
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 590—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 17, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions of North Las Vegas City Charter regarding election of city councilmen. (BDR S-1547)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the City of North Las Vegas; revising the provisions of the North Las Vegas City Charter regarding the election of city councilmen; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Section 2.010 of the charter of the City of North Las
2 Vegas, being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by
3 chapter 215, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 748, is hereby amended to
4 read as follows:
5 Sec. 2.010 City council: Qualifications; election; term of
6 office; salary.
7 1. The legislative power of the city is vested in a city council
8 consisting of four councilmen and a mayor.
9 2. The mayor and councilmen must be:
10 (a) Bona fide residents of the city for at least 6 months
11 immediately preceding their election.
12 (b) Qualified electors within the city.
13 3. At the time of filing, if so required by an ordinance duly
14 enacted, candidates for the office of mayor and councilman shall
15 produce evidence in satisfaction of any or all of the qualifications
16 provided in subsection 2.
17 4. ~~[All councilmen, including the mayor,]~~ ***The councilmen***
18 must be voted upon by the registered voters of the city at large ~~[]~~
19 ***according to the particular city council seat for which they***

1 *declared their candidacy pursuant to section 5.020 of this charter,*
2 and their terms of office are 4 years.

3 5. *The mayor must be voted upon by the registered voters of*
4 *the city at large, and his term of office is 4 years.*

5 6. The mayor and councilmen are entitled to receive a salary in
6 an amount fixed by the city council.

7 **Sec. 2.** Section 5.020 of the charter of the City of North Las Vegas,
8 being chapter 573, Statutes of Nevada 1971, as last amended by chapter
9 215, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 748, is hereby amended to read as
10 follows:

11 Sec. 5.020 Primary municipal elections; declaration of
12 candidacy.

13 1. The city council shall provide by ordinance for candidates
14 for elective office to declare their candidacy and file the necessary
15 documents. *The city council seats must be designated by the*
16 *numbers one through four for election purposes. A candidate for*
17 *the office of city councilman shall include in his declaration of*
18 *candidacy the number of the city council seat for which he is a*
19 *candidate.*

20 2. If for any general municipal election there are three or more
21 candidates for the offices of mayor or municipal judge, or ~~five or~~
22 ~~more candidates for the office of councilman,~~ *for a particular city*
23 *council seat*, a primary election for any such office must be held on
24 the Tuesday following the first Monday in May preceding the
25 general election.

26 3. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsections 4 and 5,~~
27 *subsection 4*, after the primary election, the names of the two
28 candidates for mayor, ~~and~~ municipal judge and ~~the names of the~~
29 ~~four candidates for city councilman~~ *each city council seat* who
30 receive the highest number of votes must be placed on the ballot for
31 the general election.

32 4. If one of the candidates for mayor, ~~or~~ municipal judge *or*
33 *a city council seat* receives a majority of the total votes cast for that
34 office in the primary election, he shall be declared elected to office
35 and his name must not appear on the ballot for the general election.

36 ~~[5.—If a candidate for city council receives votes equal to a~~
37 ~~majority of voters casting ballots in the primary election:~~

38 ~~(a) He shall be declared elected to one of the open seats on the~~
39 ~~city council and his name must not appear on the ballot for the~~
40 ~~general election.~~

41 ~~(b) Unless all the open seats were filled pursuant to paragraph~~
42 ~~(a), the names of those candidates who received the highest number~~
43 ~~of votes but did not receive a number of votes equal to a majority~~

1 ~~of the voters casting ballots in the primary election, not to exceed~~
2 ~~twice the number of candidates remaining to be elected, must be~~
3 ~~placed on the ballot for the general election.]~~

4 **Sec. 3.** As soon as is practicable after October 1, 1999, the four city
5 councilmen who hold seats on the city council of the City of North Las
6 Vegas shall draw lots to determine the number of the city council seat that
7 each of them holds.

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