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AN ACT relating to judges; amending the charter of the City of Las Vegas to extend the terms of municipal judges; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. Section 1.140 of the charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as amended by chapter 526, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2515, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.140 Elective offices.

1. The elective officers of the city consist of:

- (a) A mayor.
- (b) One councilman from each ward.
- (c) Municipal judges.

2. The terms of office of the mayor ~~1, councilmen and, except as is otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 4.010 of this charter, municipal judges~~ and councilmen are 4 years.

3. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of section 4.010 of this charter, the term of office of a municipal judge is 6 years.*

Sec. 2. Section 4.010 of the charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 454, Statutes of Nevada 1989, at page 967, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.010 Municipal court.

1. There is a municipal court of the city which consists of at least two departments, each of which must be presided over by a municipal judge and has such power and jurisdiction as is prescribed in, and is, in all respects which are not inconsistent with this charter, governed by chapters 5 and 266 of NRS which relate to municipal courts.

2. The city council may from time to time establish additional departments of the municipal court and shall appoint an additional municipal judge for each.

3. At the first general election which follows the appointment of an additional municipal judge to a newly created department of the municipal court, the successor to that municipal judge must be elected for a term of ~~12 or 41~~ *not more than 6* years, as determined by the city council, in order to effectuate the intent of this provision that, as nearly as practicable, ~~one-half~~ *at least one-third* of the number of municipal judges be elected every 2 years.

4. The respective departments of the municipal court must be numbered 1 through the appropriate arabic number, as additional departments are approved by the city council. A municipal judge must be elected for each department by number.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.