

Assembly Bill No. 59--Assemblyman Collins

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the charter of the City of Las Vegas; providing that the office of an additional councilman created as the result of an increase in the number of wards must be filled initially by election; 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 1.130 of the charter of the City of Las Vegas, being chapter 517, Statutes of Nevada 1983, as last amended by chapter 187, Statutes of Nevada 1999, at page 914, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.130 Wards: Creation; boundaries.

1. The city must be divided into six wards upon the approval of the voters. Thereafter, the wards may be increased:

(a) By the city council if it determines that an increase is necessary; or

(b) Upon approval of a question proposing an increase to a specific number of wards by a majority of the voters voting on the question. Such a question must be submitted to the voters on the ballot at a general election ~~for general city election~~ if the city council votes for the submission of the question on its own motion or if a petition signed by a number of registered voters of the city equal to 15 percent or more of the number of voters who voted at the last preceding general election is submitted to the city council requesting an increase to a specific number of wards.

The wards must be as nearly equal in population as can conveniently be provided, and the territory which comprises each ward must be contiguous.

2. The boundaries of the wards must be established and changed by ordinance. The boundaries of the wards must be changed whenever the population, as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent. The boundaries of the wards may be changed to include territory which has been annexed and whenever the population in any ward exceeds the population in any other ward by more than 5 percent by any measure which is found reliable by the city council.

3. The office of an additional councilman created as a result of an increase in the number of wards pursuant to subsection 1 must be filled initially at the general city election immediately following:

(a) The date on which the city council determined that an increase in the number of wards was necessary pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1; or

*(b) The general election at which the question proposing the increase in wards is approved by the voters pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.
Such an office must not be filled initially by appointment.*