county and city clerks to distribute sample ballots by electronic mail under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 440 extends voting registration deadlines for primary, primary city, general, and general city elections until the last day of early voting, which is the Friday before the election. Under existing law, registration closes three weeks before an election, on the third Tuesday before the election. The bill also allows a person to register to vote online after the fifth Sunday before a primary, primary city, general, or general city election. Currently, a person must register in person after the fifth Sunday before these elections.

Nevada offers more voter registration options than most states. Eligible voters may register by mail and in person at any Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles office, a county clerk or registrar's office, at various social service agencies, and on college campuses. Furthermore, Nevada is amongst a small number of states that offer online voter registration, which has been available in Nevada for all eligible voters since September 2012.

Current Nevada law does not restrict or limit when or where a person can register to vote. Voter registration can be accomplished at any time of the year by mail, in person, or online. The registration deadlines currently in place apply only to registration that occurs immediately prior to a particular election day. There is no indication that these deadlines are detrimental to Nevada's voting process or need to be changed. Indeed, legislative testimony indicated that out of one million eligible voters in Nevada's last election, only 0.002 percent of those voters complained about missing the registration deadline for the election. Moreover, the current registration deadlines allow for the county and city clerks to sufficiently prepare for the casting of ballots.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

*Enclosure*

cc: *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Assembly (without enclosure)*  
*The Honorable Moises Denis, Assembly Majority Leader (without enclosure)*  
*The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)*  
*David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Assembly (without enclosure)*  
*Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)*  
*Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)*