

SENATE BILL NO. 91—SENATOR NEAL

FEBRUARY 3, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes candidate for elective office to include statement in publication prepared by secretary of state. (BDR 24-690)

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 elections; authorizing a candidate for certain elective offices to include a statement in a publication prepared by the secretary of state; establishing certain requirements regarding the information that is included in the statement; authorizing the secretary of state to adopt certain regulations; 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.** Chapter 293 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2. 1. *A candidate whose name will appear on the ballot for the***
4 ***general election for the office of United States Senator or Representative***
5 ***in Congress or any statewide office may prepare a statement for***
6 ***inclusion in a publication to be prepared and distributed by the secretary***
7 ***of state.***
- 8 **2. *The statement:***
- 9 ***(a) May include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a***
10 ***brief description of the education and qualifications of the candidate;***
11 ***(b) Must be written on a form prescribed by the secretary of state;***
12 ***(c) Must be authored by the candidate personally;***
13 ***(d) Must be not more than 400 words in length; and***
14 ***(e) Must not make reference to any other candidate or to the***
15 ***qualifications, character or activities of any other candidate.***
- 16 **3. *The candidate must file the statement with the filing officer with***
17 ***whom he must file his declaration of candidacy or acceptance of***

1 *candidacy on or before the date that his declaration of candidacy or*
2 *acceptance of candidacy must be filed.*

3 *4. A candidate may withdraw, but not change, his statement not later*
4 *than 7 days after the date that his declaration of candidacy or acceptance*
5 *of candidacy must be filed.*

6 *5. The provisions of this section do not release a candidate from any*
7 *criminal or civil liability for any information he includes in his*
8 *statement.*

9 *6. The secretary of state may reject a statement if it is not in*
10 *conformance with the provisions of subsection 2 or the regulations*
11 *adopted by the secretary of state pursuant to section 3 of this act.*

12 *Sec. 3. The secretary of state shall adopt regulations to carry out the*
13 *provisions of this act.*

14 *Sec. 4. NRS 293.195 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

15 293.195 1. Judicial offices, school offices, the office of county
16 sheriff, the board of regents of the University of Nevada, city and town
17 officers, the state board of education and members of boards of hospital
18 trustees of public hospitals are hereby designated nonpartisan offices.

19 2. No words designating the party affiliation of a candidate for
20 nonpartisan ~~offices~~ office may be printed upon the ballot.

21 *3. No words designating the party affiliation of a candidate for*
22 *nonpartisan office may be included in a statement prepared pursuant to*
23 *section 2 of this act.*